

Experience Bangladesh with BLI



মোদের গরব, মোদের আশা,  
আ মরি বাংলা ভাষা!  
তোমার কোলে,  
তোমার বোলে,  
কতই শান্তি ভালবাসা!

~ অতুলপ্রসাদ সেন



## **Bangla Language Institute (BLI)**

Bangla Language Institute (BLI) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) specializes in teaching Bangla as a foreign language in an immersion environment by implementing the best practices in the field of language teaching. This institute caters to the needs of the international students, researchers, scholars, diplomats, the international business community and anyone who is interested in learning Bangla or knowing about Bangladesh.

### **Mission**

Develop and conduct high quality Bangla Language programs to contribute to the expansion of Bangla Language and culture.

### **Why BLI**

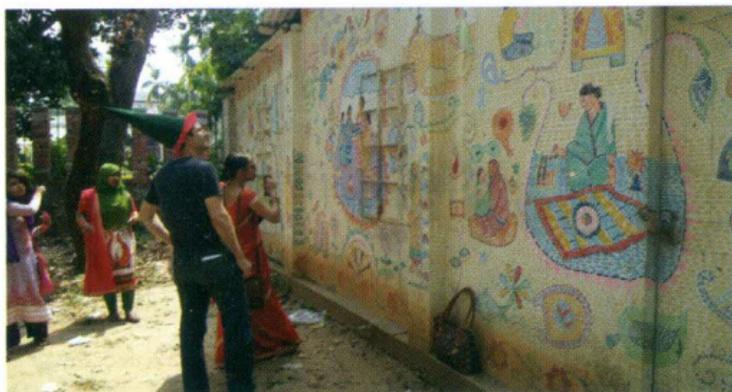
BLI is one of the best university affiliated language programs for teaching and learning Bangla as a Foreign Language in Bangladesh, which hosts the prestigious Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program, Fulbright Language Training Program, Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Award, BOREN, NSF, NSEP grant, and other prestigious US Department of State awardees in addition to holding regular on campus and online classes for anyone interest in experiencing Bangladesh with BLI. The faculty members affiliated with BLI have more than 8 years of experience in teaching Bangla as a Foreign Language along with a strong academic background. Many received training in the US as a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant and participated in international conferences on language pedagogy and linguistics. Besides providing a university level academic experience, BLI also provides an access to all the facilities offered by the university. This includes all forms of extracurricular activities, gym, and library membership.



Critical Language Scholarship Program students, faculty & US Embassy officials

## Courses Offered

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Features</u>
<b>Semester Long Intensive Course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Minimum Enrollment: 80 hours</li> <li>* Maximum Enrollment: 160 hours</li> <li>* 4 hours/day, 5 days a week on campus class.</li> </ul>
<b>Short Intensive Course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Minimum Enrollment: 40 hours</li> <li>* Maximum Enrollment: 160 hours</li> <li>* In-class tuition hours: By arrangement.</li> </ul>
<b>Online Course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Minimum Enrollment: 40 hours</li> <li>* Maximum Enrollment: 160 hours</li> <li>* In-class tuition hours: By arrangement.</li> <li>* Preferred online platforms are used for the online classes.</li> </ul>
<b>Individual Tutorial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Minimum Enrollment: 20 hours</li> <li>* Maximum Enrollment: 160 hours</li> <li>* In-class tuition hours: By arrangement.</li> </ul>
<b>Weekend Course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Minimum Enrollment: 40 Hours</li> <li>* In-class tuition hours: 4 hours/day on the weekends.</li> </ul>
<b>Lingo-Tourism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Designed for anyone who wants to experience culture through language.</li> </ul>



Field class to experience some Bengali traditions

**How to apply:** The BLI application form is available on the website ([www.bli.iub.edu.bd](http://www.bli.iub.edu.bd)). Anyone interested in the program can directly download from there and email the filled out application to [info.bli@iub.edu.bd](mailto:info.bli@iub.edu.bd).



Language practice through community involvement

## Curriculum

Bangla Language Institute (BLI) implements the best practices of teaching and learning foreign languages following a learner based communicative approach in an immersion environment to help learners achieve their required level of proficiency. The institute offers instruction at the Beginning, Advanced Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced level of Bangla with an option of courses at different proficiency levels designed for Heritage learners. BLI tailors their curriculum and materials based on the ACTFL ([American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages](#)), Inter - agency round table, and Common European Framework for language acquisition/learning guidelines.

## Cultural Engagement

Bangla Language Institute (BLI) offers cultural experiences with norms and traditions of Bangladesh.



A session with a Bengali Baul singer Arif Baul & his group

Besides studying Bangla, students can enroll for different extracurricular activities like singing, dancing, sports, craft, and cooking to have an insight into the Bangladeshi culture.



American students of BLI performing at the talent show

## **Academic Services**

### **Language Partner**

Bangla Language Institute offers gender matched language partners to the enrolled students for communicative language practice outside the classroom throughout the program.



BLI student performing with the Language partner

### **OPI Test Proctoring**

The ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) is widely accepted by the US Department of State as a standardized proficiency test. Bangla Language Institute proctors pre/post-program OPI tests at the institute premises for all range of speaking proficiency testing.

### **Translation & transcription service**

BLI provides translation and transcription services upon request.

## **Administrative Services**

### **Housing**

Bangla Language Institute (BLI) has an international standard guest house which is located within 10-minutes walking distance from the Independent University, Bangladesh campus in the Bashundhara Residential Area.

### **Meal**

Bangla Language Institute (BLI) International Guest House provides a meal service upon request which includes breakfast and lunch/dinner on five weekdays over a week.



BLI Housing

### **Access to the IUB Library and other facilities**

BLI students have access to IUB facilities which includes a three tier library, fully equipped gymnasium, on campus medical centre, and counseling centre. An Academic interest area can be established or pursued upon request.

## Gallery



BLI students receiving certificates from the honorable Vice Chancellor of IUB, Professor M. Omar Rahman



Chairman, Board of Trustees, IUB, Mr. Rashed Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, IUB, Prof. M.Omar Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Milan Pagon, BLI & US Embassy officials at the CLS & Fulbright talent shows



BLI faculty & students holding the International Mother Language Day celebration at the American Center, US Embassy, Dhaka



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