

GO BORDERLESS

Open up a world of opportunities
with a Diploma in Languages

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Acknowledgement of **Country**

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.





Session roadmap

1. Welcome
2. Why languages?
3. Understanding your program structure
4. Q&A



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1. Welcome

Languages are a passion for many UQ students, and the concurrent diploma will suit students if they have studied a language at high school and want to increase their proficiency, or if it's their first time learning a second language.



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2. Why languages?

Did you know?

- Half of the world's population is bilingual, and 13% are trilingual
- By 2050 there will be less than 5% of people who speak English as their first language.
- Less than 20% of Australian students do a language through to year 12
- If you want to work at the UN, you must have a second language

Why learn a language?

- Lifelong skill
- Boosts your employability
- Builds international awareness
- Builds ability to multi-task and problem solve
- Enables you to see things from a new perspective

Can't I just ask Siri or Google Translate?

Machine translation is great for exchanging facts or asking routine questions.....but

- No guarantee of accuracy, and no regard for context
- Can't vary the message for the audience (Taxi-driver? CEO? Your date?)
- No security or privacy: you are sharing your data with Google
- Sometimes you want to communicate hands-free and directly

It's not all about languages

- Intercultural and cross-cultural communication and understanding
- Communication skills
- Verbal communication
- Active listening
- Empathy
- Negotiating difference
- Self-awareness
- Innovative thinking



Global Careers

- Translator/Interpreter
- Education
- Business
- Finance
- Entrepreneur
- Tourism
- International Relations
- Public Service
- Diplomacy
- Trade
- Technology
- Media





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3. Understanding your program structure

Diploma in Languages

- A concurrent diploma.
- Enrol in the Diploma at the same time as your degree.
- Study one course per semester
- Gain credit towards several language course while on exchange.

Program and course requirements

Information for students commencing

2023



Complete 16 units for either of the following:

- 16 units for one Major from DipLang Majors, or
- 16 units for 2 Minors from DipLang Minors

16 units
= 8 courses in ONE MAJOR
= 4 courses in EACH MINOR

Expand all 

DipLang Majors



DipLang Minors

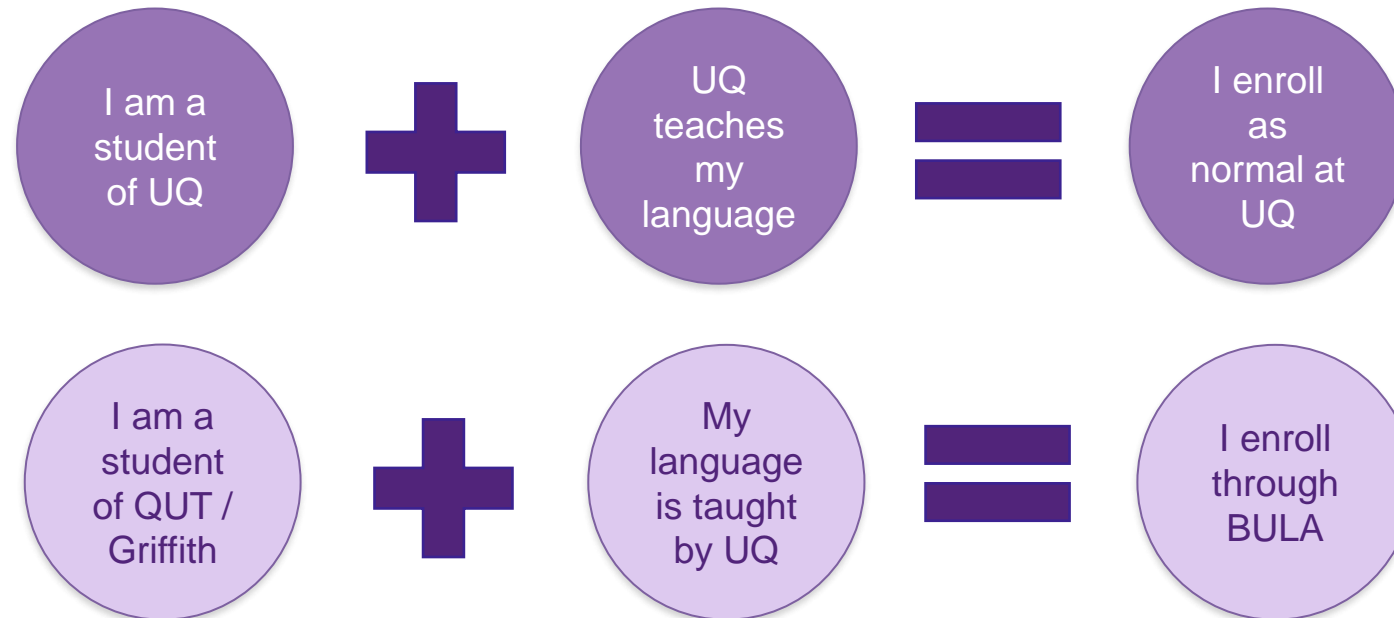


What you can study

- Ancient Greek
- Chinese
- Chinese T&I
- French (Adv)
- German
- Indonesian
- Japanese (Adv)
- Korean
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish



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Testimonials



*“The Diploma in Languages is an amazing option...
Living in a global world, I believe the advantage of
studying and graduating with another language will be
hugely beneficial for future employment.”*

Kate Walker

Graduate, Diploma in Languages (French)



“I had room in my program to pick up a Diploma in Languages and had a lot more opportunities to volunteer in a wider range of roles and gain work experience because of it. I am now an English teacher and researcher living in Japan.”

Brooke Szucs

Graduate, Bachelor of Arts (Japanese), Diploma in Languages (Spanish)



“The best thing about the BA is its flexibility! I began with classes in economics and international relations, which ended up being my passion in the long run. In my opinion, being an all-rounder is beneficial post-uni, as flexibility, adaptability and diverse knowledge in a workplace is an important skill.”

Amy Walker

Graduate, Bachelor of Arts (International Relations and Economics) and
Diploma in Languages (French)



“I was an intern at the Max Planck Institute in Germany and... because I understood the language, I had a seat at the table. That’s truly one of the most powerful aspects of learning another language – it opens so many doors.”

Anna John

Graduate, Diploma in Languages (French)



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4. Q & A

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