

New Language Requirement

Effective for the class of 2026

Class of 2025 and earlier: see the [ORC/Catalog](#) from your matriculation year.

Previous Language Experience

Options for satisfying the requirement

Big Green Path

Has not demonstrated competency equivalent to one year's study at Dartmouth (e.g. student has not received "EX" from the 3rd course in a language, such as SPAN 3)

Complete Dartmouth language courses numbered 1, 2, and 3 (depending on placement)
OR
Complete a Language Study Abroad (LSA) program

Berna Path

Has demonstrated competency equivalent to one year's study at Dartmouth (e.g. student has received "EX" from the 3rd course in a language, such as SPAN 3)

Complete a more advanced Dartmouth course in the language in which competency was demonstrated (e.g. SPAN 9).
OR
Complete Dartmouth courses numbered 1 and 2 in a different language from the one in which competency was demonstrated (e.g. ITAL 1 and 2).
OR
Complete an accelerated-beginner Dartmouth course (e.g. FREN 11) in a different language from the one in which competency was demonstrated.
OR
Complete an LSA in a different language from the one in which competency was demonstrated.

Lone Pine Path

Has demonstrated competency equivalent to one year's study in a language not taught at Dartmouth (e.g. student has demonstrated significant ability in Korean)

Has demonstrated native or near-native proficiency in a language taught at Dartmouth (e.g. student is a native speaker of Arabic)

Complete an LRP course, which addresses the purpose of the Language Requirement for proficient speakers of a language other than English.
OR
Complete Dartmouth courses numbered 1 and 2 in a different language from the one in which competency was demonstrated (e.g. HEBR 1 and 2).
OR
Complete an accelerated-beginner Dartmouth course (e.g. FREN 11) in a different language from the one in which competency was demonstrated.
OR
Complete an LSA in a different language from the one in which competency was demonstrated.

Waiver

Has been granted a language waiver from the Language Waiver Committee

Complete the course assigned by the Language Waiver Committee