

Navigating Language Study at Northwestern: Resources for Graduate Students

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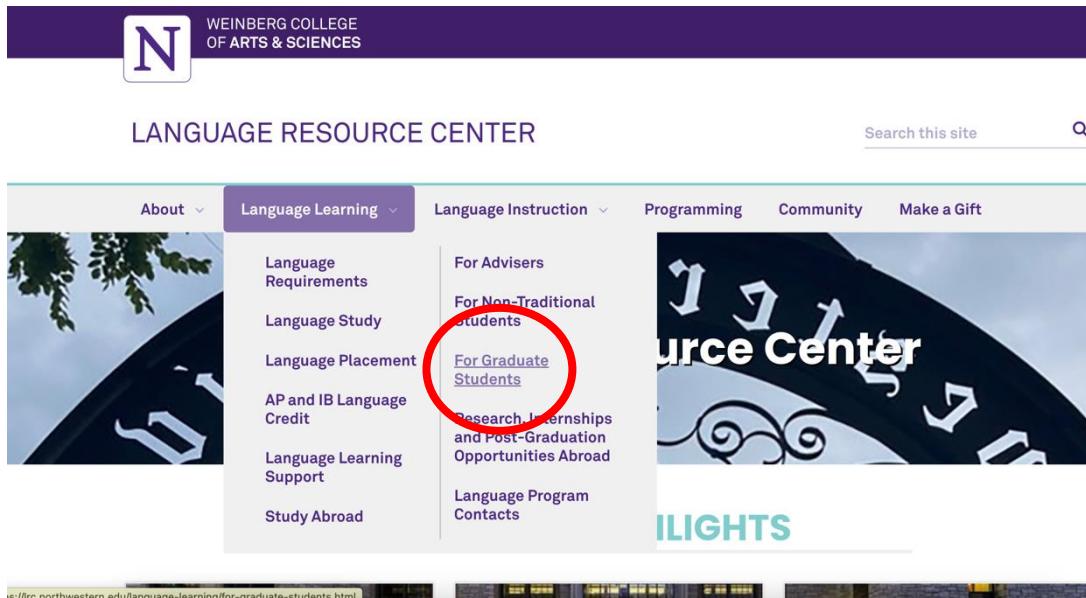
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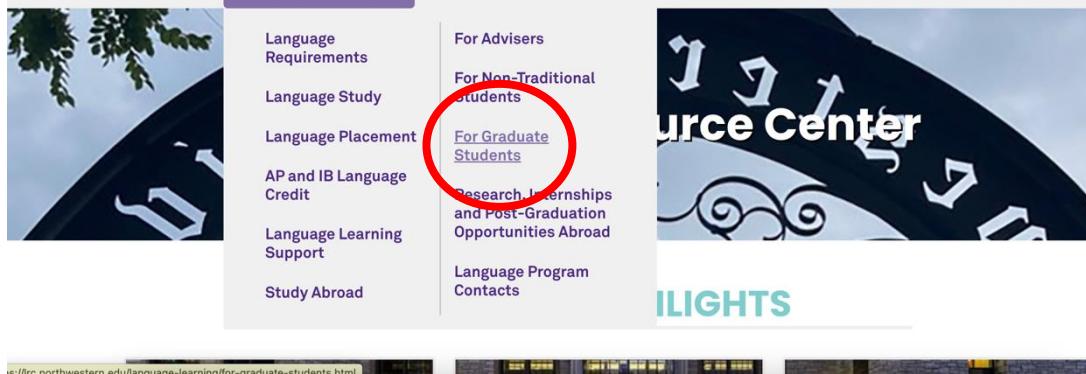


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<http://lrc.northwestern.edu/language-learning/for-graduate-students.html>



For graduate students

2. Language Study at NU



Languages Offered at NU

Arabic	Chinese	Czech*	French
German	Ancient Greek	Hebrew	Hindi - Urdu
Italian	Japanese	Korean	Latin
Polish	Portuguese	Russian	Sanskrit*
Spanish	Swahili	Tibetan	Turkish

