

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

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1. For Undergraduate Programs Taught in French

• French

Since French is the main language of instruction at USJ, the candidate must have been placed in category “A” at the French Placement Test (TALF). However, a candidate placed in category “B” on this test is allowed to provisionally register in certain institutions¹. As soon as they register and during the first year of their studies, they take compulsory remedial French courses which replace a 4-credit free elective course. These courses are offered by the USJ Faculty of Languages and Translation in three successive sessions during the first and second semesters, and during the summer term. An “A” level test is administered at the end of each session. A student who passes the test validates the four credits; their registration becomes final and they can pursue their studies. Students who do not pass the first session may register for the second session; if they fail the second session, they may register for the summer session. Students who do not pass the test after the three sessions will not be able to renew their registration. Institutions may, in their “Specific Provisions” of the Internal Regulations of Study, extend the “A” level requirement to all first-time registrations for graduate programs.

The candidate who has achieved levels B2, C1, or C2 on the DELF or DALF, as well as the one who has obtained at least a score of 10/20 on the French written and oral examinations of the French baccalaureate in their second secondary class, will be exempted from the TALF. In such cases, they must send a copy of their DELF, DALF, or the grades of their French Baccalaureate French examinations to the Admissions Directorate.

• English

Not only is English a graduation requirement, but it has also become a language of instruction as the University currently offers various courses and programs taught entirely in English. For programs taught in French, in order to obtain their Bachelor, students who have been placed in level “A” on the English Placement Test (TALA) or who have passed levels “E”, “D”, “C” or “B” and reached level “A” must pass the corresponding level “A” course. Students are exempt from the TALA if they have taken the TOEFL or IELTS within two years prior to their enrollment at USJ and obtained a score of 80 or above on the TOEFL (internet-based) or 548 or above (paper-based), or a score of 6.5 or above on the IELTS.

• Arabic

In the Bachelor program, students must validate two credits of Arabic language or culture courses from amongst the open elective courses, and at least two credits of Arabic language courses. Exemptions from Arabic language courses may be granted by the USJ Equivalence Commission.

2. For Undergraduate Programs Taught in English

• English

Since English is the main language of instruction for these programs, the candidate must be ranked at least in category “B” on the English Placement Test (TALA), or have obtained a TOEFL score equivalent to 80 or above (internet-based) or 548 or above (paper-based), or an IELTS score of 6.5 for any enrollment in these programs.

• Arabic

In the Bachelor program, students must validate two credits of Arabic language or culture courses from amongst the open elective courses, and at least two credits of Arabic language courses. Exemptions from Arabic language courses may be granted by the USJ Equivalence Commission.

¹ Except for the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Dental Medicine, the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Faculty of Law and Political Science, and the School of Translators and Interpreters of Beirut.