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Foreign Language Specialized School

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1969
Founded

~2,000
students nationwide annually

7
specialized languages

4,000 m²
ULIS campus area

About FLSS

Foreign Language Specialized School — known as FLSS, or CNN — is a gifted high school directly under the University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Hanoi (ULIS, VNU). It is one of the country's most prestigious high schools, renowned for the quality of its teaching and learning, particularly in foreign language education, and for the large number of graduates who go on to attend leading universities in Vietnam and abroad.

Founded in 1969, the school today enrolls approximately 2,000 students from across the country. Each student specializes in one of seven languages — English, Russian, French, Chinese, German, Japanese, or Korean — and since 2008 has had the option to add a second foreign language: English, French, Chinese, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, or Italian.

Community

FLSS is located on the ULIS campus, occupying an area of approximately 4,000 square meters and providing students and staff with access to the wider university community and its shared resources.

The school has 42 classrooms, 12 dedicated language classrooms, two laboratories, two computer rooms, one music room, two co-working spaces, 10 multifunctional rooms, and a 200-seat auditorium.

FLSS also has access to shared ULIS facilities, including a sports stadium, an indoor sports arena, auditoriums, the library, language laboratories, and other university facilities. Boarding students are given priority for accommodation in the VNU Foreign Language Dormitory.

Academic Program

The curriculum spans 13 subjects: 9 compulsory subjects (Mathematics, Literature, Specialized Foreign Language, Second Foreign Language, National Defense and Security Education, Physical Education, History, Experiential and Career Guidance Activities, and Local Educational Content), plus 4 electives chosen from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, Technology, Geography, Economic and Legal Education, Music, and Fine Arts. Students are assessed on a 10-point grading scale.

Group projects foster teamwork, public speaking, and research skills, while annual field trips extend learning beyond the classroom. Since 2009, FLSS has also taught science subjects in English; Math in English was previously part of the 10th- and 11th-grade curriculum. Since 2025, FLSS has pioneered the implementation of its English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

FLSS places a strong emphasis on holistic student development, from cultivating discipline and life skills through its military education week to learning about the social sciences through visits to historical and cultural sites, factories, and agricultural farms.

Staff

87	8	11	50+
Full-time teachers	Administrative & support staff	PhD holders	Published academic papers

As of September 2026, the school has 87 full-time teachers and 8 administrative and support staff. Among its teaching staff, 11 hold PhDs and 3 are PhD candidates, while the majority of the remaining teachers hold or are pursuing Master's degrees.

In addition to their teaching activities, FLSS staff serve as project leaders or research team members on various research projects commissioned by ULIS, VNU, and other universities and research institutes both in Vietnam and abroad. They are also involved in undergraduate and graduate education and training, as well as thesis and dissertation supervision.

FLSS staff have published 5 research books or book chapters, more than 50 papers in national and international academic journals, and hundreds of reference books for middle and high school students.

Co-Curricular Life

School Events & Programs

- Grade 10 Orientation and Development Program (Ten Plus)
- Colors of FLSS (A Multilingual and Multicultural Showcase)
- CNN Idol & Prom
- CNN Olympics (Sport Day)
- Science Festival
- Dramatization of Literary Works
- Field Trips

Student Activities & Clubs

- Public Speaking
- International Cultural Exchange
- Student Leadership & Self-Governance
- Cultural, Competitive & Community Activities
- Academic & Enrichment Activities
- 21 student-led clubs, covering Environment, Music, Dance, Drawing, Volunteering, Leadership Development, Debate, Sports, Science, and Languages

International Cooperation

FLSS actively expands its international partnerships with high schools, colleges, universities, and educational organizations in Vietnam and abroad, promoting academic collaboration, cultural exchange, and mutual learning.

The school has established partnerships with schools and educational institutions in Japan, Germany, Taiwan, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, and other countries and territories. Each year, FLSS welcomes international teachers and students for school visits, cultural exchange activities, homestay programs, academic activities, and guest lectures.

FLSS students have received numerous scholarships for undergraduate study abroad. They have also received various forms of sponsorship to participate in exchange programs, leadership programs, and summer camps around the world.

School Spirit

"Burn to Shine"

— RASUL GAMZATOV

HOSPITALITY · VIGOR · MERIT

To train and cultivate students gifted in foreign languages, develop each student's potential through comprehensive education, and equip students with the soft skills they need to thrive in both domestic and international study and work environments.

MISSION

The Foreign Language Specialized School strives to maintain its position among the leading and most prestigious high schools in Vietnam, distinguished by academic excellence, international outlook, and internationally recognized standards of quality.

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Achievements

Honors & Recognition

- Third-class Medal of Independence — 2014
- First-class Labor Order — 2004
- Second-class Labor Order — 1999
- Third-class Labor Order — 1994
- Prime Minister's Certificate of Merit — 2009, 2019
- Emulation Flag, Ministry of Education and Training — 2019
- Emulation Flag, Vietnam National University, Hanoi — 2018
- Certificate of Merit from the Vietnam General Confederation of Labor — 2008
- Certificates of Level 3 Educational Quality Accreditation and Recognition as a Level 2 National Standard High School — 2023
- Numerous Certificates of Merit from the Minister of Education and Training, the President of Vietnam National University, Hanoi, and the Rector of the University of Languages and International Studies
- Meritorious Teacher titles, Labor Orders, and Certificates of Merit at various levels awarded to outstanding teachers

Students' Achievements

- 5 gold and 1 bronze medals at the International Russian Olympiad; more than 750 prizes in the National Olympiads in English, Russian, French, Chinese, and Japanese as of 2026
- Multiple valedictorians in the University Entrance Examinations and the National High School Graduation Examination, including two students who, in two consecutive years, were the only students nationwide to date to achieve perfect scores in the latter, both receiving letters of commendation from the Prime Minister
- Numerous prizes, including the Continental Champion, First, Second, Third, and Consolation Prizes, at the International Chinese Bridge Competition
- Various prizes at the National Science and Engineering Competition for high school students
- Multiple top prizes in foreign-language speech, calligraphy, video-making, poetry, creative writing, and other competitions organized by the Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam Television, embassies, and other international organizations

University Destinations

A large share of FLSS graduates go on to attend leading universities in Vietnam and abroad. Approximately 30–35% of students in each graduating class enroll at universities overseas, and FLSS alumni have received scholarships to study at leading universities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Japan, France, China, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, and beyond.

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10+
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Future Pathways

FLSS encourages every student to build originality and creativity toward the highest level of skill development. Whether they continue their studies in Vietnam or abroad, the language skills, life skills, and broad knowledge students gain over three years at FLSS provide a strong foundation for the next stage of their academic and professional journeys.

Get in Touch

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