



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Languages



CRICOS code: 073988B

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: none

2025 Selection Rank: 80



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ANU is ranked #1 in Australia and in the top 20 globally for 9 disciplines across humanities, arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

The Bachelor of Languages at ANU prepares 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 structural, grammatical and idiomatic components of languages, and the socio-cultural and historical contexts in which these languages are spoken. On the successful completion of the program, you will graduate with advanced communicative proficiency and confidence in at least one language from a wide range on offer of European, Asian, Middle-Eastern, Australian Indigenous and Classical languages.

The degree combines a solid foundation in two or more languages with knowledge of linguistics (the science of language) and the history, culture and societies associated with your chosen languages. You may also choose from a wide range of electives across the University including psychology, business and science.

Career opportunities

This degree will suit you if you are interested in working in organisations or businesses dealing with foreign countries or foreign aid, 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

Bachelor of Languages students 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. 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.

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, Portuguese, 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 their exchange, students can immerse themselves in the language and culture of their chosen country and experience firsthand what they have learned about in the classroom. A number of scholarships to assist with travel and living expenses are available.

Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of Languages can be combined with degrees in Arts and 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



Dominie

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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