

Table 1
Fall Language Enrollments and Percentage Change in United States Institutions of Higher Education (Languages in Descending Order of 2016 Totals)

	2006	2009	% Change, 2006–09	2013	% Change, 2009–13	2016	% Change, 2013–16
Spanish	822,148	861,015	4.7	789,888	–8.3	712,240	–9.8
French	206,019	215,244	4.5	197,679	–8.2	175,667	–11.1
American Sign Language	79,744	92,068	15.5	109,567	19.0	107,060	–2.3
German	94,146	95,613	1.6	86,782	–9.2	80,594	–7.1
Japanese	65,410	72,357	10.6	66,771	–7.7	68,810	3.1
Italian	78,176	80,322	2.7	70,982	–11.6	56,743	–20.1
Chinese	51,382	59,876	16.5	61,084	2.0	53,069	–13.1
Arabic ¹	24,010	35,228	46.7	33,526	–4.8	31,554	–5.9
Latin	32,164	32,446	0.9	27,209	–16.1	24,866	–8.6
Russian	24,784	26,740	7.9	21,979	–17.8	20,353	–7.4
Korean	7,146	8,449	18.2	12,256	45.1	13,936	13.7
Greek, Ancient ²	22,842	21,515	–5.8	16,961	–21.2	13,264	–21.8
Portuguese	10,310	11,273	9.3	12,407	10.1	9,827	–20.8
Hebrew, Biblical ³	14,137	13,764	–2.6	12,596	–8.5	9,587	–23.9
Hebrew, Modern	9,620	8,307	–13.6	6,698	–19.4	5,521	–17.6
Other Languages	33,800	39,349	16.4	34,746	–11.7	34,830	0.2
Total	1,575,838	1,673,566	6.2	1,561,131	–6.7	1,417,921	–9.2

Number of institutions reporting in 2016: 2,547

1. Includes enrollments reported under “Arabic,” “Arabic, Algerian,” “Arabic, Classical,” “Arabic, Egyptian,” “Arabic, Gulf,” “Arabic, Iraqi,” “Arabic, Levantine,” “Arabic, Modern Standard,” “Arabic, Moroccan,” “Arabic, Qur’anic,” “Arabic, Sudanese,” and “Arabic, Syrian.”
2. Includes enrollments reported under “Greek, Ancient,” “Greek, Biblical,” “Greek, Koine,” “Greek, New Testament,” and “Greek, Old Testament”; excludes enrollments reported under “Greek,” “Greek and Hebrew,” and “Greek and Latin.”
3. Includes enrollments reported under “Hebrew, Biblical,” “Hebrew, Classical,” and “Hebrew, Rabbinic”; excludes enrollments reported under “Hebrew” and “Hebrew, Biblical and Modern.”