

University Certificate in  
French Language Proficiency

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(three-or-four year degree)

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#### **Yes, you can learn another language through distance education.**

Learning another language opens cultural, educational, business, and scientific opportunities. Because of economic integration and the reach of mass media, Canadians have the opportunity to interact daily with people and institutions all over the world. Through language, we gain access to that culturally diverse world and broaden our perceptions and understanding of it.

Athabasca University uses an integrated approach to language learning: as a student, you will develop oral, reading and writing skills simultaneously, in addition to learning about the cultures of various French, German and Spanish speaking countries.

The courses and programs will be of interest to you if you

- \* have a love of language and want to learn other languages
- \* want to improve existing language skills and knowledge
- \* work in government or international trade
- \* are an educator and want to maintain or upgrade your language skills
- \* are an education student and wish to become a language teacher
- \* are an international MBA student whose program includes a language requirement
- \* are a visiting student from another institution
- \* wish to prepare to take senior literature or culture courses in Spanish, German or French

AU stands out as a distance education provider of modern language courses through the high calibre of its faculty and tutors and the provision of one-one-one tutoring.

## Programs, Admissions and Course Delivery



### → University Certificate in French Language Proficiency

This program will provide you with functional competence in oral and written French. It includes six required courses (24 credits) and two electives (six credits), selected from a prescribed list.

Courses completed in the certificate program can be applied toward AU's BA in French (three or four-year program).

### → Bachelor of Arts in French (three- or four-year degree)

In addition to acquiring competency in oral and written French, you will gain an awareness of the linguistic and cultural differences between French and English and study important literary periods and genres.

### → German Courses

In addition to German for Reading Knowledge I, AU offers two introductory and two intermediate courses that will provide you with speaking, listening, writing, reading and comprehension skills within the cultural context of Europe today.

You will also have an opportunity to attend a German-Canadian Summer School in Germany to enhance your German language abilities.

### → Spanish Courses

AU offers two beginner and two second-year courses. The focus is on developing speaking, listening, and writing skills while learning about the diverse cultural contexts in which Spanish is spoken, with an emphasis on the cultural differences among Spain, Central America and South America.

## Admission Requirements

Beginning-level language courses are open to adults aged 16 or older, regardless of previous educational background or achievement. Upper level language courses have prerequisites.

All BA program students must meet an English writing skills requirement, in one of the following ways:

- \* successfully complete AU's English 255
- \* earn a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in another AU English course above the 100 level

- \* receive transfer credit for an English course above the 100 level (with a grade of B- or better) from another institution
- \* pass the Alberta Universities Writing Competence Test

## Course Delivery

AU's language courses are delivered entirely through distance education. We have developed a comprehensive, multi-faceted, multimedia approach to facilitating language acquisition. In addition to textbooks and workbooks, you will work with online or televised resources, such as the Spanish telenovela, to make language learning fun and interesting. DVDs, CDs and online discussion boards or asynchronous, voice-enabled chat rooms, will provide you with further opportunities for hearing, writing and speaking another language. Most importantly, an AU tutor will be only an email message or phone call away to answer your questions, to assist you as you practice your new found language skills and to provide assistance with assignments and exam preparation.

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**What Students Say about  
Language Studies at AU**

Learning French has opened up many doors for my wife and me, socially, intellectually and culturally. Just three years after making the decision to learn French, we have a network of francophone friends, and we are active members of the francophone community.

– *Glen Power (AU French student)*

My tutor was communicative, professional and fun to learn with. His positive approach to learning reinforced the course work, and he was always available for questions. Overall, it was an excellent experience.

– *Nicky Todd (AU German student)*

I loved the approach used to teach Spanish. I was learning to understand, speak, read and write Spanish all at the same time, which was something I didn't expect. And I liked the variety of learning materials and activities provided, especially being able to watch the weekly Telenovela series online.

– *Sandra Davis (AU Spanish student)*

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