

STUDYING LANGUAGES



ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE AND DIVERSIFY YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS BY INCLUDING THE STUDY OF A LANGUAGE IN YOUR QUT COURSE.

WHY STUDY LANGUAGES

Language proficiency is an asset when competing for a career in a globalised economy, and multilingualism is vital to the economic and cultural health of Australia. Studying a language will give you the opportunity to develop global knowledge, cross-cultural understanding and foreign language skills, as well as gaining that career advantage.

LANGUAGE ALLIANCE

QUT, Griffith University (Griffith) and The University of Queensland (UQ) formed the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance (BULA) in an effort to strengthen languages in South-East Queensland.

The alliance offers a broad range of languages so you can choose the language that suits your interests or career aspirations.

INCORPORATING LANGUAGE STUDY IN YOUR QUT DEGREE

You may be able to complement your degree by undertaking language studies.

This could consist of:

- a minor (four units) OR
- second major (six units) OR
- option units (electives).

To determine if you can incorporate language studies in your degree, check the structure of your course at www.qut.edu.au/study

Example degrees that may permit language study:

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business - International
- Bachelor of Creative Industries
- Bachelor of Design (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science.

LANGUAGE STUDY AREAS

- French
- German
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mandarin
- Russian
- Spanish

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Language skills are an asset in many industries and careers including, but not limited to:

- international relations
- diplomatic service
- tourism and hospitality
- interpreting and translation
- international law and commerce
- advertising and public relations
- architecture and engineering
- media and journalism
- fashion and design.



BOBBIE LEHRMANN

Bachelor of Creative Industries (journalism major, Italian minor)

Studying creative industries I was able to combine my passion for journalism with my interest in foreign languages. A language can give you the edge when applying for jobs. Developing high level communication skills and the ability to adapt to different cultures are valuable skills in the multicultural, global society that we live in and are also essential to the career I want as a journalist.



KA HO JACKY CHEUNG (KARL)

Bachelor of Mass Communication
(advertising and media and
communications majors, Spanish minor)

In the advertising industry, an extra language can help you understand the interests of target audiences. I worked as a student intern at a local media agency and occasionally we would work on Spanish content for various clients. I was able to help my co-workers with accurate translations. Having bilingual skills can boost your chances to stand out from other job applicants.



STUDY AREAS

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY (GRIFFITH)

Italian

Italian is one of Australia's most common languages after English and the language of an important member state of the European Union. Studying Italian will give you knowledge of a culture that has strongly influenced the art, music, architecture and literature of Europe and Australia.

Griffith's Italian program includes a range of subjects on Italian history, culture and society. The enthusiastic teaching team has won national recognition for their innovative teaching of the language. The program includes language subjects from beginner to advanced levels as well as content-based subjects (mostly delivered in Italian) exploring literature, society, politics, cinema, popular culture and food culture.

Classes held at: Nathan campus (all subjects); Gold Coast campus (selected subjects); South Bank campus (selected subjects)

Japanese

Japan is one of Australia's largest trading partners and an important international trading nation. Japan is also one of the largest sources of tourists to Australia.

Griffith's Japanese program will not only develop your proficiency in the language, but will also develop your awareness of the intricate cultural and social values that are essential for effective and appropriate interaction in Japanese.

Griffith offers all levels of Japanese language including introductory Japanese subjects, as well as subjects focusing on Japanese history, contemporary Japanese culture and society.

Classes held at: Nathan campus (all subjects); Gold Coast campus (selected subjects)

Spanish

Almost 500 million people throughout the world speak Spanish.

It is the official language in more than 20 countries and is also widely spoken in the Philippines, Northern Africa and the USA. Spanish is one of the six official languages of the United Nations and a major working language of the European Union.

The Spanish program at Griffith offers an excellent range of subjects of communicative language as well as a variety of subjects on history, culture and society in Spanish-speaking countries.

Classes held at: Nathan campus (all subjects); Gold Coast campus (selected subjects); South Bank campus (selected subjects)

QUT

Mandarin

Do you know that in the world today over 2500 universities in approximately 100 countries are offering courses in Mandarin Chinese and over 30 million people worldwide are learning the language as a foreign or second language?

The Mandarin program at QUT offers introductory and intermediate Mandarin subjects as well as translation and interpreting subjects for native speakers of Chinese. Students also have the opportunity (if their course structure permits) to participate in one semester of in-country study at Qingdao University in the People's Republic of China, Shandong Province.

Classes held at: Gardens Point campus

Translation and Interpretation minors and second major

Are you already a native speaker of Chinese or have near-native competence in both Chinese and English and interested in developing skills in translating business texts? The *Chinese-English Translation and Interpretation Minor* consists of two units of translation subjects and two units of interpreting subjects. The *Translation Minor* consists of four translation subjects. The new Translation and Interpretation Second Major combines six subjects from the two minors. These units will develop your understanding of Chinese and English language used in both business and cultural context.

Classes held at: Gardens Point campus

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ)

French

In the French program at UQ, we realise that a language cannot be separated from the cultures that use it, so you will learn much more than just French language. You will be taught by academics with research expertise in literature, film, cultural studies, philosophy, intercultural communication, computer-assisted language learning and more. You can commence your studies in French at a number of different levels depending on your prior knowledge: beginner, intermediate, continuing (post-secondary) or advanced.

