

Fulfilling the IR Foreign Language Requirement

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In general, the IR language requirement is met by completing 5 semesters of a foreign language. However, 6 semesters are required for some Asian and Middle Eastern languages.

Contact the various language departments or the Center for Language Studies (CLS) for course availability.

Contact the Kennedy Center Advisement Office for questions about substitutions of equivalent classes: <https://kennedy.byu.edu/advisement>. For example, for CLS languages, newly added 330 courses and some older 300-level courses may also substitute. The IR program will not make substitutions for classes that are less intensive than those listed.

- If you took a course listed below that is *not* on your MyMAP, you will need to go to the Advisement website and make a “Substitution Request.”
- If you fulfilled the previous requirements (listed as “old” below), it still counts.

The IR foreign language requirement is waived for international students for whom English is their second language. Contact the Kennedy Center Advisement Office for details.

Language Departments

Arabic: 302

Chinese: 302 (old: 301 and 321 or 322)

French: 321 or 340

German: 301 (old: 302 or 330 or 344)

Italian: 321 or 340

Japanese: 321 (old: 322)

Korean: 302

Portuguese: 321

Russian: 321 or 330

Spanish: 321

Scandinavian Studies

<https://scandinavian.byu.edu>

Danish: 330 (old: 340)

Icelandic: 429

Swedish: 330 (old: 340)

Finnish: 330 (old: 340)

Norwegian: 330 (old: 340)

*Danish/Finnish/Norwegian/Swedish 321 will also substitute.

Center for Language Studies

<https://cls.byu.edu>

Albanian 330

Armenian 330

Bulgarian 330

Cambodian 330

Cebuano 330

Croatian 330

Czech 330

Dutch 330 (old: 340)

Estonian 330

Fijian 330

FLang 330

Georgian 330

Guarani 330

Haitian-Creole 330

Hindi 330

Hmong 330

Hungarian 330

Indonesian 330

Khmer 330

Kiribati 330

Latvian 330

Lithuanian 330

Malagasy 330

Malay 330

Mongolian 330

Persian 330

Polish 330

Romanian 330 (old: 340)

Samoan 330

Serbian 330

Slovak 330

Slovenian 330

Tagalog 330

Thai 330

Tongan 330

Turkish 330

Ukrainian 330

Vietnamese 330