

Program delivery

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

Our calendar of events, including information evenings, registration evenings, assessment tasks and our end of year ceremony is on the [Events page](#) of CAL website. **News updates** are published regularly on the [News page](#) on CAL website.



Our program of learning for each course comprises a semester unit outline, a term-by-term overview and a set of weekly modules that outline each week's learning goals, learning resources, activities to do on-site and activities to do off-site. For more details, see our [resources website](#).

The Canberra Academy of Languages maintains regular communication with students' families and with their schools.

A specialist facility for Canberra

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

We aim to enhance the role of Canberra as the national capital and as a major regional city, by:

- promoting capacity of students to participate effectively in the global community
- creating learning avenues that reflect the interests of groups in the Canberra region.

In pursuing these goals, The Canberra Academy of Languages complements 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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Resources website: <https://languages.org.au>

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Upcoming/recent events

The CAL 2023 Registration Evening will be held online, on Thursday 2 February 2023. Details are on the [Events page 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



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CAL, February 2023

About us

Purpose

The Canberra Academy of Languages delivers languages programs for ACT students undertaking senior secondary studies (Years 11-12, or early access Years 9-10).

Values

We value excellence, equity and a civil society. For more details about our rationale and values, see our Charter via the link from the home page, <https://cal.act.edu.au>, on CAL website.

Target group

Our programs are for senior secondary students (including early access students in Years 9 and 10) 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. Our teachers are registered with the ACT Teacher Quality Institute (TQI).



Venue

CAL classes are held at Ainslie School, 33 Donaldson Street, Braddon. French, Spanish and Tamil are on Wednesday evenings, 5 pm to 7 pm; German, Japanese and Korean on Thursday evenings, 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm. Please refer to the Programs page on CAL website for current details.



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
- More capacity for intercultural understanding
- Greater understanding of diversity
- Insight into one's own identity, values, heritage, and culture
- A richer community culture and enhanced social cohesion

Functional benefits

- Broader employment opportunities, in both local and global contexts
- Greater community capacity in international relations, trade and strategic negotiations.



Languages offered

Course accreditation

Language courses are selected from those accredited by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS). Students receive credit towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and will receive credit towards the ATAR if their languages score is among their best four course scores.

Courses in current and previous years

In 2017 and 2018, CAL delivered courses for Year 11 and 12 students in continuing and advanced French. In 2019, we delivered programs in French and German. In 2020, we had students enrolled in French, German, Spanish and Tamil. Japanese was added in 2021, and Korean in 2022, bringing the total to six languages.

Programs for 2023

We are inviting enrolment applications for French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil in 2023.

For more information, please visit the Programs page on CAL website.

To enquire about enrolling, please email info@cal.act.edu.au, to let us know your contact details and the language you would like to study.

How courses are identified to run

Classes are identified to run based on four criteria:

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