

Entry requirements

To apply for the masters, postgraduate diploma and graduate certificate, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- A bachelor's degree with a credit average in the final year, or
- A bachelor's pass degree with at least 5 years of relevant, documented, community and/or professional experience at a senior level.

To apply for the faculty certificate, your work experience is more relevant than your previous education. You do not need to have completed a university degree or even high school. Instead, you must have:

- At least 5 years of relevant, documented, community and/or professional experience at a senior level.

Application procedures

Students may commence in either first or second semester.

Australian applicants

Applications are made directly to the Faculty of Arts for Australian and New Zealand applicants: www.arts.monash.edu.au

International applicants

For international applicants, applications are made directly to Monash International: www.monash.edu/international.

English language requirements

IELTS: an overall band score of not less than 6.5 on the IELTS.

TOEFL: an overall score of 580 with a 5 in the TWE test.

Fees

The courses are offered on a primarily fee-paying basis. More information about fees is available on the website.



Staff

Staff of the Linguistics Program at Monash University who teach within these courses are involved internationally in language endangerment research and training. They are:

Dr Margaret Florey

Coordinator, Studies in Language Endangerment

Dr Heather Bowe

Dr Anna Margetts

Dr Florey and Dr Margetts have both been awarded research funding from international funding bodies which support research in the documentation of endangered languages. Dr Bowe is well-known in Australian linguistics for her key role in working on the renewal and maintenance of Victorian Aboriginal Languages. Florey, Margetts and Bowe are all deeply involved in the training of Indigenous (and non-Indigenous) people as researchers and linguists in the field of language endangerment.

More information about the staffs' interests is available on the website.

Study in Melbourne

Monash University Clayton campus is located 20km south-east of Melbourne's central business district. The city of Melbourne has a rich and varied cultural heritage, and is the home, workplace and leisure centre of one of the world's most harmonious and culturally diverse communities.

Further information

Visit our website:

www.arts.monash.edu.au/ling/pglangen

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Studies in Language Endangerment

Monash University Faculty of Arts has a long-standing reputation for excellence in teaching, research and responsiveness to industry, community and student needs. Studies in Language Endangerment at Monash University offers professional development for a wide range of language maintenance practitioners. The courses are designed for people who are involved in, or aspire to become involved in, work with minority endangered language groups. Students in Language Endangerment are required to be affiliated with a language community or organization which is engaged in language maintenance.

Why language endangerment studies?

Fieldwork with endangered languages requires urgent and optimal documentation practice. Fieldworkers often find themselves confronted by a wide variety of challenges, not typically addressed in undergraduate linguistics training.

Courses in language endangerment at Monash University provide linguists, language maintenance practitioners and speakers of minority languages with specialist training in the wide-ranging needs of endangered language communities.

Courses range from masters level to faculty certificate, and it is possible to enrol in a course even if you have not completed high school.

Potential students may include:

- speakers of endangered languages and their descendents
- staff in Australian Aboriginal Language Centres and similar centres internationally
- teachers and teacher aides
- linguistics graduates
- community development workers
- curriculum designers.

Graduate opportunities

Graduates in Language Endangerment studies will be able to:

- support individuals and community groups who aspire to document, maintain, renew or revive their language/s
- undertake independent research
- prepare reports and documents for academic and professional purposes
- select appropriate models for language maintenance programs
- develop curriculum for language programs
- undertake language documentation tasks
- use historical archival material in language renewal or revitalisation programs



Course information

There are four courses in language endangerment studies on offer: Masters, postgraduate diploma, graduate certificate and faculty certificate. The study units offered in the courses are:

Core units

- LIN4030 Issues in language endangerment (6 credit points)
- LIN4050 Developing language maintenance programs (6 credit points)
- LIN4040 Researching and documenting languages (6 credit points)
- LIN4060 Working with linguistic archival materials (6 credit points)
- ALM4110 General linguistics (12 credit points)
- ALM5510 Language maintenance in practice (24 credit points)

Elective units (12 credit points each)

- ALM5230 Bilingualism
- ALM5250 Second language acquisition
- ALM5270 Literacy
- ALM5010 Topics in linguistics

Typical enrolment paths can be viewed on the website (details below).

Students who achieve a credit average in their course may progress to the next award, e.g. from the Faculty and Graduate Certificates to the Postgraduate Diploma, and from the Postgraduate Diploma to the Masters.

Masters

The Masters of Linguistics in Language Endangerment Studies (CRICOS code: 054526A) is designed to give students thorough theoretical and applied training in language endangerment studies. Masters students develop and implement a research project designed to support and strengthen language maintenance practice within a community or organization.

To attain the masters, students must complete 72 credit points. This is 3 semesters/1.5 years of full-time enrolment, or 6 semesters/3 years of part-time enrolment. Students must achieve a credit grade average.

Students who complete the masters with a distinction average are also eligible to apply for a research masters in linguistics.

Postgraduate diploma

The Postgraduate Diploma in Linguistics in Language Endangerment Studies (CRICOS code: 054527M) is a 48-credit point course taken over the course of two semesters full-time, or four semesters part-time.

Graduate certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Linguistics in Language Endangerment Studies (CRICOS code: 054524C) is a 24-credit point course taken over the course of one semester full-time, or two semesters part-time.

Faculty certificate

The Faculty Certificate in Linguistics in Language Endangerment Studies is a 24 credit point course which gives students an introduction to university study in linguistics and language endangerment.

Students who want to be trained in language endangerment but have not completed a bachelor's degree or high school can apply to enrol in the faculty certificate.

Students are not expected to know anything about linguistics before they start the course. The faculty certificate is only available part-time. This allows students to gain a general background in linguistics before they study other units about language endangerment.