

CRLA Workshop



Every semester, each tutor conducts a project or a workshop as a requirement for CRLA certification. Workshops cover a range of fields and students can join them easily.



Primary Workshops

- ◆ Languages: Japanese, Chinese, Korean, English, Spanish, and so on
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ Preparing for certification examinations such as EIKEN or JLPT
- ◆ Preparing for studying abroad
- ◆ Speech contests, etc.

CRLA Project Presentations

Tutors make presentations about the LLC activities and their workshop or project's results at the end of each term, in July and January. In the presentation, CRLA certifications are also granted.



Elsie, the official mascot of the LLC, is liked by everyone. His name is also LL Shisa. The Shisa is an Okinawan lion statue, used as a talisman against evil. Generally speaking, the Shisa has a big, rugged face to help it protect a home. However, Elsie is totally different. His hair is naturally curly and he likes Goya, an Okinawan bitter melon, and Jimamidoufu, which is a bean curd made from peanuts. He is multilingual and his character is bashful and shy. However, when he finds a student who needs support, he comes running in a great hurry.

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Hours: 8:45 to 17:45,
Monday through Friday
Location: SAKURAU (Student Hall) 4F



What is the LLC?



The Language Learning Center (LLC) was founded as “the best place to learn languages” in 2001. The purpose of the LLC is to support both class study and self-study. In other words, to support the improvement of students' language skills in English, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and more. The LLC is managed by the students, for the students. In order to help not only users, but also LLC tutors, to enhance their teaching skills and develop leadership, the LLC has introduced the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) certificate acquisition. The LLC was the first place to pass the requirements for CRLA in all of Japan.



Who Works at the LLC?

The LLC is managed by tutors who are students at Meio University. Tutors are always in the LLC and they receive questions and requests from the users. Tutors try to give users advice on how to study more effectively. The LLC's international flavor is rich since many overseas students studying at Meio University work as tutors.



How to Use the LLC



Students at Meio University can use every service at the LLC. However, when they come to the LLC, they need to present their student identification cards. So, please don't forget to bring it!

Service at the LLC



Tutoring

Students can study languages and work on class assignments with tutors in the form of one-to-one or group tutoring. Students can study for certification exams and practice talking with native speakers. Tutor services are available by appointment and take about 30 minutes per session.



Abundant Materials

Students can use materials in the LLC as they like and can improve their listening skills by using the PCs, DVDs and CDs. They can also study with many different books suitable for their individual level. Of course, they can also use the Internet freely and study languages through e-learning and so on.



Information about Studying Abroad

The LLC also has a lot of information about studying abroad since most of the tutors are foreign students or Japanese students with experience studying abroad. The LLC has information about accounts of students' experiences and about foreign universities that have a relationship with Meio University.

What is the CRLA?



The College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) is an American organization which focuses on learning foreign languages and which issues tutor training certificates. In 2002, Meio University became the first university in Japan to be granted authorization to certify tutors.

Tutors have to meet some requirements to be CRLA certified. Having over a total of 25 tutoring hours is one of the requirements.

Tutors can earn three different levels: regular tutor, advanced tutor, and master tutor. It only takes a semester to advance to the next level, but tutors have to fulfill a series of CRLA requirements.



Tutor Training

The LLC has tutor training for about two hours every week to improve tutoring and management skills.



The LLC on Facebook

The LLC is on Facebook! There, students can find news about the LLC, such as workshops and events. Look for “Language Learning Center” on Facebook.

