FAQ Language Fair 2025

When and where will the Language Fair take place?
Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the UNL Union. The LangFair takes place during the school day, with competitive events starting at 9:30. Closing ceremonies will take place after lunch, ca. 1:30 p.m.

Parking, Wifi, and more
We have reserved a lot for bus parking as in previous years. The bus may drop off students in front of the Union before parking in the lot. A minivan shuttle will run throughout the day for those who may need to return to the bus early. Teachers or students bringing their private vehicles will need to find their own parking; we suggest one of the parking garages on Q street.

Free Language Fair wifi will be available for all participants. Login and password information will be provided closer to the Fair.

Food trucks Teachers and students will be able to get lunch from food trucks outside the Union. We are going to work with trucks who will provide ethnic and international options. If you have ideas or tips, we'd love to hear them!

Registration fee
A registration fee of $15 will be required to participate. **Teachers** will need to register **each** student for a ticket and will need to select their language and event(s). Teacher tickets will be free of charge. Registration will be live from our website: https://modlang.unl.edu/language-fair or directly at ***https://marketplace.unl.edu/modlang*** **by January 2, 2025.** The registration deadline will be March 28, 2025; no exceptions!

What competitive events are offered?
Your students can prepare entries in the following fields: drama, music, short film (pre-recorded and pre-submitted), poetry (including a creative writing option), poster session, or folk dancing (in Arabic, Russian, French, German, Spanish, Chinese, or Japanese). Heritage speaker categories continue to be an option.

Can my students compete in multiple events?
Students may participate in one competitive event (individual or group), PLUS either a poster OR a short film. For example, an acceptable combination would be drama + poster, or poetry + film. An unacceptable combination would be drama + poetry (due to judging and room availability).

As in previous years, we will have mini lessons in other languages. BACK this year: mini dance lessons! More information will be forthcoming when we finalize our schedule.

How can my students prepare for each event?
Poetry: Students can select a poem (or write their own) in their language and recite it. Students who have written their own creative piece will be judged in their own category. More details to follow.
Music: students perform a song in their language (can be a group event, can have musical accompaniment or bring recording, can be an original song)
Drama: students perform a scene from a play (group event, or solo if monologue)
Poster: (individual) students prepare a poster in their language about a cultural topic.

Folk dancing: students (group) prepare and perform a folk dance (costumes, music, creativity welcomed)
Film: Entries should be student-produced, in groups, with a maximum running time of 3 ½ minutes. All entries should be in the language, and have subtitles. Films must be submitted as a **YouTube link** (we suggest creating an **unlisted video**) to Kelcie Meyers, kmeyers8@unl.edu, by 5 p.m. on March 28, 2025. The winning film will be streamed at the closing ceremony!

What else is happening in 2025?

1. This year's theme is "War, Peace, and Reconciliation." If you have a student who would like to design artwork for our promotional materials, please submit their entries to us (via modlang@unl.edu) by Feb. 15, 2025. The artwork should include the words "LangFair 2025: War, Peace, and Reconciliation" and should be a .jpg or .pdf file. The winner's piece will be featured in our promotional materials and recognized at the closing ceremony.
2. Community Room: Like last year, students will be able to connect with local community and UNL partners. The focus will be on partners who highlight career options and volunteer opportunities for those who have a major in a language.
3. Mini dance lessons will return this year! Stay tuned for details.
4. All participants will receive a sticker for their efforts. Winners in each category will receive a trophy, and runners up will receive a ribbon.
5. Our website! https://modlang.unl.edu/language-fair

If you have any questions, please contact us at modlang@unl.edu