

Loyola University Chicago
Department of Theology
Guidelines for Fulfilling Ph.D. Language Requirements

For Ph.D. students specializing in Integrative Studies in Ethics and Theology:

Before you matriculate as a Ph.D. student, you must have a reading proficiency in one of the following modern languages: French, German, Italian or Spanish. By the end of the summer following your second year at Loyola you must have a reading proficiency in one of the other modern languages: French, German, Italian or Spanish. Example: if you know German before you begin your Ph.D. courses, you must learn to read French, Italian or Spanish by the end of the summer following your second year at Loyola. (In some cases the Graduate Program Director may approve the substitution of another language for one of the four listed above, if the area of one's proposed dissertation necessitates this.) For recognized ways by which to verify your reading competency, see the general statement below.

For Ph.D. students specializing in New Testament and Early Christianity:

For classical Greek submit documentation showing that you have either: (1) taken four semesters of classical (Koine or Attic) Greek at Loyola or at another university within five (5) years prior to acceptance into our Ph.D. program and passed each semester with a grade of at least “B” or better; or (2) passed a written examination offered and graded by the Theology Department. Regardless of how students document their reading knowledge of Greek, the New Testament and Early Christianity section will administer to all incoming doctoral students (usually by mid-August) a diagnostic exam of their Koine and/or Attic Greek to be used for advising, not admission purposes.

For Latin submit documentation showing that you have either: (1) taken two semesters of Latin at Loyola (such as Loyola courses #131 and #132) within five years prior to your acceptance into our Ph.D. program; or (2) passed a written examination offered and graded by the Theology Department; or (3) taken two semesters (or their equivalent under a quarter system) of Latin at the undergraduate level at another university within five years prior to your acceptance into our Ph.D. program and received a grade of “B” or better each semester.

For biblical Hebrew, you may prove your reading competence