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.

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, students sit for the USJ English Placement Test (TALA), regardless of their level of English, after which they are offered remedial English courses. Passing level A is an undergraduate graduation requirement.

• Arabic

Except for those who are officially exempted from Arabic, in the Bachelor program, students are required to complete 6 credits of Arabic, 2 of which corresponding to Arabic Language and Culture courses chosen from open elective courses and at least 4 others corresponding to courses taught in Arabic chosen from their obligatory courses.

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 the level "B" of the USJ English Placement Test (TALA), or have obtained an equivalent TOEFL score (at least 80 internet-based, 548 paper-based), or a score of 6.5 on the IELTS for any enrollment in these programs.

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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.

