Fulfilling the CC Language Requirement Abroad

The CC Language Requirement specifies that all students must take the equivalent of two units of a non-English language in order to meet graduation requirements, unless exempt for reasons of documented disability. Many CC faculty-led semesters abroad (listed below) are designed with this requirement in mind, and most summers, CC blocks abroad offer at least one or two options to take two units of language abroad. This handout lists both CC programs offered during the academic year with two blocks of language offered, and also semesters from the CC-approved partner program list where the main coursework is taught in English, while offering students the option to take 6-8 semester credits (or more) of language study in addition to their English coursework, to completely fulfill the CC Language Requirement in one semester.

CC Chinese in Asia (Blocks 7 & 8)
Historically based out of Shanghai at Fudan University (currently relocated to Taiwan and Hong Kong in 2023, due to border restrictions), this program typically offers the core curriculum of Elementary Chinese (CN101 – 2 blocks), Intermediate Chinese 201/202, or Advanced Chinese 301/302 (note: level of language offered may vary from year to year), and a richly diverse cultural experience. Check with the CC Chinese program for more information; apply in Summit.

CC in France: Full Semester or Half-Semester (two blocks) (Spring)
The CC in France semester program is typically open to students at all levels of French language. The program is based out of Tours, where students will stay with a host family and spend Blocks 5 and 6 in language classes offered by the Institut de Touraine with their instructors. CC professors will teach 300-level courses in Blocks 7 and 8 in either English or French (subjects vary from year to year). Check with the CC French program for more information; apply in Summit.

CC in Latin America: Full Semester or Half-Semester (two blocks) (Fall)
The CC in Latin America program typically offers two blocks of 300-level Spanish and two blocks of content courses, with the location and the thematic/academic focus varying from year to year. For Fall 2023, the program will return to Salvador, Brazil for Blocks 1&2, and Mérida, Mexico for Blocks 3&4. Check with the CC Spanish & Portuguese Department for more information; apply in Summit.

CC in Berlin: Full Semester or Half-Semester (two blocks) (Fall)
The program in Berlin allows students to study both German language at all levels—from beginning to advanced—as well as special topics in culture and literature. Courses vary from year to year, and be aware that the half-semester option may only partially fulfill the CC Language Requirement, depending on when the language classes are offered. Check with the CC German program for more information; application in Summit.

CET Beijing & Shanghai
Both CET Beijing & Shanghai offer language courses for beginners through advanced speakers. Students are placed according to their linguistic ability, and any of these approved options will fulfill the CC Language requirement. The CET Beijing Intensive Language semester offers 14-17 semester credits of immersive Chinese language with a fulltime language pledge. CET Shanghai offers 6 credits of Chinese language, two electives in English, and a credit-bearing internship.

CIEE Jordan: Middle East Studies, Amman
The Middle East Studies track is open to students of all levels of Arabic knowledge, from absolute beginner through intermediate, with an intensive focus on learning the language through both a Modern Standard Arabic course, as well as a Jordanian dialect course. Together, they yield more than enough credits at CC to fulfill the Language Requirement (9 credits total of Arabic), with elective courses in English.

CIEE Korea: Arts + Sciences, Seoul (must opt into intensive 6-credit language option)
In addition to selecting the intensive Korean language class at all levels (from beginner on up) which fulfills the CC Language Requirement, you’ll have access to a host of elective courses through direct enrollment at Yonsei University. From East Asian studies and business administration to communications, science, and engineering, CIEE Korea has the classes you need to indulge an interest and satisfy major or minor credit. You can also volunteer in the community or be paired w/ a Korean language buddy (SeoulMates!).

CIEE Portugal: Lisbon Language + Culture
Students will start the semester in Lisbon with an intensive 3-credit Portuguese language course, and then also enroll in a regular semester-long 3-credit course to take alongside their other classes for the rest of the term, taught in English or Portuguese at the CIEE Lisbon center and/or at one of the partner universities. You will finish the semester with a total of 6 credits of Portuguese language learning and fulfill the CC Language Requirement, as well as courses in a variety of disciplines, and internship options.
CIEE Russia: Russian Area Studies, St. Petersburg (currently not operating)
This program is designed for students who have taken no Russian language or up to four semesters, and includes Russian history, culture, politics, civilization, and cinema all taught in English, plus rigorous language coursework. All students take 8 semester credits of Russian (4 of grammar, 4 of conversation), and most live with a Russian-speaking family to immerse themselves in the language.

