

McTyeire International House

Application Instructions for Language Groups (Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese, French, Russian, Korean) Academic Year 2020-2021

1. Print this entire document.
2. Read the *Introduction to the Living Learning Language Community* (p.2).
3. Give or send the *Instructor's Evaluation of McTyeire Applicant* to your current or former Vanderbilt language instructor who will complete the evaluation and route it per the directions on the form.
4. Complete and sign the McTyeire application. Make sure you have read the McTyeire Handbook, which describes the program and explains the commitments of residency.
5. Submit the application for the academic year 2020-2021 to the Office of Housing and Residential Experience, Suite 4100, Branscomb Quadrangle by 4:30 p.m., by Friday, January 31, 2020. When you submit the application, you must **sign up for a mandatory dinner interview** with the selection committee of your hall.

Students **not** currently attending classes in Nashville should send, email, or fax the application to:

*The Office of Housing and Residential Experience
VU Station B #351677
2301 Vanderbilt Place
Nashville, TN 37235-1677
FAX: 615/322-2020
Email: anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu*

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An Introduction to the Living Learning Language Community

What is McTyeire?

The McTyeire International House, one of several *Living Learning Communities* on campus, promotes the use of foreign languages and the awareness of different cultures. McTyeire offers programs to students seeking to improve their fluency in French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, or Korean as well as a program, offered in English, to students seeking to learn more about international topics. Students are required to speak their target languages or discuss international topics at specific activities, including weekly study breaks and international dinners served Monday through Thursday in McTyeire's own dining room. McTyeire's kitchen specializes in international cuisine from around the world. McTyeire also features a fireside lounge, a classroom, a library, and a TV lounge. All McTyeire residents are housed in single rooms.

Who Lives in McTyeire?

It is not necessary to be a language major to be part of McTyeire's language groups. In fact, one of McTyeire's main attractions is the diversity of its residents. Residency is open to students of all majors and schools of the University, second year and higher. The McTyeire community also includes a select number of native speakers. Many of the students are preparing to study in one of the Vanderbilt-affiliated overseas programs or have just returned from their time abroad. The only requirements are sufficient language ability to converse informally (when joining a language group) and the willingness to participate in both group specific and McTyeire-wide activities.

What goes on at McTyeire?

Events at McTyeire are organized both by the community as a whole and by the individual halls. McTyeire-wide activities include volleyball, cookouts, and special events (e.g. Cultural Celebrations, McTyeire Olympics, and an International Dessert Night). The fireside lounge provides a cozy setting for studying, fireside chats featuring guest speakers, and marshmallow roasts. Each week, the individual halls meet at study break for discussions, presentations, playing games, or eating international food.

How to get into McTyeire?

The International House is a project of the College of Arts and Science in partnership with the Office of Housing and Residential Experience and Campus Dining. It is open to all students of the University, second-year and higher. **Please, return your application form for the academic year 2020-2021 to Suite 4100, Branscomb Quadrangle by 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2020.**

Whom to Call?

For more information about McTyeire, please contact Anja Bandas, the program director of McTyeire, at anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu. Please make sure to read the [McTyeire Handbook](#).

Instructor's Evaluation of McTyeire Applicant

(Student, please give this form to your instructor or faculty adviser of your language department)

Applicant's Name: _____

Instructor's Name: _____ Course (if applicable): _____

Anyone living in McTyeire is expected to make active use of the target language and to participate conscientiously in program activities. Your responses to the following questions will help us in the selection process. Your evaluation will be kept in confidence by the selection committee for each language-speaking group.

Please complete part A below and either or both parts of B, and then give this evaluation to that member of your department who serves as McTyeire faculty adviser (Professor: Pintane (Spanish), Schade (German), Wilson (French), Shimizu (Japanese), Liu (Chinese), Johnson (Russian), Jang (Korean) or mail it to the McTyeire program director, Anja Bandas, P.O. Box 1860 Station B.

A. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE: On the basis either of an interview with the applicant held in the target language or of your experience with this person in class, place him or her in one of the following categories in terms of overall language ability.

1. _____ poor at speaking and understanding the language
2. _____ can make self understood and has some listening and comprehension ability
3. _____ expresses self hesitantly but with a good degree of accuracy
4. _____ expresses self easily and confidently with minimum error, very advanced
5. _____ a native or near-native speaker

(Use the back of this form for any additional comments).

B. MOTIVATION

1. For those whom you currently have in class or have taught recently, please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent) by circling the appropriate numbers:

Class participation	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Attitude toward the subject matter	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Attitude toward other students	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Effort and enthusiasm in learning the language	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Class attendance	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. If you feel qualified, comment on the likelihood that this person will contribute to and benefit from participating in the McTyeire program. (Use the back of this form if needed).

Date: _____ Instructor's signature: _____

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Language group for which you are applying: _____ Application for year 2020-2021

Name: _____ Gender: _____

VUnet ID: _____ Semester to
graduate: _____

Current year (circle one): First-Year Second-Year Third-Year Other:

School: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Vanderbilt P.O. Box #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

How did you find out about McTyeire?

Please read the [McTyeire Handbook](#).

Questions may be directed to Anja Bandas, program director, at anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu.

Application Questions:

Should you need more space, continue on the second sheet or use the back of this form.

1. How do you rate your own conversational skills in the target language? Please circle one:

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native

2. Please list your VU target language courses, if any, and professors' names.

3. Why have you decided to study your target language? Please describe your background in the target language other than Vanderbilt courses (if applicable). Have you lived abroad, been involved in international activities or taken courses involving another culture?

4. What are your personal and professional goals in regard to the target language and how can the McTyeire program further these goals? Do you plan on studying abroad – where?

5. Which of the program activities listed in the [McTyeire Handbook](#) interest you most? Explain why. Which activities and/or topics for study breaks and fireside chats would you suggest for next year? Be specific.

Statement:

* I understand that, for this application to be considered I must have completed Housing Registration (available in the [Student Housing Portal](#)).

* I understand that residents of McTyeire are required to contract for board in the McTyeire Dining Room (see McTyeire Handbook).

* I understand that if accepted, I will be expected to abide by Vanderbilt University housing rules and regulations, and that if I fail to meet the expectations and/or fail to abide by the rules published in the [McTyeire Handbook](#), I may be required to vacate my space in McTyeire Hall and move into any available housing.

* My signature below also confirms that I have read the [McTyeire Handbook](#) and expect to budget my time so as to be able to participate fully in the McTyeire programs of my language-speaking group, including the dinner meals from 6 - 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Signature: _____

Date: _____