

Foreign Language Requirement

Guidelines for Foreign Language Requirement

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work. A letter grade of C– or better is required.

Satisfying Foreign Language Requirement with High School Coursework or Exam

- Completion of high school foreign language (other than English) through the third year of instruction - Minimum Grade: C-
- SAT Subject Test, language other than English - Minimum Score: 590
- Advanced Placement World Languages and Culture Exam - Score 3, 4, or 5 in:

Chinese Language and Culture
 French Language and Culture
 German Language and Culture
 Italian Language and Culture
 Japanese Language and Culture
 Latin
 Spanish Language and Culture
 Spanish Literature and Culture

- International Baccalaureate Exam - Score 5, 6, or 7 in:

Language (other than English) acquisition:

A2 Standard Level (SL)
 A2 Higher Level (HL)
 B Standard Level (SL)
 B Higher Level (HL)

Studies in language (other than English) and literature:

A: literature Standard Level (HL)
 A: literature Higher Level (HL)
 A: language and literature Standard Level (SL)
 A: language and literature Higher Level (HL)

- GCE A-level or O-level Exam in a language other than English - Score A, B, or C
- Foreign Service Institute (FSI) or Defense Language Institute (DLI) exam - Score 1-5

Satisfying Foreign Language with a Berkeley Course

There are three options for satisfying Foreign Language at Berkeley:

(1) Completion of second semester or higher of foreign language instruction with a C- or higher.

AFRICAM 7B	Elementary Wolof	4
AFRICAM 8A	Intermediate Wolof	4
AFRICAM 8B	Intermediate Wolof	4
AFRICAM 9A	Advanced Wolof	4

AFRICAM 9B	Advanced Wolof	4
AFRICAM 10A	Intermediate Swahili	4
AFRICAM 10B	Intermediate Swahili	4
AFRICAM 11B	Elementary Swahili	4
AFRICAM 12	Intensive Elementary Swahili	8
AFRICAM 13B	Elementary Zulu	4
AFRICAM 14A	Intermediate Zulu	4
AFRICAM 14B	Intermediate Zulu	4
AFRICAM 15A	Advanced Swahili	4
AFRICAM 15B	Advanced Swahili	4
AFRICAM 19A	Advanced Zulu	4
AFRICAM 19B	Advanced Zulu	4
AFRICAM 30B	Elementary Chichewa	4
AFRICAM 31A	Intermediate Chichewa	4
AFRICAM 31B	Intermediate Chichewa	4
ARABIC 1B	Elementary Arabic	5
ARABIC 20A	Intermediate Arabic	5
ARABIC 20B	Intermediate Arabic	5
ARABIC 30	Intermediate Arabic	10
ARABIC 100A	Advanced Arabic	3
ARABIC 100B	Advanced Arabic	3
ARMENI 1B	Introductory Armenian	3
ARMENI 101A	Continuing Armenian	3
ARMENI 101B	Continuing Armenian	3
BANGLA 1B	Introductory Bengali	5
BANGLA 101A	Intermediate Bengali	5
BANGLA 101B	Intermediate Bengali	5
BOSCRSR 27B	Introductory Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian	4
BOSCRSR 117A	Continuing Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian	4
BOSCRSR 117B	Continuing Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian	4
BURMESE 1B	Introductory Burmese	5
CELTIC 85	Intermediate Modern Irish	4
CELTIC 86	Intermediate Modern Welsh	4
CELTIC 102B	Advanced Breton	4
CELTIC 144A	Modern Welsh Level 3	4
CELTIC 144B	Modern Welsh Level 4	4
CELTIC 145A	Intermediate Irish Language	4
CELTIC 145B	Modern Irish Level Four	4
CHICANO 5	Intensive Elementary Spanish Language and Latin American Culture	5
CHICANO 10	Intensive Intermediate Spanish Language and Mexican Culture	5
CHINESE 1	Intensive Elementary Chinese	10
CHINESE 1B	Elementary Chinese	5
CHINESE 1X	Elementary Chinese for Mandarin Speakers	4
CHINESE 1Y	Elementary Chinese for Dialect Speakers	5
CHINESE 10	Intensive Intermediate Chinese	10
CHINESE 10A	Intermediate Chinese	5
CHINESE 10B	Intermediate Chinese	5
CHINESE 10X	Intermediate Chinese for Mandarin Speakers	4
CHINESE 10Y	Intermediate Chinese for Dialect Speakers	5
CHINESE 100A	Advanced Chinese	5

