



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2026-SOC-9308

Title of Change Request: Certificate Major Modification -UG-
INTL Cert Languages Dept

Status of Change Request: In Workflow

Change Request can't be split

CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS

#	Type	Title
1.	New Version of a Degree	Certificate in International Languages

CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Languages Department	Yes	Submitted to workflow	06/25/2026, 11:36 AM
Submission Review (Manager of Curriculum Development)	Relegated	Submission Review	No	relegating back to fix workflow (Laura)	08/20/2026, 01:37 PM
Initiator	Cancelled	Languages Department	Yes	cancelling to correct workflow (Laura)	08/20/2026, 01:40 PM
Initiator	Approved	Languages Department	Yes	Submitted to workflow	08/20/2026, 01:58 PM
Submission Review (Manager of Curriculum Development)	Approved	Submission Review	No	ok to move forward in workflow	08/20/2026, 01:59 PM
Submission Review (Deputy Provost)	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	Correct workflow	09/18/2026, 09:06 AM
Advisory Panel Review	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	Advisory reviewed.	09/18/2026, 09:06 AM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

None.

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

None.

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DEGREE DETAILS

MODIFY A CERTIFICATE FORM – The following is information that is displayed in the Calendar

Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus

Title of Certificate: Certificate in International Languages

Transcript Title: ~~The certificate will consist of 3 FCEs chosen between any of the following introductory courses: FINN 1000, FREN 0500, GERM 1000, ITAL 1000, MAND 1000, SPAN 1000.~~ Certificate in International Languages

Description of Certificate:

Requirements:

~~ACADEMIC REGULATIONS~~

Regulation

~~In order for a certificate~~ **Certificate to be granted a student must:**

- (a) ~~is recommended to be registered in the certificate prior to the completion of 50% of the course requirements for the course of study~~ completing two FCEs;
 (b) ~~must~~ successfully complete all three FCEs with a minimum overall average of ~~70%~~60%;
 (c) ~~must successfully complete a standard Proficiency Examination upon successful completion take at least two of the three FCEs , and,~~ (d) ~~must take all courses required for the Certificate from Lakehead University. The Certificate cannot be combined with a Minor or a Major in French.~~ third FCE must be taken at Lakehead University.

Requirements

The certificate will consist of 3 FCEs chosen between any of the following introductory courses:

Finnish ~~1000~~0510, Finnish 0511, French 0500, German ~~1000~~0510, German 0511, Italian ~~1000~~, Mandarin ~~1000~~, Spanish ~~1000~~.

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0510, Italian 0511, Japanese 0510, Japanese 0511, Mandarin 0510, Mandarin 0511, Ojibway 1013, Obijway 1015, Ojibway 2001, Ojibway 2002, Ojibway 3001, Ojibway 3002, Spanish 0510, Spanish 0511.

The following is information for Committee Review:

Certificate Code : CERT.INTLLANG

Faculty or Institution

- Unit:**
- Lakehead University
 - Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Department Name: Languages

Calendar Start Term. ~~2018~~2027–1928
**When this change should
 be displayed in the
 Calendar:**

**Calendar End Term. When
 is the last calendar
 year this should be
 displayed?:** No Specified End Date

Academic Level: Undergraduate

Certificate Type:

- Credit Certificate

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of each course, students will reach level A1 of CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference): "Basic User: can understand, use familiar every day expressions; can introduce him/herself and others, answer basic questions, can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly." This A1 level is reached in each language by the introduction to basic written and spoken language through the learning of simple vocabulary and basic grammar concepts.

**Include clear rationale
 for the specific course
 requirements. If
 courses are offered by
 other academic units,
 attach confirmation of
 their support:** Minors in Finnish, Italian and Spanish as well as Certificates in Finnish, Italian and Spanish proficiency has been discontinued due to low students enrolment in second and third year levels. The Department has decided to offer the opportunity for students to complete a Certificate in International Languages by completing 3 FCEs at the introductory level in languages offered in the Department of Languages at Lakehead University. The introductory level will help students to learn the basics of three modern languages which could be very useful in case they decide to study abroad for the summer or during an academic year. Furthermore, upon graduation this certificate could be useful if students find a job in a foreign country whose language is one of those learned. The 3 FCEs is a combination taken among the following courses: Finnish 1000 (Elementary Finnish) A beginner's course in the study of the Finnish language. Oral practice, dictation, essentials of grammar and writing exercises. Credit Weight: 1.00 offering: 3-2; 3-2 Course Classifications: Type A: Humanities French 0500 (French for Beginners) Introduction to written and spoken French. Exercises in pronunciation, aural comprehension, oral skills, elementary composition and translation. Study of selected texts. Credit Weight: 1.00 offering: 3-2; 3-2 Notes: This course is open only to students at the beginner's level. Course Classifications: Type A: Humanities German 1000 (Elementary German) Introduction to German language and culture. Phonetics, basic grammar, reading, translation, conversation, composition. Credit Weight: 1.00 offering: 3-2; 3-2 Course Classifications: Type A: Humanities Italian

1000 (Introductory Italian)An introductory course in speaking, understanding and writing the Italian language in everyday situations. Both oral and written expressions are emphasized in the study of vocabulary, grammar and idiomatic expressions.
Credit Weight: 1.00**Offering:** 3-2; 3-2**Notes:** Students who have previous credit in Italian 1010 and 1030 may not take Italian 1000 for credit.
Course Classifications: Type A: Humanities
Mandarin 1000 (Introductory Mandarin)Introduction to conversational Mandarin Chinese as well as written Chinese in the simplified form. Emphasis will be placed on pronunciation, listening comprehension, and oral expressions, while surveying a variety of topics in Chinese culture and language.
Credit Weight: 1.00**Offering:** 3-2; or 3-2**Notes:** Students who have previous credit in Languages 0500 with the topic title Introductory Mandarin may not take Mandarin 1000 for credit.
Course Classifications: Type A: Humanities
Spanish 1000 (Introductory Spanish)A beginner's course in the study of the Spanish language. Oral practice, dictation, essentials of grammar and writing.
Credit Weight: 1.00**Offering:** 3-2; 3-2**Course Classifications:** Type A: Humanities

Student Enrolment: ~~This program is open to any student from any program except students registered in a Minor or a Major in French.~~none
Indicate who this program is open to and if there are any restrictions:

Is this program offered by other institutions? N/A
If yes, and if possible, include weblinks:

Length of the program (e.g., 3-terms): The length of the program is the same as for any certificates granted at Lakehead University.
Indicate if there is a maximum time and/or sequencing for students to complete this program:

Mode(s) of Delivery.
Select all that apply.: • Lecture

Rationale for Modes of Delivery: To learn how to communicate in the target language.

Location and Rationale (e.g. specify on-campus or off-campus): On-campus

The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration:

Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the

Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?: The proposed changes will not affect student enrolment.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?: Student enrolment in other units will not be affected.

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?: No additional resources required.

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?: Existing teaching loads will not be affected.

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)? : No increase in teaching support services.

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: No outside support required.