

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.

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

*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) Hebrew

Elementary Hebrew.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Fall 2016

LEC Section: 01 Cancelled

CRHE 202(S) Hebrew

Intermediate Hebrew.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Spring 2017

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Jane Canova

CRHE 301(F) Intermediate Hebrew

Intermediate Hebrew.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Fall 2016

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Kit Li

CRHE 302(S) Intermediate Hebrew

Intermediate Hebrew.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Spring 2017

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Kit Li

CRHI 201(F) Hindi

Elementary Hindi.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Fall 2016

LEC Section: 01 Cancelled

CRHI 202(S) Hindi

Elementary Hindi.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Spring 2017

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Jane Canova

CRKO 201(F) Korean

Elementary Korean.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Fall 2016

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Jane Canova

CRKO 202(S) Korean

Elementary Korean.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Spring 2017

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Jane Canova

CRKO 301 Intermediate Korean

Intermediate Korean.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Fall 2016

LEC Section: Cancelled Instructor: Jane Canova

CRKO 302 Intermediate Korean

Intermediate Korean.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Spring 2017

LEC Section: Cancelled Instructor: Jane Canova

CRSW 201(F) Swahili

Elementary Swahili.

Class Format: independent study

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

Division 1

Fall 2016

LEC Section: 01 Cancelled

CRSW 202(S) Swahili

Elementary Swahili.

Class Format: lecture/discussion

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: sophomore or higher standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; application to the Critical Language Department in early April

Dept. Notes: minimum of two students in order to schedule the course

Distributional Requirements:

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Spring 2017

LEC Section: 01 TBA Instructor: Jane Canova