DIS—Study Abroad in Scandinavia (must opt into intensive 6-credit language option)
Students who choose the intensive language course option will cover the equivalent of two semesters of Danish (in Copenhagen) or Swedish (in Stockholm) language and culture content in one semester, making it an excellent option for students who wish to advance quickly. Other elective courses are offered in a variety of academic disciplines, in English.

IES Granada, Spain
The intermediate program in Granada, Spain, requires that you have completed the beginner level series of Spanish, and are ready to take Spanish at the 201 or 202 level. While in Granada, you will take the required 6-credit IES Abroad Spanish course, which fulfills the CC Language Requirement, as well as choosing from a variety of other elective courses in English or Spanish. Living with a host family is recommended to progress in your Spanish abilities.

IES Salamanca Psychology Semester, Spain
This program is open to students at the 100, 200, 300 levels of Spanish, where you’ll take a 7-credit Spanish language course that will fulfill the CC Language Requirement, in addition to IES-taught electives. You will also have the option to take classes at one of the two local partner universities, in English or Spanish. The University of Salamanca was one of the first four universities in Europe, alongside the Sorbonne, Oxford, and the University of Bologna, so this city is rich with history and opportunities to learn Spanish.

ISDSI (International Sustainable Development Studies Institute), Thailand
This semester teaches on a modified version of the Block Plan, and offers Intensive Thai Language & Society (6 credits) in small language classes (three to five students). No English is used in the classroom, and you will learn to speak, read, and write in Thai. Each morning, you are in the classroom studying Thai, with weekly experiential learning opportunities. Language instruction continues throughout the semester when you are at the institute, and Thai is used during each Expedition Field Course.

Japan Study: Waseda University, Tokyo
Language study is at the core of the Japan Study experience and students are required to take 6 credits of Japanese language each semester at the Center for Japanese Language. Acceptance in the program is contingent on completion of at least one block of Japanese language study (or equivalent) prior to departure, so this is not a program for absolute Japanese beginners. Application is very early – in December for the following academic year, so investigate in advance!

Kansai Gaidai, Japan (must choose both the “Kanji & Readings” elective, along with the required 5-credit Japanese course)
This Asian Studies program in Hirakata, Japan offers a variety of elective courses in English, and does not require previous study of Japanese. The 5-credit Japanese courses are required of all participants; in addition, the 3-credit “Kanji and Readings” courses, which meet two times a week, are designed to accelerate acquisition of skills in particular areas focused on writing kanji and reading authentic Japanese readings. If you take both courses, the Kansai Gaidai semester will fulfill the CC Language Requirement.

Syracuse University, Florence, Italy (must add the 2-credit Italian Community & Culture ITA117 lab add-on)
Centrally located in the Piazza Savonarola, in the middle of the Renaissance’s birthplace, the Syracuse program’s “Villa Rossa” will be your academic home. All students will take 4 credits of Italian (offered at all levels), and if you add the optional 2-credit language lab, “Italian Community and Culture,” taught in Italian, your 6 credits total will fulfill the CC Language Requirement.

SIT Semesters with Intensive Language Option
All of the following CC-approved SIT Semester programs could fulfill the CC Language Requirement in one semester; please note where you have to opt IN to the more intensive language course choice:

- SIT Jordan: Geopolitics, International Relations, & The Future of the Middle East: opt in to 6-credit Arabic option.
- SIT Jordan: Refugees, Health, and Humanitarian Action: opt in to 6-credit Arabic option.
- SIT Morocco: Migration and Transnational Identity: All students take intensive 6-credit Arabic.
- SIT Morocco: Multiculturalism and Human Rights: All students take intensive 6-credit Arabic.
- SIT Nepal: Development, Gender, and Social Change: All students take intensive 6-credit Nepali.

For more information about any of these programs, or to explore other options, please visit www.coloradocollege.edu/globalandfield