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 which is designed to engage you with 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.
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 to study 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:

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

In addition, minors are available in Burmese, Classical Chinese, Japanese Linguistics, Mongolian, Russian, Tetum and Advanced English Language. Other languages such as Cantonese, Indigenous Australian Languages, Melanesian Pidgins and Creoles, Portuguese, Taiwanese, Tibetan and Turkish can be taken as electives. Translation courses can also be integrated into the degree. Some languages are available through distance education.

Internships and study abroad opportunities

You will have the opportunity to go on an exchange semester or year at one of the University’s partner institutions overseas. You can apply for a number of scholarships to assist with travel and living expenses. You can also do an internship through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP), which provides you with opportunities to undertake a research project in a workplace for which you will gain academic credit. See anip.anu.edu.au

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. It can also be combined with a number of Masters degrees as a Vertical Double Degree. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

Dominie
Majors: Italian, Linguistics
Minor: Latin

I am currently studying linguistics, Italian and Latin. I chose these subjects 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 & 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/scholarships-fees/scholarships

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