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1. FSI is pleased to announce two exciting developments for fall 2016. First, language classes will move to a single schedule. We will virtually cease the highly unpopular practice of double booking classrooms, which will have a dramatically positive effect on the student learning experience. Second, FSI will open a modern training center in Rosslyn (Arlington, Virginia). The new location at 1200 Wilson Boulevard will provide many advantages for learning and logistics. The additional instructional space will facilitate an environment more conducive to language learning by providing better space for students and staff. Additionally, staff and students will have the opportunity to enjoy access to a free fitness center, multiple local childcare facilities, and a variety of transportation options. These two initiatives, moving towards a single schedule and acquiring additional space, will significantly boost the caliber of training and learning.

2. FSI's long-term goal is the construction of a new building on the Shultz Center campus with notional completion by fall 2020, when all SLS operations would return to the FSI campus. Current FSI campus congestion takes a serious toll on instructors and students. Acquiring additional space now is the optimal interim solution.

Who will be affected?

3. All students entering language training in the fall of 2016 will benefit from the significant advantages offered by a single schedule.

4. Students assigned to training in Slavic, Pashto, and Persian Languages (SPP) and Near East, Central, and South Asian Languages (NEA), will undertake training in Rosslyn.

SPP: Bulgarian, Czech, Dari, Farsi, Macedonian, Pashto, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovak, Slovenian, Tajiki, and Ukrainian

NEA: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bengali, Georgian, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Kazakh, Kurdish, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Nepali, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan, Turkish, Turkmen, Urdu, Uzbek, and ALERT

All necessary student services (Registrar, Language Labs, Learning Consultants, etc.) will be provided on-site in Rosslyn.

Rosslyn Site Information

5. The training space in Rosslyn is located at 1200 Wilson Boulevard (between N. Ft. Myer Drive and N. Lynn Street).

- The building is located directly across the street from the Rosslyn Metro Station and next door to the current State Department shuttle stop at 1300 Wilson Blvd.

- 1200 Wilson Blvd. is a short walk from apartments participating in the Department's PCS Lodging Program. Additional information can be found at [http://diplopedia.state.gov/index.php?title=PCS\\_Lodging\\_Program\\_Locations\\_%26\\_Accommodations](http://diplopedia.state.gov/index.php?title=PCS_Lodging_Program_Locations_%26_Accommodations).
- The FSI Child Care Center will remain an available option for students. In addition, there are numerous child care providers located both within walking distance and a one- mile radius of the building.
- 1200 Wilson Boulevard has easy access to many food and retail amenities, including coffee shops.
- High-quality instructional tools, programs, and technologies utilized at FSI will be available at the new building, including access to a wifi network.
- Free to all staff and students working in the annex will be a fitness center, showers, and bicycle racks.
- Currently, there is no provision for staff and student parking. Public transportation use is encouraged and information on the Department's Transit Subsidy Program can be found at [http://intranet.hr.state.sbu/Benefits\\_Compensation/Benefits/Pages/TransitSubsidyProgramOverview.aspx](http://intranet.hr.state.sbu/Benefits_Compensation/Benefits/Pages/TransitSubsidyProgramOverview.aspx).

Next Steps

6. To ensure these positive developments are implemented in a smooth and seamless manner, we are forming working groups to address a range of issues, including Campus Cohesion, Childcare, Neighborhood Amenities, Transportation, and Scheduling. Individuals interested in participating in relocation working groups or who have questions are encouraged to contact our move coordinator at [FSISLSInquiries@state.gov](mailto:FSISLSInquiries@state.gov). SLS monitors and responds directly to all inquiries within one business day.

7. FSI is committed to providing world class language training and creating the best possible learning environment for America's diplomats. These two initiatives take us closer to fulfilling these goals.

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