

LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE IN HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT CAN IT DO FOR ME?



Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education



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WHY LEARN A SECOND LANGUAGE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

1. Research shows that students learning a second language score higher in other subjects and on standardized tests, including English and Math.
2. Learning languages helps you understand and interact with people of different cultures.
3. You will have a variety of opportunities to study abroad (where university tuition can be cheap or free!), especially if you get the international language credentials for your language, such as the DELF (French), HSK (Chinese), DELE (Spanish), or Sprachdiplom (German).
4. The world is growing more connected every year. Your competency in more than one language could help you get a job abroad, regardless of the career you choose to pursue.
5. Second language competency enhances your opportunities in Canada in areas such as government, business law, medicine and health care, teaching, technology, the military, communications, industry, social services and marketing.
6. Knowing another language makes world travel easier and more accessible. Less than 6% of the world's total population speaks English as a primary language.

No one ever regrets being able to speak another language!

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

"A poll conducted by Harris/Decima shows that bilingual and multilingual Canadians enjoy a greater range of career options, build stronger relationships with colleagues and clients and benefit from accelerated promotions and salary increases compared to their monolingual counterparts."

Canadian Parents for French



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FAQs



Q: If I study a second language in high school will this help me get into post-secondary education?

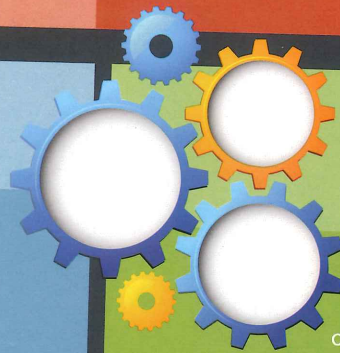
A: Every faculty (with the exception of Engineering) in every Canadian university allows the use of a language to meet admission requirements.

Q: I am not sure what I want to study after high school. Should I take all three sciences to keep all my options open? If I do, I won't have room for a language.

A: There are no undergraduate faculties in any Canadian university which require three sciences for admission.

Q: Are there any post-secondary faculties that require a second language for admission?

A: A growing number of Canadian university faculties have a second language course requirement to complete a program/degree. Most Faculty of Arts programs require students to complete a second language course to graduate.



Q: If I can't use my second language to get into Engineering, why would I keep studying the language?

A: Engineers work around the world and with people from all over the world, even if their jobs are based in Alberta. Being able to speak another language is a value-added quality for engineers and will make you stand out when applying for jobs.



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A: The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program aims to produce a well-rounded student, ready for post-secondary education. It is not necessary to have strengths in all subjects in order to take the full diploma.

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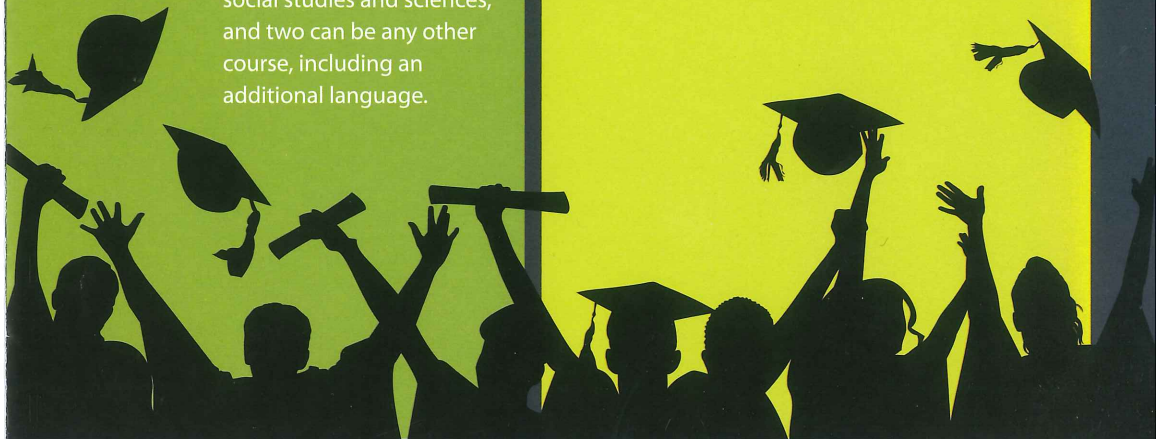
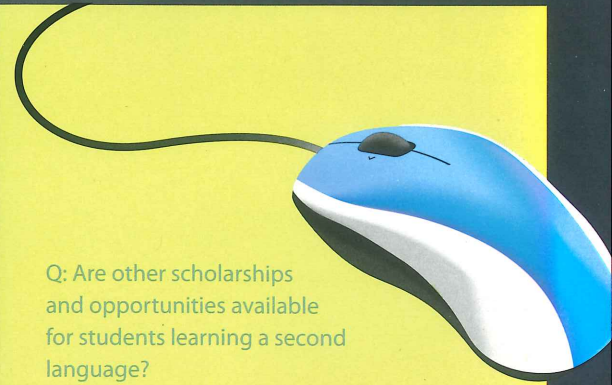
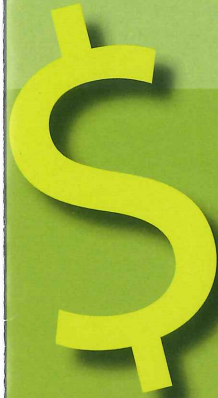
Q: Can language courses be used to calculate the Rutherford Scholarship?

