

About us

Purpose

The Canberra Academy of Languages delivers language learning programs for ACT students in Years 11-12.

Values

We value excellence, equity and a civil society.

Target group

Our programs are for senior secondary students who have a commitment to learning languages.

Registration

The Canberra Academy of Languages is registered with the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) as a Specialist Education Provider, with effect from 2017 to 2022 inclusive.

Venue

We select venues to suit each of the languages offered. French classes in 2018 are held at the Alliance Française, 66 McCaughey St, Turner, from 5 pm to 7 pm on Wednesdays.



Why learn languages

Learning languages provides intellectual, social and functional benefits:

Intellectual benefits

- Improved thinking skills
- Better understanding of how languages work, including English
- Improved ability to learn more languages
- Direct access to literature and other expressions of other cultures
- Broader perspectives from which to understand and interpret the world

Social benefits

- Ability to interact more effectively in a wide range of situations
- Greater capacity for intercultural understanding
- Greater understanding of diversity
- Insight into one's own identity, values, heritage, and culture

Functional benefits

- Broader employment opportunities, in both local and global contexts.

Languages offered

Course accreditation

Language courses are selected from those accredited by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS). Students can receive credit towards ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and ATAR.

Courses with BSSS accreditation currently include Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish.

Courses in 2018

In 2018, CAL is delivering courses for senior secondary students in Continuing French and Advanced French.

Enrolling for 2019

We are now inviting expressions for continuing and advanced courses in French, German and Indonesian for 2019.

To enquire about enrolling for 2019, please come to our open night on Thursday 14 June or email info@cal.act.edu.au, letting us know your name, contact number, your current year level and the language you would like to study.

How courses are identified to run

Classes are run based on four criteria:

- Availability of a BSSS-accredited course
- Sufficient enrolments to fund program costs
- Availability of suitably qualified teachers
- Absence of comparable ACT program.



Program delivery

Students have a two-hour session of on-site instruction each week during teaching weeks and two hours of programmed off-site work per week, supported by resources on www.languages.org.au and class forums on Google Classroom.

Teaching spaces are hired as required. Venues are designated as teaching centres of the academy.

Students are provided with a semester unit outline, a term-by-term overview and a weekly module that outlines the week's learning goals, learning resources, activities to do on-site and activities to do off-site.

The Canberra Academy of Languages maintains regular communication with day schools.

In the longer term, we will explore the possibility of offering fully online programs along the lines of those in some other jurisdictions, to accommodate the needs of students following the ACT curriculum who are out of commuting reach of the teaching centres.



A specialist facility for Canberra

The Canberra Academy of Languages is a specialist not-for-profit facility for language learning in the Canberra region, with a focus on global engagement and local connections.

Canberra as the national capital should promote engagement with the global community and should foster the capacity of our citizens to participate effectively in that community.

As a major centre, the city should also foster and extend learning opportunities reflecting the presence of groups within the local region.

The Canberra Academy of Languages contributes to these goals, complementing other avenues for language learning in the ACT.

Contact information

Canberra Academy of Languages Incorporated

Registered as a Specialist Education Provider with the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies

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Open night: Thursday 14 June 2018, 6 pm

Venue: Ainslie Arts Centre

RSVP via Eventbrite, see link on CAL website.



Expanding opportunities for language learning in the Canberra region

**A specialist education provider
preparing senior secondary students
as local and global citizens**



CAL, May 2018