As MIT students pursue an expanding spectrum of international engagements, Global Languages classes and immersive international experiences help prepare them to live and work in the diverse and multilingual context of a globalizing world. Through our curriculum, students develop communicative and intercultural competencies, critical thinking skills, intellectual curiosity, diversity awareness, and cross-cultural understanding.

MIT’s Global Languages program offers a variety of areas of study in international languages, cultures, and intercultural communication. The curriculum consists of subject sequences in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish studies taught in the target language; a subject sequence in Studies in International Literatures and Cultures (SiLC) taught in English; and subjects on the theory of languages taught by Linguistics faculty.

Concentrations are available in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Theory of Language. Students can also fulfill a concentration in Other Languages by taking coursework in Arabic at MIT, or in other languages taken through cross-registration at Harvard or Wellesley. Minors are available in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish; and majors are available in French, German, and Spanish.