

# Language degree requirements in the Big Ten Academic Alliance

This chart allows a comparison of LOTE graduation requirements in our 13 fellow BTAA institutions, notably where professional schools are concerned.

Inst	H (BA)	SB (BA/BS)	S (BA/BS)	SB ex	S ex	OS r	OS ex
Ill U-Ch	4	4	4 / 3 (ch)			A Ag B C E Ed ES H W...	
Ind Bloo	4	4 / 3	4 / 3			A ES° IS J W	B* IT* N* P*
Iowa	4 •	4 •	4 •			A M B C Ed H	E N
Maryl CP	2 / 4†			all	all	J	Ag B E ES H IT
Mich	4	4	4	GS	GS	B P	A E N
Mich St	4	4 ◊	2 (ch, m, z)	regular majors	most	P IS A/M (BA)	A B C E M
Minn TC	4	4 / 0	4 / 0	BS	BS	C	Ag B E ES FS N
Neb Linc	4	4	4		mb	A C ES° J M	Ag B E
Northw	4	4	3			C PS	E J M W*
Ohio St	4	4 / 3	4 / 3			A B° C H M° P	Ag E ES FS W*
Penn St	4	4	4 (cs, m)/3 (pm)	ar ec po py s	most	B C IT A/M (BA)	A Ag E H M
Purdue	4	3 or 4~	2 or 3~			A C Ed	Ag B E FS H N
RU - NB	4 (honors)	4 (honors)	4 (honors)			B (honors)	
Wisc M	4•◊	4 / 3 •	4 / 3 •			B C A/M (BA)	A Ag E ES M N

- allows n years of high school study to fulfill the requirement without test or AP
- ◊ in some sub-fields only † depending on language and option
- \* though not required, LOTE are a significant option in this field, or recommended
- ◊ global and interdisciplinary cultural studies only
- ◊ also allows a combination of 3 + 2 semesters in two languages
- ~ one course can be a non-language world culture course or replaced by a study abroad option

**UNDER H (BA), SB (BA/BS), S (BA/BS)** is the number of semesters of language study corresponding to the required level (irrespective of how many actually taken) in Arts & Sciences areas: Humanities, Social/Behavioral Sciences, and Mathematical/Physical/Life sciences. **SB ex:** S/B Sciences exempt from the requirement. **S ex:** M/Ph/L Sciences exempt from the requirement. **OS r:** other Schools (than Arts & Sciences) subject to the requirement. **OS ex:** other Schools (than Arts & Sciences) exempt from the requirement.

**UNITS OR AREAS MENTIONED:** **A:** Fine Arts; **Ag:** Agricultural Science; **B:** Business; **C:** Communication; **E:** Engineering; **Ed:** Education; **ES:** Environmental Sciences; **FS:** Food Science; **GS:** General Studies (Mich); **H:** Health; **IS:** International Studies; **IT:** Information Science; **J:** Journalism; **M:** Music; **N:** Nursing; **P:** Public Affairs / Policy; **PS:** Professional Studies (Northw); **W:** Social Work.

**DISCIPLINES MENTIONED:** **ar:** archaeology; **ch:** chemistry; **cs:** computer science; **ec:** economics; **h:** history; **m:** math; **mb:** microbiology; **pm:** preMed; **po:** political science; **py:** psychology; **s:** sociology; **z:** zoology.

**NOTE:** not all field distributions between A&S and other Schools being alike, some disciplines or areas of study were moved to different columns for the sake of comparison.

# Language requirements and course enrollments in BTAA / AAU public universities

For all BTAA universities and most of their public peers within the AAU, you will find below:

- the total number of undergraduates enrolled (in the Fall semester of 2016);
- the Fall 2016 numbers of undergraduates enrolled in **Arts and Sciences** (or equivalent divisions, at times split into several areas) and in two professional schools, **Business** and **Engineering** (often the largest ones beside Medicine);
- the basics of the **admission** and **graduation** requirements in languages other than English (LOTE), typically set as a number (for admission) of **years of high school study** and (for graduation) of **semesters of college-level study**, or their equivalent established via testing or other means (clearing the requirement usually counts as one of the ways to fulfill it). For graduation, the **2-semester** proficiency bar demands the completion of the Elementary sequence or equivalent; the **4-semester** bar demands that of the Intermediate sequence or equivalent. Such requirements mostly concern Arts and Sciences divisions (or parts thereof). Professional schools are often exempt: an asterisk (\*) indicates when that is not the case for one of the two kinds considered here (usually Business: Engineering is almost never subject to a language requirement; but Journalism, Communication, Fine Arts, Public Policy, Nursing, Social Work can be).
- the Fall 2013 undergraduate **course enrollments** (= anyone enrolled in two courses is counted twice), all levels included, in a selection of **22 languages** (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Ancient Greek, Modern Greek, Modern and Biblical Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Sanskrit, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese), as per the last updating of the MLA database ([https://apps.mla.org/flsurvey\\_search](https://apps.mla.org/flsurvey_search)). **7 of those** (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish) are listed first for convenience. While the entire list includes a number of languages that have small enrollments but are represented in many institutions, it leaves out those only present, however significantly, in just a few (e.g. Filipino at UC schools, Haitian Creole at Florida, Norwegian at Minnesota or Wisconsin, Twi at Rutgers).

