

Linguistics and philology courses for international students

at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University

We offer a wide range of linguistics and philology courses in different languages, divided across many different institutes. The links listed below reflect an overview of the courses offered each year in linguistics and in various languages – please note that there tends to be some fluctuation in the course offerings from year to year, so not all of the courses visible now will necessarily be available next year (and certain courses, like diploma seminars, may not be appropriate for exchange students).

Linguistics courses taught in English:

Linguistics courses are offered every year in English by our [Institute of General Linguistics](#), our [Institute of Phonetics](#), and our [Institute of Czech Language and Theory of Communication](#). The [Institute of Comparative Linguistics](#) offers the unique opportunity to study various historical Indo-European languages.

Czech courses:

The Faculty of Arts offers Czech courses at the beginner and pre-intermediate level through the [Czech for Beginners](#) program, designed specifically for international exchange students.

Intermediate and advanced Czech is taught at the [Institute of Czech Studies](#), which has a wide array of courses at different levels for both exchange students and degree students.

Students with prior knowledge of Czech must sit a placement test before registering for Czech courses.

Philology and linguistics courses in various target languages:

Next to each language below, the minimum starting level required for courses taught in the target language (or without use of Czech) is listed. The courses linked below represent what is generally available in the relevant departments for reference, however please note that not all courses at each link are necessarily suited for international students. Students who can study in Czech will have access to other languages which do not appear on this list (Korean, for instance).

German (level B1 required): Courses in literature, culture, and language at the [Institute of Germanic Studies](#)

French (level B2 required): Courses in literature, culture, and language at the [Institute of Romance Studies](#)

Spanish (upper level B2 required): Courses in literature, culture, and language at the [Institute of Romance Studies](#). There are also courses offered in Spanish at our [Centre for Ibero-American Studies](#).

Italian (level B1 required): Courses in literature, culture, and language at the [Institute of Romance Studies](#)

Serbian (starting at level B1, lower level courses may be available based on agreement with the department): Language courses at the [Department of South Slavonic and Balkan Studies](#). Please note that not all levels will be taught every semester.

Croatian (starting at level B1, lower level courses may be available based on agreement with the department): Language courses at the [Department of South Slavonic and Balkan Studies](#). Please note that not all levels will be taught every semester.

Slovenian (starting at level B1, lower level courses may be available based on agreement with the department): Language (and sometimes culture) courses at the [Department of South Slavonic and Balkan Studies](#). Please note that not all levels will be taught every semester.

Romanian (starting at level B1, lower level courses may be available based on agreement with the department): Language courses at the [Department of South Slavonic and Balkan Studies](#). Please note that not all levels will be taught every semester.

Bulgarian (starting at level B1, lower level courses may be available based on agreement with the department): Language courses at the [Department of South Slavonic and Balkan Studies](#). Please note that not all levels will be taught every semester.

Albanian (starting at level B1, lower level courses may be available based on agreement with the department): Language courses at the [Department of South Slavonic and Balkan Studies](#). Please note that not all levels will be taught every semester.

Russian (level A2 required): Language and culture courses at the [Institute of East European Studies](#)

Ukrainian (level A2 required): Language courses at the [Institute of East European Studies](#)

Latvian (level A2 required): Language courses at the [Institute of East European Studies](#), contact department for further details.

Swedish (level B2 required, C1 at MA level): Language and some literature courses at the [Institute of Germanic studies](#)

Danish (level B2 required, C1 at MA level): Language and some literature courses at the [Institute of Germanic Studies](#)

Norwegian (level B2 required, C1 at MA level): Language and some literature courses at the [Institute of Germanic Studies](#)

Dutch (level B2 required, C1 at MA level): Language and some literature courses at the [Institute of Germanic Studies](#)

Finnish (for beginners): The Institute of Germanic Studies, Finnish studies program offers an [Open course for beginners](#) in winter semester, and a [follow-up course](#) in summer semester which requires A1 in Finnish (or completion of the winter semester course). Students with higher-level Finnish may be able to join higher-level courses upon consultation with the [department](#).

Latin (for beginners and intermediate): Language courses at the [Institute of Greek and Latin Studies](#)

Japanese (starting at level N3): Language courses at the [Institute of Asian Studies](#)

Vietnamese (for beginners): The Institute of Asian Studies offers introductory Vietnamese [language](#) and [phonetics](#) courses taught in English.

Bengali (for beginners): The Institute of Asian Studies, Indian studies program offers an Open course for beginners in winter semester, and a follow-up course in summer semester, both one class (90 minutes) a week.

Catalan (level A2 required): Language courses at the [Institute of Romance Studies](#) (the Catalan I course and translation course require knowledge of Czech and therefore are not suitable for non-Czech speakers, other courses require A2 in Catalan)

Basque (language, history, and culture) and **Galician** (language) are sometimes offered at an introductory level by the Institute of Romance Studies, with the language of instruction being either English or Spanish (not available every semester).

Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, and Turkish (level B2 required) are sometimes available based on individual agreement with the Department of Middle Eastern Studies.

For basic study of various languages (not intended only for linguists or philologists), there are courses in [English](#), [German](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), and [Spanish](#) at our Language Centre starting at the A2/B1 level. It is not recommended that students choose a large number of courses at the Language Centre for capacity reasons.

Please note:

This agreement is not suitable for students of English philology, as our English Literature and Language departments only accept students coming through agreements with those departments directly.