



Australian
National
University

GRADUATE
CERTIFICATE

Graduate Certificate of General & Applied Linguistics



CRICOS code: none

UAC code: 830064

Duration: 0.5 Year FT or 1 Year PT

Prerequisites: none



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in Australia

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia
and in the top 20 globally for
8 disciplines across humanities,
arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023

The human capacity for language is at the heart of the study of linguistics. The field encompasses the nature of different languages and the nature of language as a cognitive and social phenomenon. It asks questions such as: *How do we communicate? In what ways are languages different and similar? How do we learn language? What are effective ways of teaching languages? Why does language change over time? What is the relationship between mind and language?*

The Graduate Certificate of General and Applied Linguistics at The Australian National University (ANU) will introduce you to linguistic theory, analysis and associated methodologies and offer

the opportunity to study language as a cognitive, social and historical process.

Students learn to:

- critically examine literature, theories, ideologies and applied practices relevant to diverse linguistic and sociocultural phenomena;
- apply established theoretical frameworks to the identification, description, analysis and explanation of linguistic data and language use;
- synthesise relevant literature and other information sources to form cogent interpretations;

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- recognise research principles and methods used to investigate language-related questions;
- communicate clearly and knowledgeably about language-related topics to academic, professional and general audiences.

Career opportunities

Your Graduate Certificate can lead to a Master's degree or advance your career in language teaching, speech technology, education, translation and interpreting, language testing, speech pathology, audiology, editing, language policy or language documentation.

Knowledge of how language works, how languages are learnt and what language does in society is relevant to a wide range of jobs and professions. Key work-related skills developed in courses in the Graduate Certificate program are: language data collection and linguistic analysis, teaching skills, general research skills and writing skills.

The Graduate Certificate also offers the option of studying a language for people wishing to develop their proficiency in an additional language or even to start learning a new language. Language teachers can customise the program so that it encompasses both practical and theoretical dimensions of their professional development.

Graduates from ANU have been rated as Australia's most employable graduates and among the most sought after by employers worldwide.

In 2021, the Global Employability University Ranking, published by the Times Higher Education, rated ANU as Australia's top university for getting a job for the 12th year in a row.

Pathways

This Graduate Certificate can be completed as a stand alone award, or as a pathway into the Master of General and Applied Linguistics, MGAL.

Program Requirements

The Graduate Certificate of General and Applied Linguistics comprises:

- One or two core courses which develop a general understanding of linguistics and its key concepts and methods
- A selection of more specialized courses from the areas of structural linguistics, language learning, language in society, forensic linguistics, language documentation, language change and language-specific linguistics.
- An option to include the study of one of 20 or more languages, whether you are a beginner or an advanced language user.



Rachel

Graduate Certificate of General & Applied Linguistics

I chose to study the Graduate Certificate of General & Applied Linguistics because ANU is a world-class university, and I've always been fascinated by language. This includes foreign languages, having studied French, Arabic and Turkish, as well as my native language, English. I'm curious about the way we acquire and use language in different contexts and for a variety of purposes, from work to study to just making a joke. I'd always wanted to study linguistics subjects in my undergraduate but didn't have enough electives. The Graduate Certificate was a chance for me to explore this area, without committing to a whole Master's degree.

Cognate disciplines

Applied Linguistics, Audiology, Communication Studies, International Communication Studies, Languages, Language Teaching, Lexicography, Linguistics, Speech Pathology, TESOL from an Australian tertiary institution or its international equivalent, Translating/Interpreting.

Admission requirements

A Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 4/7.

All applicants must meet the University's English Language Admission Requirements for Students.

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