CHINESE 100B	Advanced Chinese	5	HINDI 100A	Intermediate Hindi	4
CHINESE 100XA	Advanced Chinese for Mandarin Speakers	4	HINDI 100B	Intermediate Hindi	4
CHINESE 100XB	Advanced Chinese for Mandarin Speakers	4	HINDI 101A	Readings in Modern Hindi	3
CHINESE 100YA	Advanced Chinese for Dialect Speakers	5	HINDI 101B	Readings in Modern Hindi	3
CHINESE 100YB	Advanced Chinese for Dialect Speakers	5	HUNGARI 1B	Introductory Hungarian	3,4
COM LIT 112B	Modern Greek Composition	4	ICELAND 1B	Beginning Icelandic II	4
CUNEIF 100B	Elementary Akkadian	5	ITALIAN 1R	Intensive Italian for Romance Languages Speakers	5
CUNEIF 102B	Elementary Sumerian	4	ITALIAN 1S	Intensive Italian for Romance Languages Speakers	6
CUNEIF 106B	Elementary Hittite	4	ITALIAN 2	Elementary Italian	5
CZECH 26B	Introductory Czech	4	ITALIAN 3	Intermediate Italian	4
CZECH 116A	Continuing Czech	4	ITALIAN 4	Intermediate Italian	4
CZECH 116B	Continuing Czech	4	ITALIAN 12	Advanced Conversational Italian	3
DANISH 1B	Beginning Danish	4	ITALIAN N12	Italian Conversation II	3
DUTCH 2	Intermediate Dutch	5	ITALIAN 101	Advanced Writing Workshop	4
DUTCH 110	Advanced Dutch	4	ITALIAN 101A	Advanced Grammar, Reading, and Composition	4
DUTCH 125	Conversation and Composition	4	ITALIAN 101B	Advanced Grammar, Reading, and Composition	4
EGYPT 100B	Elementary Egyptian	5	JAPAN 1	Intensive Elementary Japanese	10
EGYPT 101A	Intermediate Egyptian	3	JAPAN 1B	Elementary Japanese	5
EGYPT 101B	Intermediate Egyptian	3	JAPAN 10	Intensive Intermediate Japanese	10
EGYPT 102B	Elementary Coptic	4	JAPAN 10A	Intermediate Japanese	5
FILIPN 1B	Introductory Filipino	5	JAPAN 10B	Intermediate Japanese	5
FILIPN W1Y	Introductory Filipino for Heritage Learners Online	5	JAPAN 10X	Intermediate Japanese for Heritage Learners	5
FILIPN 100A	Intermediate Filipino	5	JAPAN 100	Intensive Advanced Japanese	10
FILIPN 100B	Intermediate Filipino	5	JAPAN 100A	Advanced Japanese	5
FILIPN W100A	Intermediate Filipino Online	5	JAPAN 100B	Advanced Japanese	5
FILIPN W100B	Intermediate Filipino Online	5	JAPAN 100X	Advanced Japanese for Heritage Learners	5
FILIPN 101A	Advanced Filipino	3	KHMER 1B	Introductory Khmer	5
FILIPN 101B	Advanced Filipino	3	KHMER 100A	Intermediate Khmer	5
FILIPN W101A	Advanced Filipino Online	3	KHMER 100B	Intermediate Khmer	5
FILIPN W101B	Advanced Filipino Online	3	KHMER 101A	Advanced Khmer	3
FINNISH 1B	Beginning Finnish	4	KHMER 101B	Advanced Khmer	3
FINNISH 102A	Intermediate Finnish	4	KOREAN 1	Intensive Elementary Korean	10
FINNISH 102B	Intermediate Finnish	4	KOREAN 1B	Elementary Korean	5
FRENCH 2	Elementary French	5	KOREAN 1BX	Elementary Korean for Heritage Speakers	5
FRENCH 3	Intermediate French	5	KOREAN 10	Intensive Intermediate Korean	10
FRENCH 4	Advanced Intermediate French	5	KOREAN 10A	Intermediate Korean	5
FRENCH 102	Reading and Writing Skills in French	4	KOREAN 10AX	Intermediate Korean for Heritage Speakers	5
GERMAN 2	Elementary German 2	5	KOREAN 10B	Intermediate Korean	5
GERMAN 3	Intermediate German I	5	KOREAN 10BX	Intermediate Korean for Heritage Speakers	5
GERMAN 4	Intermediate German II	5	KOREAN 100A	Advanced Korean	5
GERMAN 101	Advanced German: Conversation, Composition and Style	3	KOREAN 100AX	Advanced Korean for Heritage Speakers	4
GERMAN 102A	Advanced Language Practice: German Performance	3	KOREAN 100B	Advanced Korean	5
GREEK 2	Elementary Greek	4	KOREAN 100BX	Advanced Korean for Heritage Speakers	4
HEBREW 1B	Elementary Hebrew	5	LATIN 2	Elementary Latin	4
HEBREW 10	Intensive Elementary Hebrew	10	LINGUIS 1B	American Sign Language II	5
HEBREW 20A	Intermediate Hebrew	5	LINGUIS 2A	American Sign Language 3	5
HEBREW 20B	Intermediate Hebrew	5	MONGOLN 1B	Elementary Mongolian	5
HEBREW 100A	Advanced Hebrew	3	NORWEGN 1B	Beginning Norwegian	4
HEBREW 100B	Advanced Hebrew	3	PERSIAN 1B	Elementary Modern Persian	5
HINDI 1B	Introductory Hindi	5	PERSIAN 10	Intensive Elementary Persian	10

