



No, you do not need to study a second or additional language to meet the GLC requirement. Studying an additional language is a great way to satisfy the requirement, and we encourage you to do so, but there are many other ways to meet the requirement.

**If I am multilingual or bilingual, may I be exempted from the Global Language and Culture requirement?**

No, students who are bilingual or multilingual are not exempted from the GLC requirement. However, you are welcome to take language and culture courses related to the language in which you are fluent.

**Are international students exempt from the Global Language and Culture Requirement?**

No, international students are not exempt from the GLC requirement. While we recognize that international students are gaining international experience by studying in Canada, the GLC is designed to provide all Humanities students with a particular range of skills, experiences, and knowledge that will prepare them for life after graduation. International students who do not wish to travel further to complete their studies may satisfy the GLC requirements through the on-campus option. Please consult with International Student Services for study permits and work authorizations when planning how you will satisfy the GLC requirement.

**The GLC requirement states that students must take courses outside of their primary study area, but the list of eligible courses includes a course that I had to take for my major. Does this course still count for the GLC requirement?**

Yes, a course for your major may be used to satisfy one part of the GLC requirement, but you must still complete 6.0 units outside your area of study to complete your Humanities degree.



I took a course for my primary area of study that is listed as eligible for the GLC. Can I count this course towards both my primary area of study and the GLC?

No, you have to pick which requirement you wish to count the course towards. Please contact the [Academic Advising Centre](#) for guidance.

If I take a course in my primary area of study that is cross-listed with a course that counts toward the GLC, can I use it to satisfy both the GLC and a requirement for my primary area of study?

No, you have to pick which requirement you wish to count the course towards. Please contact the [Academic Advising Centre](#) for guidance.

Can I complete the GLC using transfer credits?

Yes, transfer credits may be used to satisfy the GLC requirement if the course in question is accepted as equivalent to one from the list of eligible courses.

When should I plan to complete the GLC requirement?

We recommend that you begin planning how you will balance your degree requirements with your electives as early as possible – your first year is not too early. Early planning is especially important if you are considering any of the off-campus options available for satisfying the GLC requirement, because they may include a full semester abroad. Please contact the [Academic Advising Centre](#) for guidance.

Can the 6.0 units of coursework outside my primary area of study be at any level (e.g., 300, 400, etc.)?

Yes, the 6.0 units of coursework outside your primary area of study can be at any level.

I have completed a field school that is not on the list of off-campus options for completing the GLC requirement. Can it still be counted towards the GLC requirement?

Only field schools completed at UVic through the Faculty of Humanities are acceptable.

I want to take a field school or experiential course that counts for the off-campus option of the GLC requirement, but the GLC requirement wasn't in effect when I started my degree. Is it possible for me to change from the old degree requirements to the new ones?

Yes, students who registered before May 2020 can complete the new degree requirements. Please contact the [Academic Advising Centre](#) for guidance.

I am an international student. Should I check with International Student Services when planning how to satisfy the GLC requirement?

Yes, we strongly encourage you to consult with International Student Services for study permit and work authorization considerations when planning how you will satisfy the GLC requirement.

I am an international student. If I choose the off-campus option, will it impact my immigration status?

Consult with International Student Services for study permit and work authorization considerations when planning how you will satisfy the GLC requirement.



The off-campus option for satisfying the GLC requirement states that I can receive UVic credit for intensive language or cultural-immersion experience from an international university. Do transfer credits from any subject area count?

Please contact the [Academic Advising Centre](#) for guidance.

I obtained transfer credits through a UVic letter of permission (LOP) and want to count those credits towards the GLC requirement. How do I do this?

Please contact the [Academic Advising Centre](#) for assistance.

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