



Australian
National
University

DIPLOMA

Diploma of Languages



UAC code: 082261

Duration: 3-4 years part-time
(in limited cases the program may
be taken full-time, see below)

2024 Selection Rank: 80

Prerequisites: none



1st
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 Diploma of Languages will prepare you for the increasingly multilingual and international life of the 21st century. You will be taken on a language learning journey in which you will explore the written, oral and cultural aspects of your chosen language.

The ANU offers a wide selection of languages for you to study, many of which are not available at other universities in Australia. The principal languages available for the Diploma include Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian, Sanskrit, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese. You can complete the Diploma by doing the equivalent of a major in one language (8 courses), or, for those who have prior learning, by doing an advanced minor (4 courses) in one language as well as either a second minor (4 courses) in another language or four other language-related courses from those listed under the Program Requirements.

You can study the Diploma either alongside a current degree or, if you have a previous degree, as a 'standalone' program.

In most cases, the Diploma will be completed on a part-time basis over 3-4 years. Completion on a full-time basis is also possible in limited cases if students have the required language competency upon commencement.

Diploma of Languages students learn to:

- Communicate proficiently and confidently in the principal language studied;
- Identify the structure and uses of the principal language studied;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the societies and cultures of the principal language studied and its socio-historical context;
- Construct a schema of the connections between the principal language studied and its geographic, social and cultural origins; and
- Recognise the importance of intercultural communication.



Languages at ANU

The Diploma is jointly offered by the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, which combines excellence in research and teaching in linguistics, Modern European, Indigenous, Middle Eastern and Classical languages, and the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, home to well over 100 academics who are dedicated to investigating and learning about the people and languages of the Asia and Pacific region.

ANU boasts state of the art language teaching facilities. The Ethel Tory Centre is a language specific teaching space designed to encourage collaborative learning and will enable you to use technology as a valuable resource in your study. The Centre is exclusively for language students and includes break-out study areas, computer-based interactive studios and a video-conferencing centre.

Career opportunities

This degree will suit you if you are interested in working for organisations or businesses that deal with non-English speaking countries, or a government career focused on foreign affairs and trade, or if you want to work in a non-English speaking country when you graduate. Graduates of the Diploma of Languages may find work in international relations, diplomacy, trade, national security and strategy, translation, language teaching, tourism, development and many other fields.

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

In 2023-2024, the Global Employability University Ranking, published by the Times Higher Education, rated ANU as Australia's top university for getting a job for the 14th year in a row.

Admission requirements

At a minimum, all applicants must meet program-specific academic/non-academic requirements, and English language requirements. Admission to most ANU programs is on a competitive basis. Therefore, meeting all admission requirements does not automatically guarantee entry.

In line with the university's admissions policy and strategic plan, an assessment for admission may include competitively ranking applicants on the basis of specific academic achievement, English language proficiency and diversity factors.

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