PERSIAN 20	Intensive Intermediate Persian	10	TURKISH 1B	Elementary Modern Turkish	5
PERSIAN 20A	Intermediate Modern Persian	5	TURKISH 10	Elementary Turkish	10
PERSIAN 20B	Intermediate Modern Persian	5	TURKISH 100A	Intermediate Modern Turkish	5
PERSIAN 100A	Advanced Persian	3	TURKISH 100B	Intermediate Modern Turkish	5
PERSIAN 100B	Advanced Persian	3	TURKISH 101A	Readings in Modern Turkish	3
POLISH 25B	Introductory Polish	4	TURKISH 101B	Readings in Modern Turkish	3
POLISH 115A	Continuing Polish	4	URDU 1B	Introductory Urdu	5
POLISH 115B	Continuing Polish	4	URDU 100A	Intermediate Urdu	4
PORTUG 50	Intensive Portuguese for Spanish Speakers	4	URDU 100B	Intermediate Urdu	4
PORTUG 102	Readings in Portuguese	4	VIETNMS 1B	Introductory Vietnamese	5
PUNJABI 1B	Introductory Punjabi	5	VIETNMS 15	Intensive Introductory Vietnamese	10
PUNJABI 15	Intensive Elementary Punjabi	10	VIETNMS 100A	Intermediate Vietnamese	5
PUNJABI 100A	Intermediate Punjabi	5	VIETNMS 100B	Intermediate Vietnamese	5
PUNJABI 100B	Intermediate Punjabi	5	VIETNMS 101A	Advanced Vietnamese	3
RUSSIAN 2	Elementary Russian	5	VIETNMS 101B	Advanced Vietnamese	3
RUSSIAN 3	Intermediate Russian	5	YIDDISH 102	Intermediate Yiddish	5
RUSSIAN 4	Intermediate Russian	5			
RUSSIAN 6A	Introductory Russian for Heritage Speakers	3	(2) Completion of a pre-approved breadth course that is taught in a language other than English and requires an advanced language instruction course as a prerequisite. For this option, students may use the course to fulfill Foreign Language and <i>one</i> of the approved Seven-Course Breadth (https://ls.berkeley.edu/seven-course-breadth-requirement) areas, <i>provided the course is completed with a letter grade of C- or higher.</i>		
RUSSIAN 6B	Introductory Russian for Heritage Speakers	3			
RUSSIAN 103A	Advanced Russian	4	AFRICAM 9A	Advanced Wolof	4
RUSSIAN 103B	Advanced Russian	4	AFRICAM 9B	Advanced Wolof	4
SANSKR 100B	Elementary Sanskrit	5	AFRICAM 15A	Advanced Swahili	4
SANSKR 101A	Intermediate Sanskrit: Epic and Puranic Sanskrit	5	AFRICAM 15B	Advanced Swahili	4
SANSKR 101B	Intermediate Sanskrit: Sastraic (Scientific) Sanskrit	5	AFRICAM 19A	Advanced Zulu	4
