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Welcome to Malagasy 101/701 MW 3:05-4:20 Online

This course introduces students to the Malagasy language, spoken by 25 million people in Madagascar and the Comoro Islands. Students will learn to speak, listen, read, and write basic Malagasy, as well as learn to function appropriately in routine situations in the target culture.



Madagascar is the oldest island and the 4th largest island in the world, located 250 miles off the coast of Southern Africa. The isolation and the position of the island in the tropics has allowed plants and animals on the island to evolve in relative isolation, making it an important place of study for biologists, ecologists, and conservationists.

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