

Navigating Language Study at Northwestern: Resources for Graduate Students

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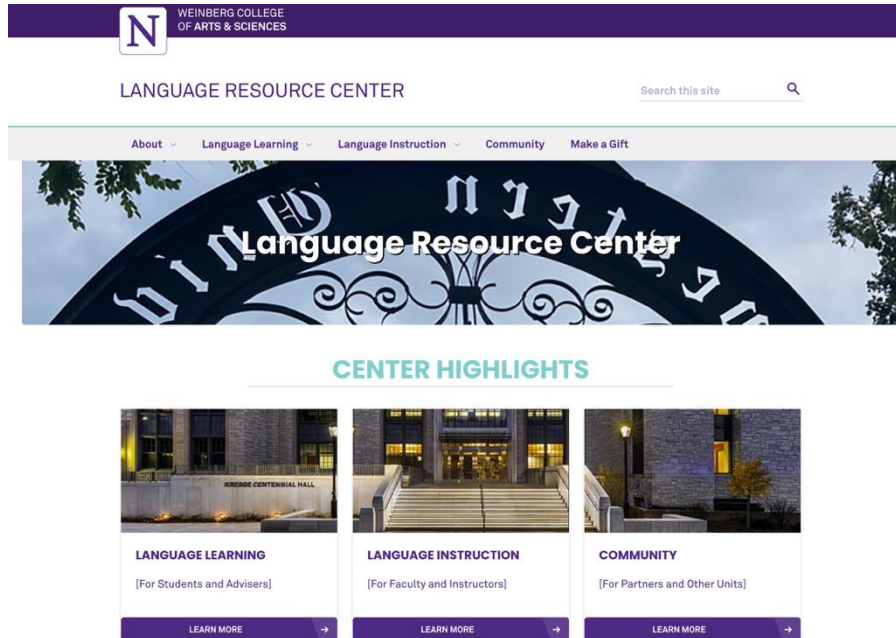
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1. LRC Webpage for GS




Weinberg Language Resource Center




lrc.northwestern.edu

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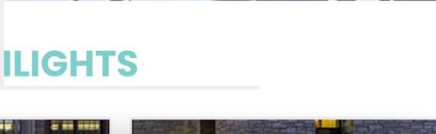
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<http://www.northwestern.edu/learn/language-learning/for-graduate-students.html>



[For graduate students](http://www.northwestern.edu/learn/language-learning/for-graduate-students.html)



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 |

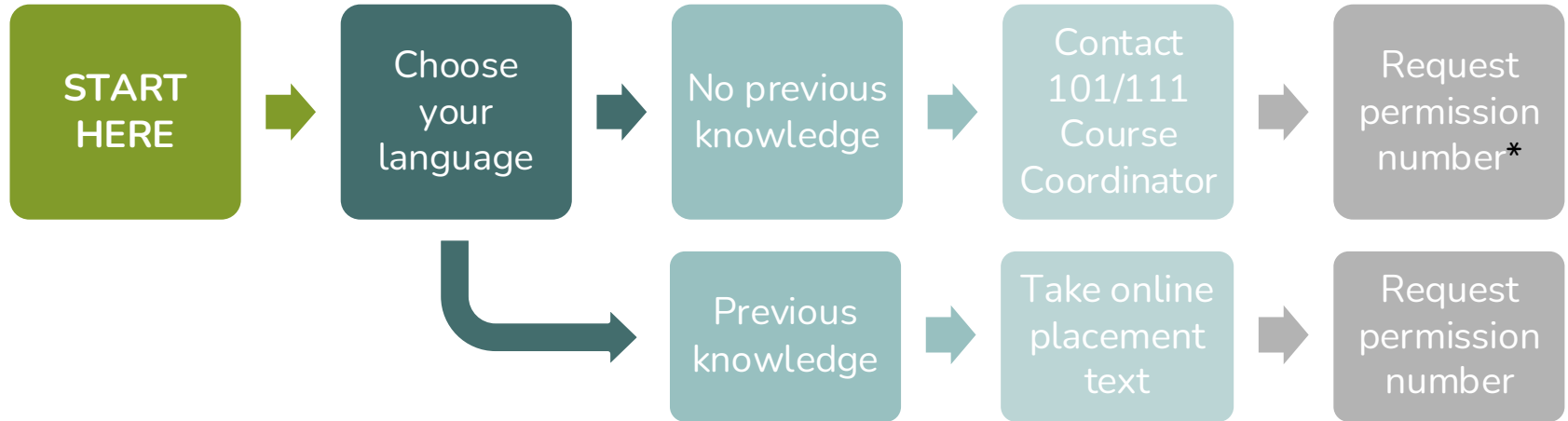


Language Offerings At A Glance

| 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

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

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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

U.S DEPT. OF STATE

Fulbright US Student
Program

DEADLINE: Spring 2026 (27-28)

Other Opportunities Through Languages

SESP
WL Teacher Licensure

SEARLE CENTER
Graduate Teaching Fellows

OTHER
Individual Language Departments

EXPAND YOUR WORLD WITH LANGUAGES

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 Ilig 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 SLG 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.





5. Q&A





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