SCANDIN 100A	Intermediate Scandinavian Languages (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish)	4	AFRICAM 19B	Advanced Zulu	4
SCANDIN 100B	INTERMEDIATE SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGES (DANISH, NORWEGIAN, SWEDISH)	4	ARABIC 100A	Advanced Arabic	3
SEMITIC 100B	Aramaic	3	ARABIC 100B	Advanced Arabic	3
SPANISH 2	Elementary Spanish	5	ARABIC 104B	Classical Arabic Prose	3
SPANISH 3	Intermediate Spanish	5	ARABIC 105B	Classical Arabic Poetry	3
SPANISH N3	Intermediate Spanish	5	ARABIC 107	Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts	3
SPANISH 4	Intermediate Spanish	5	ARABIC 108	Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic	3
SPANISH N4	Intermediate Spanish	5	ARABIC 111A	Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic)	3
SPANISH 15	Intensive Beginning Spanish Workshop	10	ARABIC 111B	Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic)	3
SPANISH 21	Spanish for Bilingual Students, First Course	3	ARMENI 102	Advanced Readings in Specialized Armenian	4
SPANISH 22	Spanish for Bilingual Students, Second Course	3	BUDDSTD C140	Readings in Chinese Buddhist Texts	4
SPANISH 25	Reading and Analysis of Literary Texts	3	BUDDSTD C141	Introductory Readings in Japanese Buddhist Texts	4
SPANISH 100	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	4	CELTIC 102B	Advanced Breton	4
SWEDISH 1B	Beginning Swedish	4	CHINESE 100A	Advanced Chinese	5
TAMIL 1B	Introductory Tamil	5	CHINESE 100B	Advanced Chinese	5
TELUGU 1B	Elementary Telugu	4	CHINESE 101	Fourth-Year Chinese Readings: Literature	4
THAI 1B	Introduction to Thai	5	CHINESE 102	Fourth-Year Chinese Readings: Social Sciences and History	4
THAI 100A	Intermediate Thai	5	CHINESE 110	Introduction to Literary Chinese	8
THAI 100B	Intermediate Thai	5	CHINESE 110A	Introduction to Literary Chinese	4
THAI 101A	Advanced Thai	3	CHINESE 110B	Introduction to Literary Chinese	4
THAI 101B	Advanced Thai	3	CHINESE 111	Fifth-Year Readings: Reading and Analysis of Advanced Chinese Texts	4
TIBETAN 1B	Elementary Tibetan	5			
TIBETAN 10A	Intermediate Tibetan	3			
TIBETAN 10B	Intermediate Tibetan	3			
TIBETAN 110A	Intensive Readings in Tibetan	4			
TIBETAN 110B	Intensive Readings in Tibetan	4			