The marriage between **2016 headcounts** and **2013 course enrollments** (whose numbers **have certainly changed since**, with some languages added or removed as well) is one of convenience, based on the most readily available data. Still, this composite picture gives a basic sense of proportion and facilitates comparisons.

## ***BTAA institutions***

### **Illinois – Urbana-Champaign**

33,467 LAS: 11,683 Bus\*: 3,102 Eng\*: 7,564

2 yrs (4 rec) 4-sem (all B degrees)

Ar: 117 Ch: 172 Fr: 607 Ger: 350 It: 292 Jap: 147 Sp: 1,927

MGr: 23 Heb: 22 Hin: 24 Kor: 115 Lat: 61 Pers: 16 Pol: 34 Port: 86 Rus: 86 Sw: 65 Turk: 6

### **Indiana – Bloomington**

39,184 CAS: 10,000+ Bus: 6,239

2 yrs 4- / 3-sem (BA / BS)

Ar: 135 Ch: 290 Fr: 1,188 Ger: 578 It: 502 Jap: 353 Sp: 4,492

Gr: 15 MGr: 33 Heb: 90 Hin: 24 Kor: 112 Lat: 137 Pers: 28 Pol: 24 Port: 96 Rus: 137 San: 2

Sw: 79 Turk: 16 Urd: 4

### **Iowa**

24,476 CLAS: 16,494 Bus\*: 2,773 Eng: 2,165

2 yrs 4-sem (BA, BS)

Ch: 148 Fr: 504 Ger: 403 It: 310 Jap: 225 Sp: 2,320

Gr: 38 Hin: 5 Kor: 85 Lat: 131 Port: 76 Rus: 104 Sp: 2,380 Sw: 128

### **Maryland – College Park**

28,472 A&H: 3,100 SS: 5,000+ MNS: 4,912 Bus: 4,500 Eng: ≈ 4,116

2 yrs 4- / 2-sem (A&H only)

Ar: 237 Ch: 294 Fr: 433 Ger: 169 It: 186 Jap: 165 Sp: 1,251

Gr: 19 MGr: 39 Heb: 74 Kor: 60 Lat: 31 Pers: 97 Port: 50 Rus: 164 Turk: 23 Urd: 20

### **Michigan – Ann Arbor**

28,983 LSA: 17,216 Bus\*: ≈ 2,500 Eng: 6,556

2 yrs (4 rec) 4-sem (BA, BS)

Ar: 197 Ch: 370 Fr: 1,260 Ger: 860 It: 390 Jap: 375 Sp: 3,238

Gr: 43 MGr: 28 Heb: 155 Hin: 74 Kor: 104 Lat: 250 Pers: 19 Pol: 34 Port: 55 Rus: 102 San: 5

Sw: 33 Turk: 19 Urd: 44 Viet: 17

### **Michigan State**

39,090 CAL: 1,461 SS: 5,288 NS: 4,839 Bus: 6,224 Eng: 5,679

None 4- / 2-sem (CAL / a few Sc)

Ar: 167 Ch: 292 Fr: 559 Ger: 442 It: 157 Jap: 400 Sp: 1,968

Heb: 77 Hin: 23 Kor: 72 Lat: 47 Pers: 13 Pol: 2 Port: 84 Rus: 172 Sw: 39 Turk: 10 Viet: 2

### **Minnesota – Twin Cities**

30,975 LA: 13,698 Sc & Eng: 5,424 Biol Sc: 2,212 Bus: 2,600

2 yrs 4-sem (BA only)

Ar: 221 Ch: 429 Fr: 1,402 Ger: 1,178 It: 467 Jap: 393 Sp: 3,840

Gr: 61 Heb: 109 Kor: 205 Lat: 256 Pol: 14 Port: 118 Rus: 209 Sp: 3,901 Sw: 36

### Nebraska – Lincoln

20,833 CAS: 4,202 Bus: 3,710 Eng: 3,066

2 yrs 4-sem (BA, BS)

Ar: 48 Ch: 45 Fr: 345 Ger: 220 Jap: 169 Sp: 1,639

Gr: 26 Heb: 7 Lat: 102 Rus: 64

### Northwestern

8,353 CAS: 3,985 Eng: 2,365

2 yrs rec 4- / 3-sem (BA / BS)

