



International Development Program - Language Policy

The BES-INDEV program requires that students *develop or demonstrate* conversational ability in a second language including, but not limited to, official languages spoken in the countries selected for INDEV field placements i.e., French, Spanish, and Vietnamese. (Please refer to the Field Placement Information document for a list of INDEV placement countries and official languages.)

- To meet this program requirement, INDEV majors are required to take INDEV 304 – Language Conversation for Development in 3b (Winter) term.
- Depending on student demand, INDEV 304 may be offered in French, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- INDEV 304 will emphasize developing the students' conversational ability in preparation for field placements in the final year of the program.
- INDEV 304 course planning will take into account the individual preferences and language abilities of INDEV students entering third year.
- Students are required to pre-enroll for INDEV 304 in 2b (Winter) term. Students are encouraged to review their language and field placement options with the INDEV Field Placement and Language Program Coordinator prior to pre-enrollment for INDEV 304.
- The minimum requirement for INDEV 304 - French and INDEV 304 - Spanish is beginner-level conversational ability.
- Students that have acquired beginner-level conversational ability in French or have completed at least one high school level course in French are eligible to take INDEV 304 – French.
- Students that have acquired beginner-level conversational ability in Spanish or have completed at least one high school level course in Spanish are eligible to take INDEV 304 – Spanish.

- Students with no experience in French or Spanish have several options: 1) Opt for INDEV 304 - Vietnamese (no background required); or 2) Complete one introductory French or Spanish language course as an elective prior to taking INDEV 304 - French or INDEV 304 - Spanish in 3b term.
- Students that can demonstrate oral fluency in French, Spanish, or another second language as of 2b (Winter) term may opt for a waiver and substitute an appropriate course for INDEV 304, subject to approval from the INDEV Field Placement and Language Program Coordinator.
- In addition to INDEV 304, the field placement includes in-country local language instruction, which is arranged by the field offices of INDEV's field placement partner, World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Students receive credit for completing local language training, as part of INDEV 401 (field placement part 1).