CHINESE 112	Fifth-Year Readings: Chinese for Research and Professional Use	4	FRENCH 176	Philosophy and Literature	4
CHINESE 120	Ancient Chinese Prose	4	FRENCH 185	Literature and Colonialism	4
CHINESE 122	Ancient Chinese Poetry	4	GERMAN 101	Advanced German: Conversation, Composition and Style	3
CHINESE 134	Readings in Classical Chinese Poetry	4	GERMAN 102A	Advanced Language Practice: German Performance	3
CHINESE 136	Readings in Medieval Prose	4	GERMAN 102D	Advanced Language Practice: Popular Culture in Germany	3
CHINESE C140	Readings in Chinese Buddhist Texts	4	HEBREW 100A	Advanced Hebrew	3
CHINESE 153	Reading Taiwan	4	HEBREW 100B	Advanced Hebrew	3
CHINESE 155	Readings in Vernacular Chinese Literature	4	HEBREW 104A	Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture	3
CHINESE 156	Modern Chinese Literature	4	HEBREW 104B	Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture	3
CHINESE 157	Contemporary Chinese Literature	4	HINDI 101A	Readings in Modern Hindi	3
CHINESE 158	Reading Chinese Cities	4	HINDI 101B	Readings in Modern Hindi	3
CHINESE 159	Cities and the Country	4	ITALIAN 101	Advanced Writing Workshop	4
CHINESE 161	Structure of the Chinese Language	4	ITALIAN 101A	Advanced Grammar, Reading, and Composition	4
CHINESE 165	History of the Chinese Language	4	ITALIAN 101B	Advanced Grammar, Reading, and Composition	4
CZECH 163	Advanced Reading Tutorials in Czech	3	ITALIAN 102	Italian through the Arts	4
DUTCH 125	Conversation and Composition	4	JAPAN 100A	Advanced Japanese	5
FILIPN 101A	Advanced Filipino	3	JAPAN 100B	Advanced Japanese	5
FILIPN 101B	Advanced Filipino	3	JAPAN 102	Fourth-Year Readings: Japanese Culture	4
FILIPN W101A	Advanced Filipino Online	3	JAPAN 103	Fourth-Year Readings: Japanese Literature	4
FILIPN W101B	Advanced Filipino Online	3	JAPAN 111	Fifth-Year Readings: Reading and Analysis of Advanced Japanese Texts	4
FRENCH 4	Advanced Intermediate French	5	JAPAN 120	Introduction to Classical Japanese	4
FRENCH 102	Reading and Writing Skills in French	4	JAPAN 130	Classical Japanese Poetry	4
FRENCH 103A	Language and Culture	4	JAPAN 132	Premodern Japanese Diary (Nikki) Literature	4
FRENCH 103B	Language and Culture	4	JAPAN 140	Heian Prose	4
FRENCH 112A	Medieval Literature	4	JAPAN C141	Introductory Readings in Japanese Buddhist Texts	4
FRENCH 112B	Medieval Literature	4	JAPAN 144	Edo Literature	4
FRENCH 114A	Late Medieval Literature	4	JAPAN 159	Contemporary Japanese Literature	4
FRENCH 116A	Sixteenth-Century Literature: Marot to Montaigne	4	KHMER 101A	Advanced Khmer	3
FRENCH 117A	Seventeenth-Century Literature	4	KHMER 101B	Advanced Khmer	3
FRENCH 117B	Seventeenth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 100A	Advanced Korean	5
FRENCH 118A	Eighteenth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 100B	Advanced Korean	5
FRENCH 118B	Eighteenth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 101	Fourth-Year Readings: Korean Literature	4
FRENCH 119A	Nineteenth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 102	Fourth-Year Readings: Korean Social Sciences and History	4
FRENCH 119B	Nineteenth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 130	Genre and Occasion in Traditional Poetry	4
FRENCH 120A	Twentieth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 150	Modern Korean Poetry	4
FRENCH 120B	Twentieth-Century Literature	4	KOREAN 153	Readings in Modern Korean Literature	4
FRENCH 121A	Literary Themes, Genres, and Structures	4	KOREAN 155	Modern Korean Fiction	4
FRENCH 121B	Literary Themes, Genres, and Structures	4	KOREAN 157	Contemporary Korean Literature	4
FRENCH 123	Prose Fiction	4	PERSIAN 100A	Advanced Persian	3
FRENCH 125A	Poetics and Poetry	4	PERSIAN 100B	Advanced Persian	3
FRENCH 126	Senior Seminar	4	PERSIAN 101A	Readings in Persian Literature	3
FRENCH 139	Creative Writing in French	4	PERSIAN 101B	Readings in Persian Literature	3
FRENCH 141	French Studies in an International Context	4	PERSIAN 102A	Readings in Classical Persian Prose	3
FRENCH 150A	Women in French Literature	4	PERSIAN 102B	Readings in Classical Persian Prose	3
FRENCH 150B	Women in French Literature	4	PERSIAN 103A	Classical Persian Poetry	3
FRENCH 151A	Francophone Literature	4	PERSIAN 103B	Classical Persian Poetry	3
FRENCH 151B	Francophone Literature	4	PERSIAN 104A	Contemporary Persian Literature	3
FRENCH 170	French Films	4	PERSIAN 104B	Contemporary Persian Literature	3
FRENCH 172A	Psychoanalytic Theory and Literature	4			
FRENCH 174	Music and Literature	4			
FRENCH 175A	Literature and the Visual Arts	4			

