

SUNY New Paltz



New Paltz NY, USA

The University

SUNY is an acronym for State University of New York. New Paltz is the name of the city in which this particular SUNY campus is located.

New Paltz is located about midway between New York City and the state capital Albany.

The original school was founded in 1828, and more than 8,000 students are registered in undergraduate and graduate programs.

SUNY New Paltz has been characterized as “the hottest small state school in America” by Newsweek magazine.

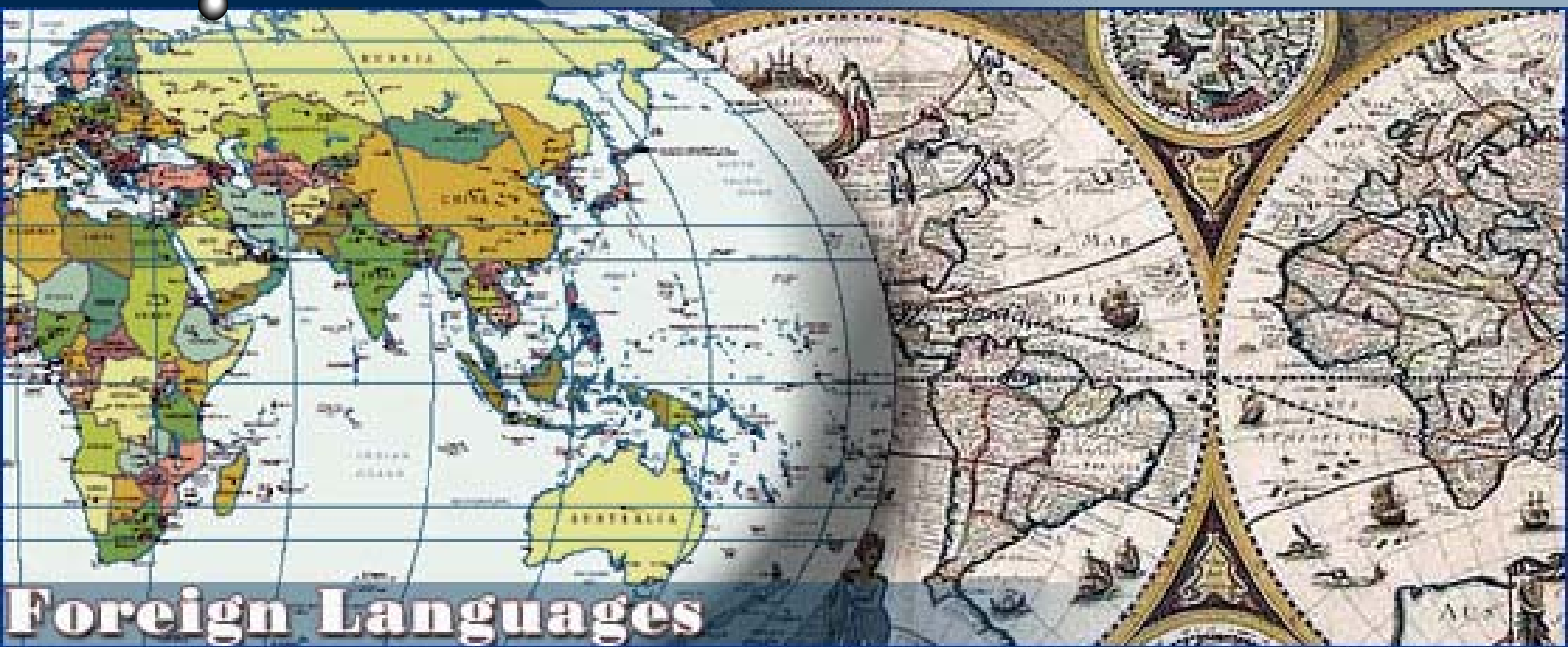
The Language Lab(s)

The University has two computer-equipped language labs, which are used for teaching language courses in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Latin, Chinese, Japanese, Hebrew, and KiSwahili.

The first lab has 27 stations and includes a Symposium system. The second lab has 32 stations and includes an IntraLAB system.

Symposium is used both for student recording activities and for teacher-managed activities such as student pairing and conferencing, student testing, and teacher or model student presentations.





Foreign Language Teaching

There are more than 40 regular and adjunct faculty members in the foreign language department at SUNY New Paltz.

More than 150 different foreign language courses are offered.

Initial training and periodic refresher sessions are made available to all department staff.

The IT Department

One of the critical elements in keeping a modern digital language lab functioning in top form, is to have the local IT staff take ownership of all lab systems – and not just the computers and network.

The SUNY New Paltz IT group has done an exemplary job in supporting the lab and acting as the first-tier line of support for foreign language teachers.

Language Lab Evolution

Room LC112 – originally a generic computer lab - was equipped with a SmartClass SC2000 system and SmartClass Visual Interface (SCVI) control software

When the university decided to upgrade the lab to have language lab capabilities, it was only natural that they chose Symposium as the Symposium software layer is fully compatible with both the SmartClass SC2000 and SC2500 hardware layers. Symposium was installed in 2006.

In 2007, the SUNY folks decided to assign Room LC112 to self-study, and add a second language lab in Room LC110. This room is also equipped with a Symposium system and newer SC2500 hardware.

Webcam views of both rooms can be accessed on-line at the following URL:

<http://acs.newpaltz.edu/labs/lab-cams/>

Both rooms are periodically updated with new Symposium software releases.