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CRITICAL LANGUAGES (Div. I)

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The Critical Languages Program enables students to study important foreign languages relevant to their academic interests but not taught in regular courses at Williams. The program can field a limited number of courses per year*, and it has offered one-year of elementary Hebrew, Hindi, Korean and Swahili thus far. Students work independently with standard language textbooks and audio materials for roughly ten hours per week and attend biweekly group review sessions with tutors who are native speakers. Language faculty from other institutions provide the course syllabus, conduct the exams, and determine the final grades. An organizational meeting for enrolled students is held the first week of each semester.

Interested students must present an application and have it approved before registering for a course. Applications are available during the first two weeks of April and can be obtained from the Coordinator at the Center for Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Hollander 230.

To be eligible for this 200-level Critical Languages course, the student must:

- ◆ have attained sophomore standing or higher;
- ◆ demonstrate proven capability for independent work and previous success in foreign language study;
- ◆ explain how the study of the language integrates with his/her major or other academic interests;
- ◆ present a letter of support from a Williams faculty member;
- ◆ have at least a 3.0 GPA
- ◆ in some cases, take a placement test.

Note that like other elementary language courses, the Critical Languages courses are hyphenated, meaning no credit is given for the first semester until the second semester is successfully completed. Students must normally begin a course in the fall semester. It cannot be taken Pass/Fail. An organizational meeting will be held the first week of each semester.

A consecutive year of intermediate language study will be considered only upon petition of those students completing a full year of elementary study with the Critical Languages Program and as long as a minimum of two students are enrolled to continue their language study.

**A Critical Languages course will be scheduled only if and when at least two students are accepted for study and provided a native tutor and outside examiner have been contracted.*

CRHE 201(F)-202(S) Hebrew

This course is part of the Jewish Studies concentration.

CRHI 201(F)-202(S) Hindi

CRKO 201(F)-202(S) Korean

CRSW 201(F)-202(S) Swahili

All courses adhere to the guidelines of the National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs (NASILP).