PERSIAN 105	Modern Analytical Prose in Persian	3
RUSSIAN 103A	Advanced Russian	4
RUSSIAN 103B	Advanced Russian	4
RUSSIAN 105A	Advanced Russian/English/Russian Translation	3
RUSSIAN 105B	Advanced Russian/English/Russian Translation	3
SPANISH 25	Reading and Analysis of Literary Texts	3
SPANISH 100	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	4
SPANISH 102A	Advanced Grammar and Composition	4
SPANISH 102C	Advanced Writing Workshop	4
SPANISH N102C	Advanced Composition: Breaking News: The Present and Past as Told by the Press	3
SPANISH 107A	Survey of Spanish Literature	4
SPANISH 107B	Survey of Spanish Literature	4
SPANISH 109	Spanish Drama of the 16th and 17th Centuries	4
SPANISH 111A	Cervantes	4
SPANISH 111B	Cervantes	4
SPANISH 115	Spanish Poetry	4
SPANISH 135	Studies in Hispanic Literature	4
SPANISH 135W	Studies in Hispanic Literature - Writing Intensive	4
THAI 101A	Advanced Thai	3
THAI 101B	Advanced Thai	3
TURKISH 101A	Readings in Modern Turkish	3
TURKISH 101B	Readings in Modern Turkish	3
URDU 101B	Advanced Urdu	3
VIETNMS 101A	Advanced Vietnamese	3
VIETNMS 101B	Advanced Vietnamese	3

(3) Proficiency exam issued by a UC faculty. **Note:** *Not all language departments/faculty administer proficiency exams. Check with the department for your language of interest to confirm that this option is available.* The faculty administering the exam must issue the results on UC departmental letterhead, and confirm proficiency (i.e. C- or higher) in reading, writing, speaking and listening at a level equivalent to what the student would have otherwise achieved by completion of instruction through the second semester (or third quarter) of instruction in a language other than English.

Satisfying Foreign Language with a Transfer Course

All transfer courses (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/transfer-credit>) pursued for Foreign Language must be completed with a C- or higher.

- Students admitted with IGETC Certification or UC Reciprocity have satisfied Foreign Language. No additional course work is required.
- Continuing Berkeley students who have already completed course work at Berkeley may pursue a pre-approved course for Foreign Language at a California Community College during the summer, or while not enrolled at Berkeley during a fall or spring term. To identify pre-approved courses for Foreign Language, use ASSIST.org (<http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html>).
- Transfer courses from accredited higher education institutions may also be considered. Talk to an L&S College Adviser or email (AskLnS@berkeley.edu) for more information.