

Hi Everyone,

My name is Sam Dowd, I am a Technology Consultant at Harvard Business School. I am taking this course as part of the Educational Technology Program. I am a huge technology enthusiast and spend most of my time outside of work and class keeping up with the latest technology trends and gadgets. When it comes to language I am particularly fascinated by the human ability to learn and especially think in different languages. I come from a family of 6, with all 4 children going through Holliston's French Immersion Program. As a result we have all been fluent French speakers since about second grade. As I've grown up I've continuously tried to think about how my mind may have developed differently from my peers who didn't study another language until 6th grade, a full 7 years after I started. Even now, as I take on the challenge of learning Spanish, I am continuously amazed at my mind's ability to balance 3 different languages. And like I said, when it comes to English and French, I am amazed at how I often find myself *thinking* biligually. Language has always been fascinating to me and I can't wait to learn more about it. I'm sure you will hear much much more about my experiences in French Immersion as this class progresses. I think it will be something I refer to a lot in this class. I look forward to working with all of you!