



# English as an International Language

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English as an international language (EIL) is an innovative program offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses focusing on international communication in English.

**The undergraduate program** in English as an international language is a three year major sequence plus the option of a fourth year honours offered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics.

Completion of either first and second year units or second and third year units forms a minor sequence in the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Students may take one or two units of EIL as an elective at any level in the Arts degree.

**The postgraduate program** of English as an international language offers the following courses:

- Graduate Certificate in English as an International Language
- Graduate Diploma in English as an International Language
- Master of English as an International Language (coursework)
- Master of Arts in English as an International Language (research)
- PhD in English as an International Language (research)

## The undergraduate program

The undergraduate program of English as an international language is a timely and innovative program that offers a new perspective of the current use of English language in today's globalised world and examines the implications this has on communication in English in a variety of international contexts.

The range of units offered in the program extends and widens students' knowledge of the use of communicative English in international contexts as they explore what English has gained from its development as an international language. It also examines what this development implies for attitudes towards the use of English, as well as attitudes towards English users and their cultures and identities. Students are invited to continually engage in critical reflection, looking back on their experiences of using, learning, and/or teaching English in a variety of contexts to uncover the 'hidden politics' behind those experiences.

Throughout the program, students continually engage in a critical, reflective, and evaluative study of the use of English in academic, professional and international contexts.

The course is delivered through lectures, seminars, but student are encouraged to reflect on their interaction with other students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Not only does this foster the students' personal language development, critical thinking, self-confidence, but it also increases their cross/intercultural awareness and knowledge.

## Career options

As the graduates of the EIL program have gained an advanced understanding of the professional and international use of English, they will be highly sought after by international companies to take up positions such as international development manager, international liaison officer, international interpreter, international project officer, EIL teacher, etc. Students have the option of studying EIL in combination with other majors such as business, commerce, languages, etc to increase their areas of expertise and their suitability for excellent job opportunities.

## Course structure

### First year

EIL1010 English as an international language: communication (6 points)

EIL1020 English as an international language: language and critical analysis (6 points)

### Second year

EIL2110 English as an international language: language and purpose (6 points)

EIL2120 English as an international language: the language of spoken English (6 points)

### Third year

EIL3110 English as an international language: language and culture (6 points)

EIL3102 English as an international language: professional communication (6 points)

EIL3210 English as an international language: the language of written English (6 points)

EIL3130 English as an international language: language and power (6 points)

### Fourth year (Honours)

EIL4101 Special topics in English as an international language (12 points)

EIL4201 A & B English as an international language: minor thesis and methodology (24 points)

EIL4301 English as an international language: multilingual identity (12 points)



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## Postgraduate program

### Master of English as an International Language

The Master of English as an International Language is an innovative program designed for candidates who are interested in exploring the issues that are associated with the role of English as an international language.

The program covers issues that relate to the socio-cultural, linguistic, pedagogical, conceptual, and ideological considerations pertinent to the spread of English around the world. It addresses issues such as the speaker's identity, the teaching of English as an international language, and the use of English as a Lingua Franca in international professional contexts.

#### Duration of the course

1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time.

#### Entry requirements

- A bachelors degree in a relevant field with a credit average during the final year, OR
- A bachelors degree with a pass average in the final year plus demonstrable professional experience at a senior level in a relevant area. These applicants will need to provide a CV, a 1000 word statement of aptitude and the names of two professional referees.

#### Course structure

To graduate with a masters degree, students must complete 72 points from the following units:

EIL4401 English in international professional contexts (12 points)

EIL4402 Renationalizing English: language, culture, and communication (12 points) [core unit]

EIL4404 Issues in teaching English as an international language (12 points) [core unit]

ALM4150 Research design in applied linguistics (12 points)

LLC4070/LLC5070 Managing intercultural communication (12 points)

ALM4250/ALM5250 Second language acquisition (12 points)

ALM5350 World Englishes (12 points)  
[this unit is offered off campus]

EIL5001 Research project in EIL (24 points)

JAL4610/JAL5610 Research methodology in applied linguistics (12 points)

Students may also choose an elective (12 points) from a related discipline, approved by the course coordinator.

#### Exit points (if applicable)

Students will be able to exit after the successful completion of 24 points with the Graduate Certificate in English as an International Language (one semester full time, two semesters part time), or and after the successful completion of 48 points with the Graduate Diploma in English as an International Language (1 year full time, two years part time)

To graduate with a graduate certificate, students must complete 24 points from the following units:

EIL4401 English in international professional contexts (12 points)

EIL4402 Renationalizing English: language, culture, and communication (12 points)

EIL4404 Issues in teaching English as an international language (12 points)

ALM4150 Research design in applied linguistics (12 points)

LLC4070/LLC5070 Managing intercultural communication (12 points)

To graduate with a graduate diploma, students must complete 48 points from the following units:

EIL4401 English in international professional contexts (12 points)

EIL4402 Renationalizing English: language, culture, and communication (12 points) [core unit]

EIL4404 Issues in teaching English as an international language (12 points) [core unit]

ALM4150 Research design in applied linguistics (12 points)

LLC4070/LLC5070 Managing intercultural communication (12 points)

ALM4250/ALM5250 Second language acquisition (12 points)

### Master of Arts in English as an International Language (Research)

This degree will enable students to undertake substantial (30,000–40,000 words) and independent research on a topic which may be chosen from any area of applied linguistics that has implications for the role of English as an International Language. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, the cultural, socio-political, pedagogical, ideological, and linguistic aspects of English within the context of its globalization.

#### Duration of the course

2 years full-time, 4 years part-time.

### PhD in English as an International Language (Research)

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in EIL is undertaken by thesis (100% research). It will enable candidates to undertake substantial (60,000–100,000 words) independent research on a topic which may be chosen from any area of linguistics or applied linguistics that has implications for the role of English as an International Language. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, the cultural, socio-political, pedagogical, ideological, and linguistic aspects of English within the context of its globalization.

#### Duration of the course:

The degree is normally completed in three years of full-time study, with a maximum candidature of four years of full-time, or eight years of part-time study.

#### Further information

For more information about English as an international language, visit the EIL webpage: [www.arts.monash.edu/eil](http://www.arts.monash.edu/eil)