



Dear MMLA students and families:

Welcome to the Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy. This is the first of several e-mail updates you will receive from our office highlighting important information. We urge both students and their families to read these messages carefully and keep them for reference.

We have included information on arrival day, transportation, and a packing list, as well as a preview of what you may expect in future e-mails and communications.

I have been very impressed with our hundreds of applications, and have been moved by your personal statements, which show enthusiasm and a genuine passion for language learning. We have students coming from across the globe, including Uganda, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Spain, England, and from every corner of the United States. I am looking forward to meeting each of you on June 28th!

While we are close to filling our programs, we do have some spaces still available, so if you know of anyone interested in studying at MMLA, please let us know or have them contact us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 802-443-2900 or by e-mailing mmla.admissions@middlebury.edu.

With best wishes,

Roberto d'Erizans Director, MMLA

and the MMLA Team

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Arrival Day

Plan to arrive at the Green Mountain College campus between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th. Families are welcome to accompany their students as they go through the registration process, which include distribution of identification cards, keys, assignments for housing, check-in with the nurse, and a tour of the campus. We ask that you not arrive before 1:00 p.m., as we will be preparing for arrivals prior to that, and that families depart by 5:00 p.m., at which time formal programming begins for students.

Travel

MMLA will send a letter by May 15th to all students confirming travel plans indicated during the application process. If you do not receive this mailing, please let us know.

Air Transportation

We will meet students at the Burlington, Vermont International Airport (BTV). We ask wherever possible you arrange flights that arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. so that students will be able to participate in all opening activities. We recognize that some flights may arrive earlier or later, and we will accommodate reasonable requests.

At the airport, students should proceed to the baggage claim area on the main level, where they will see MMLA staff wearing a bright MMLA t-shirt. If your child is an unaccompanied minor, one of our staff members will obtain an escort pass to meet him or her at the gate. All other students should wait at baggage claim for an MMLA staff member. If your child has a problem connecting with one of our staff members, they should contact the Site office at 802-287-2950 or call our main office at 802-443-2900. No student should leave the baggage claim area with anyone other than a staff member wearing an MMLA t-shirt.

If your child is an unaccompanied minor, please complete the appropriate paperwork provided by the airline for travel to and from MMLA. The authorization contact for unaccompanied minors traveling to MMLA is:

Michelle Davis or *CAMP REPRESENTATIVE*
Middlebury Monterey Language Academy
Middlebury College
Middlebury, VT 05753

Since airlines have differing policies, you should pay special attention to baggage regulations and fees. Students should anticipate baggage fees for both the flight to MMLA and return trips. Any fees paid by MMLA will be billed to parents in August.

Packing List

- Clothing: Emphasis should be on comfort and suitability for a range of activities, from relaxing in the dorm to hiking and sports, concerts and museums visits. In recognition of the diverse cultural community at MMLA please bring clothing with modest styles.
 - t-shirts, shorts (no offensive logos, words, or images)
 - long pants, jacket/sweater for layering
 - rain jacket, umbrella
 - swimsuit and towel
 - one or two “casual-dressy” outfits
 - sleepwear, robe, shower shoes
 - athletic shoes (no black soles for gym)
 - footwear that can get wet (i.e., Teva-style sandals or old sneakers)
- Bath supplies: We suggest a shower caddy
 - toothbrush
 - toothpaste
 - soap
 - shampoo

- plastic cup, etc.
- Study supplies
 - pens
 - pencils
 - highlighters
 - 1-2 pads of paper or notebooks
- Miscellaneous
 - medications in their original containers
 - back-up pair of contact lenses or glasses
 - alarm clock
 - desk lamp and fan for dorm room (we will have fans for sale at the college bookstore)
 - stationery and postage for letters
 - sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses
 - insect repellent
 - comfortable daypack
 - water bottle
 - musical instruments
 - sports equipment (Frisbee, Hacky Sack, tennis racquet, soccer ball, etc.; no skateboards or Rollerblades)
 - spending money
 - prepaid phone card

Notes:

Replacement or forgotten items may be sent from home to the campus address.

Students are responsible at all times for the safe-keeping of their personal belongings. We urge you to label all their belongings, including clothing, with first and last names. Neither MMLA nor the host colleges can be responsible for theft or other losses of, or damages to, personal belongings, including musical instruments or electronic equipment. When considering whether to bring an expensive item, families may wish to investigate possible coverage under their own insurance. In general, we recommend that students leave valuables at home.

Future Correspondence

Students and parents or guardians will be mailed the Handbook by May 15th. The handbook will also be available on-line beginning mid-April at www.mmla.middlebury.edu.

Students and families will receive periodic e-mail updates from now until mid-June with more information on the Language Pledge®, curriculum, special events, frequently asked questions, and preparations for the summer.

From the Language Directors:

Marhaba!

Welcome to *al-Jazeera al-Arabiyya* (the Arabian Peninsula)! When you walk through our doors, you will be immersed not only in another language but another culture, filled with dance, food, music, and dialects from myriad backgrounds. Arabic is a challenging and beautiful language and we are excited to have you with us this summer. You will be challenged, surprised and excited but most of all rewarded. We look forward to meeting you in June!

Ila li-qaa'.

Britten Milliman and Jean-Pierre Taoutel
Arabic Directors
MMLA-GMC

Ni hao!

My name is Yuan Gao, Director of MMLA's Vermont site for Chinese. I am looking forward to the prospect of this summer's Chinese Academy, where you will make new friends and learn from wonderful teachers at the beautiful campus of Green Mountain College. Together, we will work to learn your favorite language –Zhongwen ! (Chinese!)

I look forward to meeting you all in June.

Zhu hao,

Yuan Gao
Chinese Director
MMLA-GMC

Bienvenue à tous et à toutes!

Welcome to all of you! As your French School Director, I'd like each and every one of you to know that what lies ahead for you this summer may well be one of the most enriching experiences of your life. The Middlebury-MMLA Language Pledge is the simplest thing in the world—and the most difficult—all at the same time. You will be challenged in ways you have never been challenged before, inspired in ways you've never been inspired before; you'll find yourself at times frustrated, at times elated, and most of the time content in the ever-present awareness that your communication ability, social skills, and cultural knowledge in French are expanding by the hour, all in an ambiance that is irresistibly fun and engaging. We await your arrival with great anticipation. *A très bientôt donc!*

Mark Rosenblum
French Director
MMLA-GMC

¡Hola!

Bienvenidos a la academia española. On behalf of all of the Spanish language staff, I would like to express how delighted we are that you will be joining us this summer for the 2009 MMLA session. You will find a mix of academic work, projects, and entertaining activities that will allow you to utilize your Spanish as you progress through study and travel. I look forward to greeting you in June.

Nos vemos en junio,

Grant Boulanger
Spanish Director
MMLA-GMC

