



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Languages



CRICOS code: 073988B

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2026 Selection Rank: 80



Ranked

#1

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia and in the top 30 globally for 7 disciplines across humanities, arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

The Bachelor of Languages at ANU prepares you for the increasingly international and multilingual life, politics, and business of the 21st century.

You will be taken on a language learning journey through which you will attain a strong foundation in two or more languages, including knowledge of linguistics (the science of language), and the history, culture and societies in which these languages are spoken.

You may also choose from a wide range of electives across the University including psychology, business and science, which will further enhance your language-learning and where in the world you choose to take it.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Languages will equip you with advanced communicative proficiency and confidence in at least one language.

There is a wide variety of choice, with ANU offering more languages than any other Australian university, including in European, Asian, Middle Eastern, Australian Indigenous and Classical languages.

Career opportunities

This degree will be right for you if you are interested in working in organisations, businesses, or in government dealing with international trade, development, aid, or diplomacy, or working internationally.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Languages may find work in diplomacy, trade, defence, translation, language analysis, language teaching or lecturing, public relations, language consultancy in the travel and tourism industry and many other fields.

ANU College of Arts
and Social Sciences

Languages at ANU

As a Bachelor of Languages student you will learn to:

- Communicate proficiently and confidently in at least one language
- Identify the structure and uses of languages
- Recognise and contrast the societies and cultures of the languages chosen, and their sociohistorical context
- Construct a global schema of the connections between the languages studied and their geographical, social and cultural origins
- Recognise the importance and value of intercultural communication.

ANU also hosts the widest range of languages out of all Australian universities, allowing you to tailor your language learning journey according to your specific interests and goals.

The ANU also created the state-of-the-art Ethel Tory Centre, a teaching space especially designed to enable a collaborative and technologically enhanced language learning experience throughout your studies.

You can choose from the following languages to complete a language major:

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| • Ancient Greek | • German | • Latin |
| • Arabic | • Hindi | • Persian |
| • Chinese (Mandarin) | • Indonesian | • Sanskrit |
| • English | • Italian | • Spanish |
| • French | • Japanese | • Thai |
| | • Korean | • Vietnamese |

In addition, minors are available in Burmese, Literary Chinese, Japanese Linguistics, Mongolian, Russian, Tetum, and Tok Pisin.

Other languages such as Cantonese, Indigenous Australian Languages, Taiwanese, Tibetan and Turkish can be taken as electives.

Study abroad opportunities

There are opportunities to go on an exchange semester or year at one of the University's overseas partner institutions. During your exchange, you can immerse yourself in the language and culture of your chosen country and experience firsthand what you have learned about in the classroom. Scholarships are available to assist with the travel and living expenses of studying abroad.

Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of Languages can be combined with degrees in Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Business, Science or Engineering as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double



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Majors: Italian, Linguistics

Minor: Latin

I chose to study Linguistics, Italian and Latin for my BLANG because of my immense interest in languages.

The nature and our use of language can tell us much about ourselves, and this is one of the reasons for my attraction to these subjects. But mostly I am simply fascinated by how language works, by the variety, for example, between different languages, as well as the limits to this variety. One of my hopes is that I will one day be able to combine my interest in linguistics with my Italian studies by somehow contributing to the understanding of some of the lesser known dialects of Italy.

Honours

Bachelor of Languages students can undertake an honours year within the programme. There are also many opportunities for postgraduate study including coursework and research at the Masters Level.

Prizes and Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships for both international and domestic students. To find out if you are eligible, see anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/prizes

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