



Languages at the University of Sydney

We teach languages at university because we want you to major or do Honours in your chosen language, and even to consider a possible research career – either by researching language itself (linguistics and language teaching methodologies) or by using your linguistic skills to undertake research on a particular country or region.

Many of our academic staff research and publish in areas such as literature and culture, media, politics, sociology, focussing on the country or region in which they specialise; others research various aspects of language and language learning. The courses they teach reflect their research interests, and this research-led teaching is what makes language-learning a stimulating experience. We also want to develop research students to work with us, and our undergraduate courses are designed to provide the basis for a research degree.

If you're serious about languages, we expect you to spend a semester on exchange in your target country, and our language courses will prepare

you for an extended period of study and 'full immersion'. You'll normally travel to your target country through the University's exchange program, and if your results are good we'll provide an airfare for you to do that (but you'll have to earn, beg or borrow money to live on while you're there). Then when you return you're in a position to deepen your understanding of the society, language and culture you have been living in by taking our higher-level research-led courses.

You might use the skills we give you by taking a major in a language department, or in another department where you can combine your language skills with particular disciplinary skills (Anthropology,

Sociology, History, Philosophy etc.), or through a combined degree where your language skills will enrich your understanding of Government or Law.

So we encourage you to undertake language studies at university as a long-term proposition. Language learning is not always easy — and some languages are harder than others — but if you make a commitment and stick with it the rewards are great. You will end up not only with a special skill and advantage over other students, you will also have gained a particular perspective on the world and on the way cultures are organised — a perspective that only the bilingual have.

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Fare enough

Airfares for language students



This scheme is designed to help you complete a major and even an Honours in one of the language departments. It provides assistance with travel costs so that you can benefit from a semester of immersion in your target country, and on your return make the most of the range of senior units of study offered in our departments. The scheme will enable you to gain greater linguistic competence and a more sophisticated understanding of the society and culture of your target country.

The Fare Enough scheme provides you with:

- a return economy air ticket to your target country;
- return surface travel tickets from your point of landing to your final destination; and
- reimbursement of visa costs.

To be eligible, firstly you need to have:

- an overall Credit average, including a Credit average or better over your first three or four semesters in your target language.

Secondly, you need to be enrolled in:

- the BA, BA (Advanced), BLibStud, BA (Media & Comm), or BA Informatics; or
- a combined degree (Arts/Law, Arts/Commerce, Arts/Science etc.), provided you show evidence of a capacity to undertake Honours in your target language.

You are not eligible if:

- you are enrolled in BA (Languages) — that degree gives you access to another scheme; or
- if you've previously received a scholarship for these purposes.

What do you need to do to take advantage of this scheme?

- In your second year, if you have the required credit levels, you contact the International Office to find out more about available exchange programs and to start the application process. For some countries where there are no university exchange partners, special arrangements are in place regarding fees, travel arrangements etc.; and some departments make arrangements for summer programs.
- You also contact the School's Administration Coordinator who will confirm your eligibility, and provide advice and assistance regarding travel and enrolment matters and how to access the airfare etc.
- Because this scheme does not include living expenses, you will need to ensure you have enough to live on while you're away and should plan well in advance. There are a range of scholarships that you may be eligible to apply for to help with these costs, and you should begin a savings program immediately, and start lobbying parents, rich aunts and other potential benefactors to help with your living costs.



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