# Program delivery

Students have a two-hour session of on-site instruction after school hours each week during teaching weeks and two additional hours of programmed off-site work per week, supported by resources on <a href="https://www.languages.org.au">www.languages.org.au</a> and class pages on Google Classroom.

**Our calendar of events**, including information evenings, registration evenings, assessment tasks and our end of year ceremony is on the events page of CAL website. **News updates** are published regularly on the News page on CAL website.



Our program of learning for each course comprises a semester unit outline, a term-by-term overview and a weekly module that outlines the week's learning goals, learning resources, activities to do on-site and activities to do off-site. For more details, see our resources website.

The Canberra Academy of Languages maintains regular communication with students' families and with their schools.





# A specialist facility for Canberra

The Canberra Academy of Languages is a not-forprofit specialist education provider for language learning in the Canberra region, with a focus on global engagement and local connections.

We aim to enhance the role of Canberra as the national capital and as a major regional city, by:

- promoting capacity of students to participate effectively in the global community
- creating learning avenues that reflect the presence of groups in the Canberra region.

In pursuing these goals, The Canberra Academy of Languages complements other avenues for language learning in the ACT.

# **Contact information**

#### **Canberra Academy of Languages Incorporated**

Registered as a Specialist Education Provider with the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies

Main website: <a href="https://cal.act.edu.au">https://cal.act.edu.au</a>

Resources website: <a href="https://languages.org.au">https://languages.org.au</a>
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# Upcoming/recent events

The CAL Registration Evening will be held on Thursday 4 December 2021. For more details, please visit CAL website.



# Expanding opportunities for language learning in the Canberra region

A specialist education provider preparing senior secondary students as local and global citizens



CAL, February 2021

## **Purpose**

The Canberra Academy of Languages delivers languages programs for ACT Year 11-12 students.

#### **Values**

We value excellence, equity and a civil society. For more details about our rationale and values, see our Charter via the link from the home page, <a href="https://cal.act.edu.au">https://cal.act.edu.au</a>, on CAL website.

## **Target group**

Our programs are for senior secondary students (including early access students) who have a commitment to learning languages.

## Registration

The Canberra Academy of Languages is registered with the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) as a Specialist Education Provider, with effect from 2017 to 2022 inclusive.

#### Venue

French and Tamil classes are at Alliance Française, 66 McCaughey St, Turner, on Wednesday and Friday evenings respectively in 2021. Spanish venue is at Latin-American Cultural Centre, 28 Astrolabe Street, Red Hill. Japanese and German classes will be at Ainslie School, 33 Donaldson Street, Braddon, on Thursdays.



Times for face-to-face classes are from 5 pm to 7 pm.

# Why learn languages

Learning languages provides intellectual, social and functional benefits:

## Intellectual benefits

- Improved thinking skills
- Better understanding of how languages work, including English
- Improved ability to learn more languages
- Direct access to literature and other expressions of other cultures
- Broader perspectives from which to understand and interpret the world

## **Social benefits**

- Ability to interact more effectively in a wide range of situations
- More capacity for intercultural understanding
- Greater understanding of diversity
- Insight into one's own identity, values, heritage, and culture
- A richer community culture and enhanced social cohesion

## **Functional benefits**

- Broader employment opportunities, in both local and global contexts
- Greater community capacity in international relations, trade and strategic negotiations.



## Languages offered

## Course accreditation

Language courses are selected from those accredited by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS). Students receive credit towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and will receive credit towards the ATAR if their languages score is among their best four course scores.

## Courses in previous years

In 2017 and 2018, CAL delivered courses for Year 11 and 12 students in continuing and advanced French. In 2019, we delivered continuing and advanced programs in French and German. In 2020, we had students enrolled in French, German, Spanish and Tamil.

## **Enrolling for 2021**

Places in our programs are open for commencement in 2021 in Continuing and Advanced French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Tamil. Additional programs may be available, depending on uptake.

For reasons outlined on the Programs page on CAL website, we do not currently offer programs in beginning languages.

To enquire about enrolling, please email <a href="mailto:info@cal.act.edu.au">info@cal.act.edu.au</a>, to let us know your contact details and the language you would like to study.

# How courses are identified to run

Classes are run based on four criteria:

- Availability of a BSSS-accredited course
- Sufficient enrolments to fund program costs
- Availability of suitably qualified teachers
- Absence of a comparable centrally delivered ACT program.