

# Language Requirement registration information for **Bachelor of Humanities – Honours, Combined Honours, Study Year Abroad**

For BHUM Humanities and Biology or BJHUM Bachelor of Journalism and Humanities, consult the appropriate information sheet.

## **Requirement**

In the BHUM you must become proficient in a language other than English at the **Intermediate** level.

Common choices for a second language are Greek, Latin, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, or Hebrew, but any language other than English is acceptable.

Your first year BHUM course registration is affected by your current proficiency in the language you will use to satisfy your requirement.

## **Instructions**

Decide which language you wish to use to satisfy your requirement. If needed, write the Carleton placement test in that language (see below).

The placement test will tell you one of three things:

1. You **are not** proficient enough to start an Intermediate course.
2. You **are** proficient enough to start an Intermediate course.
3. You are **already proficient** at an Intermediate level.

Follow the corresponding registration advice:

### **1. You are not proficient enough to start an Intermediate course.**

You should register in 1.0 credits in Beginner's level language courses so that in your second year you can register in the Intermediate level of that language. You will need to spend one of your electives credits to do this.

### **2. You are proficient enough to start an Intermediate course.**

Register in 1.0 credit in Intermediate language courses in your first year.

### **3. You are already proficient at an Intermediate level.**

You can apply to have your language requirement waived, and replaced with a free elective in your first year of study. Make an appointment over the summer with the Undergraduate Advisor in Humanities to arrange for this.

## **Placement Tests**

**French:** You must write an online self-assessment placement test before enrolling in any French course at Carleton, even if you have had no previous French instruction. You can only write this test once.

A link to the test may be found here. Click on “Placement Test” in the red banner at the top of the page:

[carleton.ca/french/](http://carleton.ca/french/)

**Modern Languages other than French:** You must write a placement test before registering in modern language courses at Carleton if you have any previous training in that language. If you are an absolute beginner, you don't have to write a placement test. The exception is Arabic, for which you must always write a placement test.

Information on placement tests for modern languages other than French may be found here:

[carleton.ca/slals/modern-languages/placement-test/](http://carleton.ca/slals/modern-languages/placement-test/)

If you cannot come to Carleton's campus to write the placement test, contact the administrator of the School of Linguistics and Language Studies, Sharon Palmer ([sharon.palmer@carleton.ca](mailto:sharon.palmer@carleton.ca)), to make alternate arrangements.

**Classical Languages (Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Sanskrit):** Contact the administrator for Greek and Roman Studies or for Religion for an individual assessment of your proficiency.

Greek and Roman Studies (Greek and Latin): andrea.mcintyre@carleton.ca  
Religion (Hebrew, Sanskrit): barb.truscott@carleton.ca

### **List of common Beginner level courses**

Greek: GREK 1005 and GREK 1006

Latin: LATN 1005 and LATN 1006

French: FREN 1001 [1.0] and FREN 1002 [1.0]\*

German: GERM 1010 and GERM 1020 or GERM 1110 [1.0]

Italian: ITAL 1010 and ITAL 1020 or ITAL 1110 [1.0]

Russian: RUSS 1010 and RUSS 1020 or RUSS 1110 [1.0]

Spanish: SPAN 1010 and SPAN 1020 or SPAN 1110 [1.0]

Hebrew: HEBR 1011/RELI 1011 [1.0]

Arabic: ARAB 1110 [1.0]

\*Note that the prerequisite for the Intermediate FREN 1100 [1.0] is Low Intermediate FREN 1002 [1.0]. If you begin from absolute zero in FREN 1001 [1.0] you may have to complete 2.0 credits in French before enrolling in the Intermediate FREN 1100 [1.0].

### **List of Intermediate level courses that satisfy your requirement**

Greek: GREK 2200 and GREK 2201

Latin: LATN 2200 and LATN 2201

French: FREN 1100 [1.0] or FREN 2100 [1.0]

German: GERM 2010 and GERM 2020 or GERM 2110 [1.0]

Italian: ITAL 2010 and ITAL 2020 or ITAL 2110 [1.0]

Russian: RUSS 2010 and RUSS 2020 or RUSS 2110 [1.0]

Spanish: SPAN 2010 and SPAN 2020 or SPAN 2110 [1.0]

Hebrew: HEBR 2011/RELI 2011 [1.0]

Arabic: ARAB 2110 [1.0]

### **Summer French Immersion**

Students studying French should consider the Explore ([myexplore.ca](http://myexplore.ca)) summer immersion program.

If you are planning on doing an Explore exchange, consult the Registrar's office site for information on receiving Carleton credit:

[carleton.ca/registrar/exchanges/letter-of-permission/](https://carleton.ca/registrar/exchanges/letter-of-permission/)

Students who complete an Explore exchange after admission to Carleton will have their level of proficiency evaluated by Carleton's French department. A sufficiently high level will satisfy your Humanities language requirement.