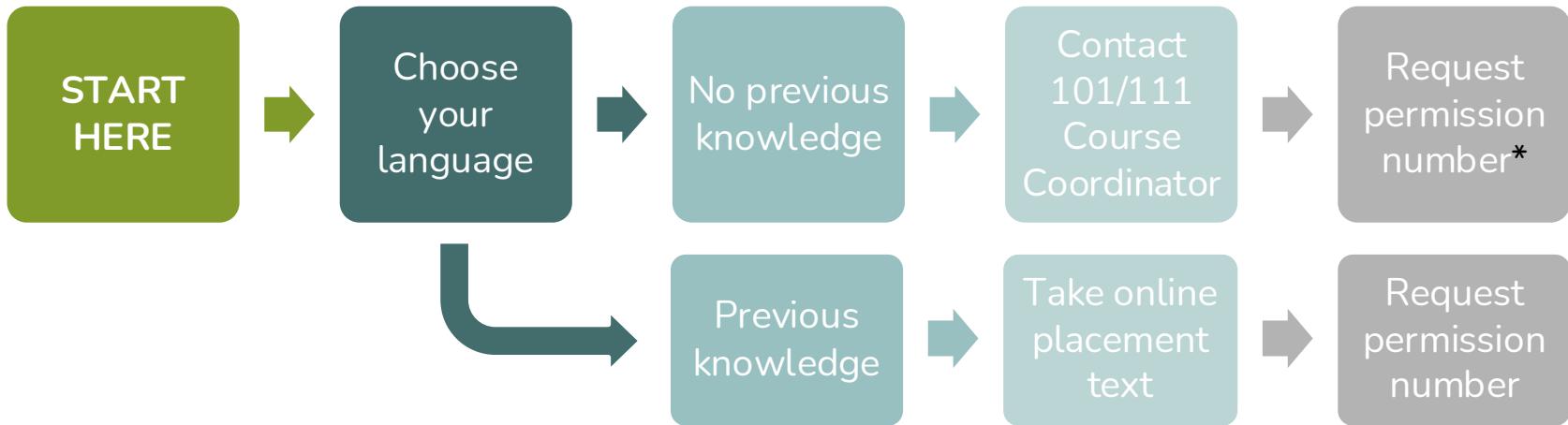


Language Offerings At A Glance

School	Languages	Schedule	Term	Student Type
Weinberg	All from previous slide	3-4 days/week 9am-5pm 50-min session	Fall Winter Spring	Undergraduate Auditing not allowed Pass/Fail not allowed
SPS	French Spanish	1 day/week 6pm-9pm 2-hr & 3-hr session	Fall Winter Spring Summer (intensive)	Graduate Professional Auditing allowed Pass/Fail not available



Registering for A Class



***Only for
Weinberg classes
(not for SPS)**



Language Placement

- For students with no prior knowledge of the language.
- All languages offer online testing during the summer.
 - In-person validation may also be required.
- To be completed asap to increase registration chances.
- Exceptions:
 - Ancient Greek*: offered on an as-needed basis.



Language Placement Site

Read information about the specific language test FIRST!



[**LRC Language Placement**](#)

If You Cannot Register for A Class



Contact an instructor, language coordinator or program director and request a consultation for individual guidance

Consider external language schools (Berlitz, Alliance Francaise, Instituto Cervantes, Goethe-Institut, etc.) to help you prepare individually for a proficiency test

3. Language Study Beyond NU



BTAA CourseShare Program

- For Less Commonly Taught Languages
- Adviser permission required
- Deadlines to request courses
- Synchronous online classes
- Most programs on semester system
- Proficiency validation may be required
- Course availability not guaranteed



[Languages Not Offered
at NU](#)



Other Options

Chicago Metropolitan Exchange Program

Possibility to take courses at UofC and UIC

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BTAA Traveling Scholar Program

Up to a full academic year in another BTAA institution pursuing specialized courses

U of C Academic and Professional Reading Institute*

Intensive and online summer seminars to develop advanced reading skills in world languages



4. Funding Opportunities

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Summer Language
Grant

DEADLINE: February 2, 2026

BUFFETT INSTITUTE

Summer Language
Training Award

DEADLINE: March 2, 2026

WEINBERG COLLEGE

DeCoster Grant for
Language Study

DEADLINE: April 1, 2026

U.S DEPT. OF STATE

Critical Language
Scholarship

DEADLINE: Closed for 2026

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Fulbright US Student
Program

DEADLINE: Spring 2026 (27-28)

GRADUATE STUDENTS

LANGUAGES IN WEINBERG

Graduate students can register in undergraduate language courses during the academic year, pending language department permission. Auditing is not allowed in language courses.



LANGUAGES IN SPS

Graduate students can also register in the language courses offered through the School of Professional Studies during the academic year and summer session upon consulting with their academic advisers.



COURSESHARE

Graduate students can take less commonly taught language courses (if not taught at Northwestern) via Big Ten Academic Alliance CourseShare. All courses are offered online.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

English Language Programs provides English language training, orientation and community life programs, and English language proficiency testing for international graduate students and scholars.



ADVANCED READING STUDY

The University of Chicago Academic and Professional Reading Institute (APRI) offers specialized online summer seminars designed to enhance advanced reading skills in various languages.



TEACHER LICENSURE

Interested in obtaining teacher licensure to teach a World Language and share languages, cultures, and global opportunities with young people? Continue your pathway to becoming a teacher at SESP!



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DECOSTER GRANT FOR LANGUAGE STUDY

Weinberg's DeCoster Grant is offered to graduate students in Weinberg programs (Humanities and Social Sciences) who intend to study a language relevant to their research on Latin America/ Spain.



SUMMER LANGUAGE TRAINING AWARD

The Buffett Institute's SLTA assists graduate students in years 1-3 with expenses related to language training necessary for their dissertation research.



SUMMER LANGUAGE GRANT

The Graduate School's SLC assists graduate students with expenses related to language training necessary for their dissertation research.



FELLOWSHIPS

The Office of Fellowships offers competitive awards that pay graduate students and alumni to participate in creative, research or community project grants; academic study scholarships; and PD internships.



Other Opportunities Through Languages

SESP WL Teacher Licensure

SEARLE CENTER Graduate Teaching Fellows

OTHER Individual Language Departments

5. Q&A



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