

ARHA MA Language Requirements

As part of their MA program, ARHA students are expected to develop language skills that will further and support their research. In this light, MA candidates are expected to:

Option 1:

Acquire and demonstrate a reading and general translation comprehension of academic writings in **one or two languages** of their choosing and relevant to their course of study. The language/s will be identified in consultation with the advisor, preferably by the first semester of enrolment. The expected language level is Intermediate. This corresponds to level 2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or B. More specifically, the level may range between B1 Intermediate to B2 Upper Intermediate.

Option 2:

To take a total of **2 advanced level** (this corresponds to level C of the CEFR) **language courses** (in either the same or two different languages) offered at Koç or at summer schools organized by its affiliates or other academic institutions.

Choosing a Language

The language(s) should be relevant to the student's field of research and should be chosen in close consultation with the advisor. The language(s) can be either ancient (Ancient Greek, Latin, Ottoman, Hittite, Luwian etc.) or modern. English, or the student's native language may not be pursued as a language skill. The requirement may be satisfied by learning a new language from scratch or by significantly improving already existing language knowledge. Please note that only advanced graduate (500 coded) language classes may substitute ARHA area electives. Other language courses must be taken as additional credits.

Planning Ahead:

Students should ideally have completed the language requirement, before reaching the thesis-writing stage of the program. As soon as students have agreed with the advisor on the language skills to be acquired and preferably by the beginning of the second semester of active enrolment, they should make sure to contact the language coordinators to inform them of their path.

Demonstrate Reading and General Translation of Languages:

In case students have not taken advanced-level language courses, they will be asked by the language coordinators to demonstrate their reading and general translation abilities over a short (400-600 words) piece of academic writing.

This will be an informal written assessment to be carried out with the support of a dictionary.

Contact Persons:

For any further questions pertaining to language requirements please contact the ARHA language coordinators (2023-2024 academic year), Assoc. Prof. Alessandra Ricci (aricci@ku.edu.tr), for modern and Dr Haris Theodorelis Rigas (crigas@ku.edu.tr) for ancient languages, respectively.

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