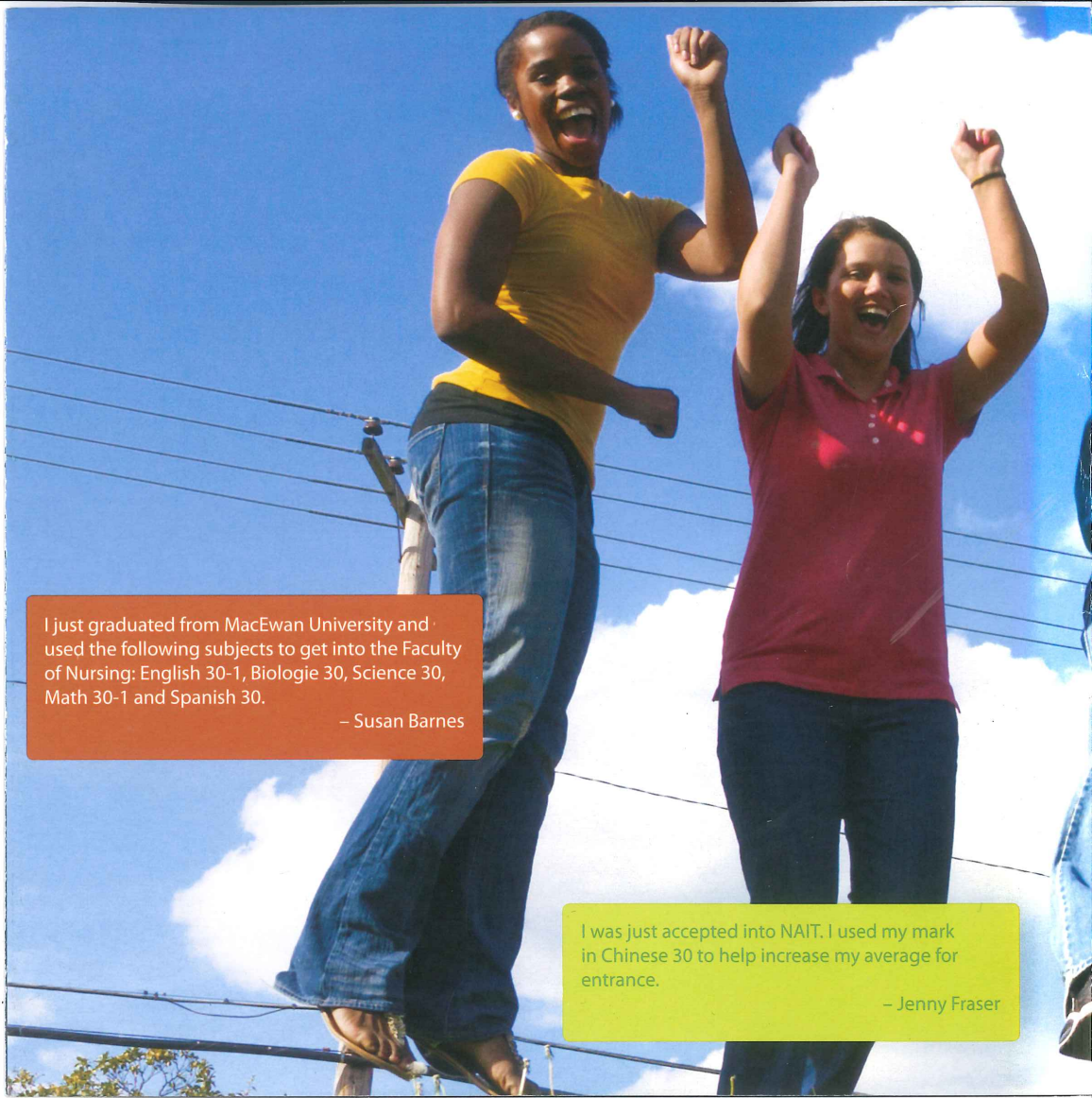
A: Yes! Students can use up to two language courses to qualify for the Rutherford Scholarship. The average is based on five courses, and one must be

English, two must be core subjects, which includes a second language, math, social studies and sciences, and two can be any other course, including an additional language.