Ar: 125 Ch: 284 Fr: 591 Ger: 206 It: 177 Jap: 64 Sp: 942

Gr: 13 Heb: 30 Hin: 25 Kor: 55 Lat: 47 Pol: 40 Port: 35 Rus: 91 Sw: 70 Turk: 12

### Ohio State – Columbus

45,831 CAS: 16,387 Bus\*: 7,088 Eng: 10,322

2 yrs (3 rec) 4- / 3-sem (BA / BS)

Ar: 251 Ch: 500 Fr: 1,076 Ger: 762 It: 451 Jap: 401 Sp: 3,484

Gr: 36 MGr: 78 Heb: 78 Hin: 36 Kor: 247 Lat: 269 Pers: 40 Pol: 19 Port: 124 Rus: 206 San: 15  
Sw: 138 Turk: 22

### Penn State – University Park

41,359 CLA: 4,774 CS: 3,566 Bus\*: ~4,000 Eng: 8,166

2 yrs 4-sem (Hum, a few Soc Sc, a few Sc)

Ar: 202 Ch: 312 Fr: 935 Ger: 561 It: 636 Jap: 213 Sp: 4,070

Gr: 19 Heb: 32 Hin: 24 Kor: 105 Lat: 72 Port: 33 Rus: 131 Sw: 11

### Purdue

30,043 CLA: 1,800 CS: 3,905 HHS: 3,304 Bus: 1,800 Eng: 8,712

2 yrs 4- / 3- / 2-sem (BA / BS)

Ar: 65 Ch: 278 Fr: 521 Ger: 438 It: 215 Jap: 469 Sp: 2,180

Gr: 11 Heb: 25 Lat: 67 Port: 60 Rus: 133

### Rutgers – New Brunswick

36,168 SAS: 20,481 Bus\*: 3,825 (Honors SAS / RBS: 1,631) Eng: 3,861

2 yrs 4-sem (Honors only)

Ar: 179 Ch: 404 Fr: 708 Ger: 200 It: 454 Jap: 294 Sp: 1,020

Gr: 18 MGr: 13 Heb: 40 Hin: 42 Kor: 182 Lat: 63 Pers: 17 Port: 100 Rus: 128 San: 4 Sw: 5  
Turk: 29

### Wisconsin – Madison

29,536 CLS: 15,015 Bus\*: 2,594 Eng: 5,000

2 yrs, 3-4 rec 4- or 3-sem (BA / BS)

Ar: 122 Ch: 347 Fr: 851 Ger: 739 It: 499 Jap: 410 Sp: 3,632

Gr: 38 Heb: 73 Hin: 52 Kor: 128 Lat: 138 Pers: 20 Pol: 31 Port: 165 Rus: 253 San: 7 Sw: 48  
Turk: 15 Urd: 8 Viet: 13

## **AAU public institutions (other than BTAA)**

### **Arizona**

33,732 CLAS: 13,252 Bus\*: 5,500 Eng: 2,264

2 yrs 4- / 2-sem (BA / all other B except Eng)

Ar: 162 Ch: 378 Fr: 939 Ger: 412 It: 790 Jap: 635 Sp: 4,918

Heb: 88 Hin: 76 Kor: 118 Lat: 205 Pers: 43 Pol: 12 Port: 277 Rus: 160 Sw: 17 Turk: 19 Viet: 33

### **California – Berkeley**

29,310 L&S: 19,734 CChem: 550 Bus\*: 700 Eng: 3,272

2 yrs 2-sem (BA, Chem BS) / 4-sem (various Hum & Soc Sc)

Ar: 188 Ch: 541 Fr: 774 Ger: 354 It: 177 Jap: 514 Sp: 1,066

Gr: 36 MGr: 14 Heb: 44 Hin: 62 Kor: 362 Lat: 86 Pers: 67 Pol: 11 Port: 228 Rus: 77 San: 29 Sw:

52 Urd: 25 Turk: 11 Viet: 110

### **California – Los Angeles**

29,585 CLS: 24,000 Eng: 3,480

2 yrs (3 rec) 3-sem (CLS BA)

Ar: 145 Ch: 343 Fr: 661 Ger: 247 It: 267 Jap: 376 Sp: 1,239

Gr: 32 Heb: 46 Kor: 367 Lat: 102 Pers: 89 Pol: 11 Port: 63 Rus: 172 Sw: 14 Turk: 16 Viet: 153

### **Colorado – Boulder**

26,433 CAS: 16,018 Bus\*: 3,356 Eng: 4,546

3 yrs 3-sem (BA, Bus BS)

Ar: 133 Ch: 190 Fr: 680 Ger: 751 It: 493 Jap: 402 Sp: 1,680

Gr: 28 Heb: 143 Kor: 55 Lat: 117 Pers: 29 Port: 77 Rus: 133

### **Florida**

35,043 CLAS: 13,190 Bus\*: ≈4,000 Eng: 9,832

2 yrs 3-sem / 2-sem option for beginners (BA, BS; option in Bus)

