



Language Levels and Prerequisites

The equivalent of one year of college-level language study includes but is not limited to: a summer of intensive language study, two semesters or three quarters of study (audited or for credit), or a year of private tutoring. A typical academic year is 9 months (36 weeks). A typical language course is 3-5 hours per week or 108-180 hours per academic year of language instruction. Applicants who have completed the CLS Program may count each summer of participation as one year of language study.

Applicants who are heritage speakers – that is, applicants who have grown up hearing the language from family and who may speak the language at home, but have little or no formal training in the language – may wish to consult faculty in a relevant department, or faculty who have experience working with heritage speakers in other language departments, to determine which level is most appropriate for them. Heritage speakers are generally discouraged from applying at the beginning level, unless they have no functional speaking ability in the target language.

ARABIC

- Beginning (Spark, virtual only): No previous knowledge or study of Arabic is required.
- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Arabic, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Arabic, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Arabic, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

AZERBAIJANI

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Azerbaijani is required.
- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Azerbaijani, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Azerbaijani or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Azerbaijani or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

BANGLA

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- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Bangla, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

CHINESE

- Beginning (Spark, virtual only): No previous knowledge or study of Chinese is required.

- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Chinese, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Chinese, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

HINDI

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Hindi is required.
- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Hindi, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Hindi, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Hindi, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

INDONESIAN

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Indonesian is required.
- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Indonesian, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Indonesian, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Indonesian, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

JAPANESE

- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Japanese, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Japanese, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

KOREAN

- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Korean, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Korean, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Korean, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

PERSIAN

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Persian is required.
- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Persian, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Intermediate: Minimum requirement: completion of two years of college-level Persian, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Persian, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

PORTUGUESE

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Portuguese is required.

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RUSSIAN

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SWAHILI

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- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Swahili, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.

TURKISH

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Turkish is required.
- Advanced Beginning: Minimum requirement: completion of one year of college-level Turkish, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.
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URDU

- Beginning: No previous knowledge or study of Urdu is required.
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- Advanced: Minimum requirement: completion of three years of college-level Urdu, or its equivalent, prior to the start of the program.