Q: Are other scholarships and opportunities available for students learning a second language?

A: Yes!
Visit <http://languages.epsb.ca> to see all that is available for you.



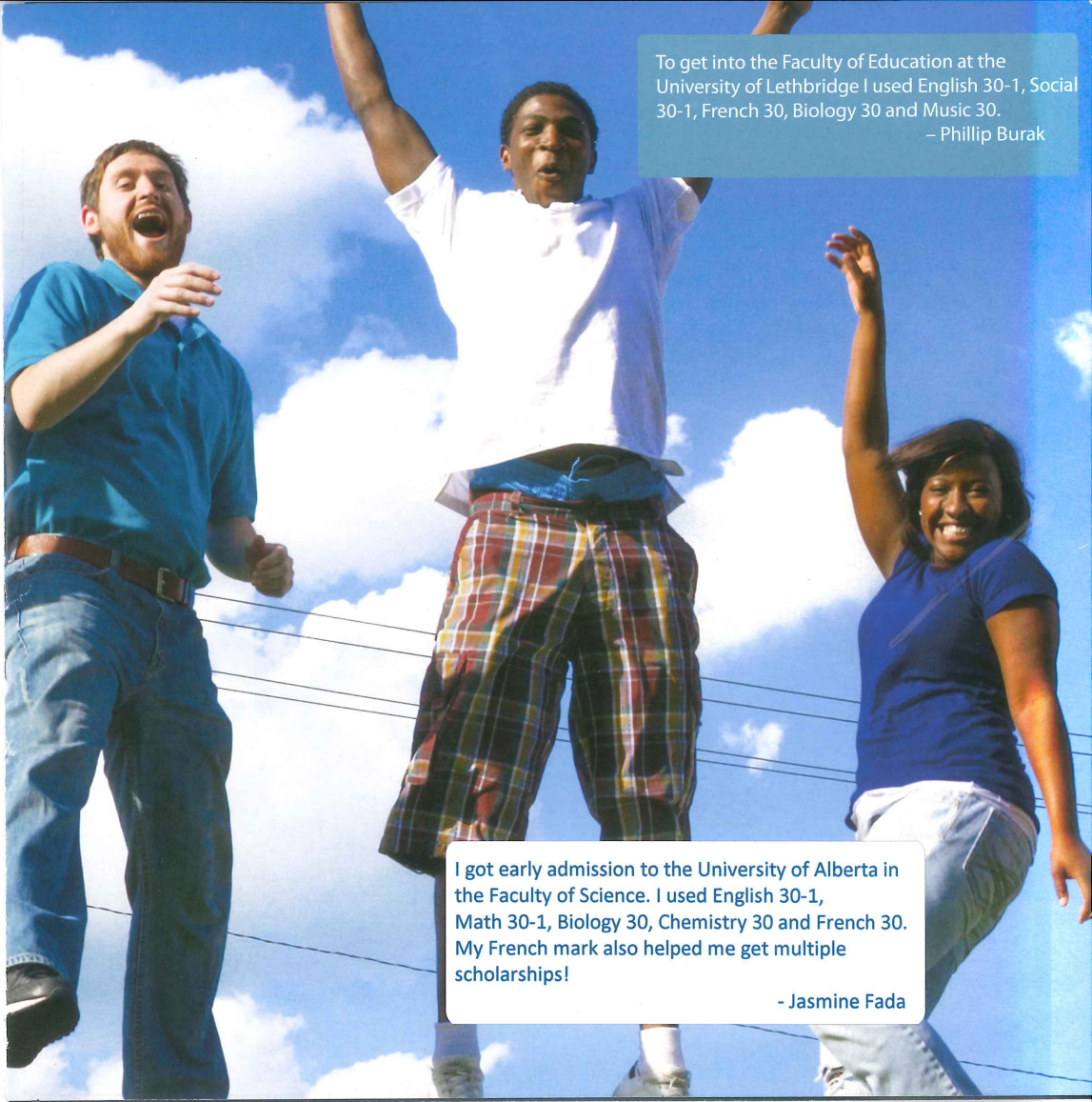


I just graduated from MacEwan University and used the following subjects to get into the Faculty of Nursing: English 30-1, Biologie 30, Science 30, Math 30-1 and Spanish 30.

– Susan Barnes

I was just accepted into NAIT. I used my mark in Chinese 30 to help increase my average for entrance.

– Jenny Fraser



To get into the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge I used English 30-1, Social 30-1, French 30, Biology 30 and Music 30.

- Phillip Burak

I got early admission to the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Science. I used English 30-1, Math 30-1, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and French 30. My French mark also helped me get multiple scholarships!

- Jasmine Fada

I just graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. I used the following four subjects for admission: English 30-1, German 30, Biology 30 and Drama 30.
– Derek Gill