Ar: 129 Ch: 277 Fr: 481 Ger: 184 It: 209 Jap: 262 Sp: 1,404

Heb: 83 Lat: 174 Pol: 5 Port: 91 Rus: 122 Turk: 5 Viet: 6

### **Kansas**

18,734 CLAS: ≈11,000 Bus\*: ≈1500 Eng: 2,500

Rec 4- / 3-sem (BA); option in Bus

Ar: 63 Ch: 117 Fr: 514 Ger: 287 It: 207 Jap: 156 Sp: 1,247

Gr: 22 Heb: 34 Hin: 22 Kor: 60 Lat: 78 Pers: 17 Pol: 8 Port: 30 Rus: 66 Sw: 28 Turk: 6

### **Missouri – Columbia**

25,627 CAS: ≈9,000 Bus: 3,800 Eng: 3,220

2 yrs 4-sem (BA)

Ar: 27 Ch: 121 Fr: 616 Ger: 617 It: 111 Jap: 146 Sp: 2,452

Gr: 23 Heb: 2 Kor: 64 Lat: 114 Port: 32 Rus: 216 San: 8

### North Carolina – Chapel Hill

18,523 CAS: 16,000+ Bus\*: 360

2 yrs 4-sem (BA, BS)

Ar: 200 Ch: 352 Fr: 724 Ger: 344 It: 444 Jap: 217 Sp: 3,341

Gr: 50 Kor: 99 Lat: 175 Pers: 24 Pol: 7 Port: 385 Rus: 95 San: 8 Sw: 124 Turk: 2

### Oregon

20,067 CAS: 13,250 Bus: 3,782

2 yrs 3-sem (BA)

Ar: 233 Ch: 383 Fr: 1,307 Ger: 514 It: 608 Jap: 655 Sp: 4,138

Gr: 37 Heb: 26 Kor: 186 Lat: 100 Pers: 10 Port: 88 Rus: 198 Sw: 40 Turk: 6

### Pittsburgh

18,908 SAS: 10,000+ Bus\*: 2,000 Eng: 2,798

3 yrs 2-sem (BA, BS)

Ar: 10 Ch: 180 Fr: 588 Ger: 303 It: 210 Jap: 192 Sp: 1,166

Gr: 15 MGr: 19 Hin: 34 Kor: 80 Lat: 58 Pers: 19 Pol: 19 Port: 114 Rus: 95 San: 4 Sw: 14  
Turk: 16 Viet: 10

### SUNY – Stony Brook

17,026 CAS: ? Bus\*: ? Eng: 3,800

2 yrs (3 rec) 2-sem (BA, BS)

Ch: 198 Fr: 369 Ger: 143 It: 488 Jap: 159 Sp: 1,441

MGr: 24 Hin: 15 Kor: 144 Lat: 46 Port: 10 Rus: 29

### Texas – Austin

39,619 CLA: 9,582 CNS: 10,381 Bus\*: 4,510 Eng: 5,908

2 yrs 4- / 2-sem (BA / most BS)

Ar: 227 Ch: 327 Fr: 895 Ger: 411 It: 266 Jap: 332 Sp: 2,041

Gr: 51 Heb: 36 Hin: 144 Kor: 119 Lat: 214 Pers: 47 Pol: 8 Port: 140 Rus: 142 San: 14 Turk: 16 Urd: 53

### Virginia

15,891 CAS: 10,905 Bus\*: 690 Eng: 2,600

2 yrs 4-sem (BA, BS)

Ar: 223 Ch: 262 Fr: 915 Ger: 296 It: 271 Jap: 130 Sp: 1,817

Gr: 58 Heb: 50 Hin: 53 Kor: 89 Lat: 223 Pers: 38 Pol: 21 Port: 37 Rus: 119 San: 12 Urd: 10

### Washington

31,418 CAS: 18,900 Bus: ≈2,000 Eng: 5,582

2 yrs 3-sem (BA, BS)

Ar: 88 Ch: 296 Fr: 587 Ger: 333 It: 250 Jap: 565 Sp: 813

Gr: 44 MGr: 11 Heb: 23 Hin: 41 Kor: 228 Lat: 90 Pers: 48 Pol: 4 Port: 47 Rus: 229 San: 19  
Sw: 43 Turk: 37 Urd: 16 Viet: 58

*Not included in this review of AAU publics are: Georgia Tech, Iowa State, SUNY – Buffalo, Texas A & M, and UC Davis, Irvine, San Diego, and Santa Barbara; all of which (or at least their A&S, and for BAs at least) have a language degree requirement, except GIT. ISU, TAMU, and UB mandate 2-sem proficiency, UCI, UCD, and UCSB 3-sem, UCSD 4-sem.*