Classes held at: St Lucia campus

German

You will have the opportunity to study a diverse and comprehensive program of German subjects. Subjects in German language and culture are informed by wide-ranging research interests in film studies, contemporary society, literature and the history of ideas, as well as by extensive practical experience in translating and interpreting.

Classes held at: St Lucia campus

Indonesian

Indonesian is the official language of the Republic of Indonesia and is spoken by over 240 million people. Studying Indonesian will expose you to the language, culture and society of our nearest neighbour. You can start your Indonesian studies at any level, from complete beginner to advanced.

All subjects offered integrate language learning with intercultural communication and the study of Indonesian culture and society is supported by world-class research.

Classes held at: St Lucia campus

Japanese

The long-established Japanese program at UQ offers the most extensive range of subjects. There are three different streams: one for beginners, one for those who have completed Year 12 Japanese subjects and another for students who have spent more than six months in Japan. Intermediate and advanced subjects combine studies of formal and pragmatic features of the language (e.g. politeness in writing and speaking; academic writing; interpreting and translation; language education) and socio-cultural and historical contents and

styles (e.g. domestic and international issues in contemporary Japan; critical analysis of literature and animation).

Classes held at: St Lucia campus

Korean

Students can start their Korean studies at any level from beginner to advanced, and both written and spoken forms of the language are taught. There are three streams: one for beginners, one for those who have completed Year 12 Korean subjects and another for Korean-heritage students. The Korean program incorporates language learning and contemporary, in-depth cultural subjects including business communication, Korean popular culture, Korean film review, and interpreting and translation.

Classes held at: St Lucia campus

Russian

The Russian program at UQ is the sole provider in Queensland of subjects in the language and one of only two centres in Australia offering a full major in the discipline. Complementary subjects in key aspects of Russian culture ensure that students develop an understanding of the cultural context in which the language is used and of which it is an integral part.

Classes held at: St Lucia campus

Spanish

UQ offers one of the leading Spanish language and Hispanic cultural studies programs in Australia. The subjects integrate language learning with the study of the cultures of Spain and Latin America, introduced by academics with research expertise in literature, film, linguistics, cultural studies and language teaching. You can start your Spanish studies at any level, from beginner to advanced.

Classes held at: St Lucia campus



LOUISE ENGLAND

Bachelor of Business (economics major, Spanish second major)

I wanted a global career and acquiring a second language helped me to reach that goal. My language skills gave me the opportunity to intern with the Peruvian embassy, and without that exposure to policy it is unlikely that I would have been offered my current role in government. The discipline and determination it takes to learn a language sets you apart from many candidates entering the job market.





TAYLOR GUTHRIE

Bachelor of Business (marketing major, Spanish and Entrepreneurship minors)

Learning a language has helped me develop personally in ways I couldn't have imagined. It's hard work, you are constantly putting yourself in situations way out of your comfort zone. I needed discipline to stick with it and keep practising. I've definitely improved and the skills I've developed can be applied to many different aspects of my career and life.

More information

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MORE INFORMATION

HOW TO ENROL

Overview and criteria

If the language area you choose is offered by UQ or Griffith, you will enrol in your language subject as a cross-institutional student. You will apply for cross-institutional enrolment through the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance (BULA).

To be considered for cross-institutional enrolment through BULA, the following criteria applies:

1. You must be admitted and enrolled in an undergraduate degree program (award course) at QUT e.g. Bachelor of Business and
2. Be able to undertake language study as part of your degree structure e.g. have available space in your degree to enrol in a language subject (i.e. general elective unit).

To determine if you can incorporate language studies in your degree, check the structure of your course at www.qut.edu.au/study

Overview of cross-institutional enrolment steps

1. Confirm that you are permitted to undertake language study in your degree and review your recommended enrolment progression to determine when you may be able to commence language study (e.g. year two of your degree).
2. Choose your language and if required, your preferred university (Spanish and Japanese are offered at both UQ and Griffith).
3. Determine your language level. If you're a beginner, you'll start in Stream A. If you have some language training or family background, you'll need to arrange a proficiency assessment at your chosen university to determine the best course for you to start in.



4. Add your chosen subjects to your QUT study plan based on your ability level (e.g. beginner; postsecondary; advanced).
5. Submit a cross-institutional enrolment application at the BULA website for the semester you wish to start in – applications open about two months prior to the start of each semester, see www.bula.edu.au
6. If your application is approved, UQ and Griffith will issue you a username and password to access their online enrolment system to enrol in your language subject.
7. On receipt of your username and password, you must then enrol in your approved language subject in UQ or Griffith's online enrolment system.
8. At the end of semester, if you successfully complete your language subject (e.g. pass or above) you will be awarded advanced standing (academic credit) at QUT. The grade awarded for your language subject at UQ or Griffith will appear on your QUT academic record and will contribute to your overall course GPA.

YEAR 12 SUBJECT SCHEME

To support Australia-wide initiatives to encourage students to study languages, QUT offers an adjustment of two selection ranks to current Australian Year 12 students for successfully completing languages other than English (LOTE) subjects to Year 12 level. Further details and eligibility criteria can be found at www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/adjustment_schemes

GO GLOBAL WITH QUT

Imagine travelling the world while studying. Gain a real world experience through the QUT Student Exchange Program, where as part of your degree you can undertake a semester or year abroad at one of QUT's 200 partner institutions across more than 38 countries. QUT also offers a wide range of short-term programs during the summer and winter holidays. For more information, visit www.qut.edu.au/study/study-options/study-abroad-and-exchange