



## Diploma of Language Studies (Accelerated mode)

The Diploma of Language Studies (Accelerated mode) is designed to meet the needs of students who are currently enrolled in a degree course with no units free for language studies, but nonetheless would like to study a language concurrently. Graduate and postgraduate students are also eligible to enrol for the accelerated mode.

The accelerated mode is currently offered in Japanese, Korean and Spanish, with Chinese and French being introduced in 2016. This pathway will allow beginners to complete the Diploma in 14 months:

### Delivery modes

1. Intensive: delivery is a mixture of full-time class work and online work (both at home and in class) for 2 or 3 weeks depending on the language. Classes are held 3-4 days per week and incorporate aspects of Blended Learning i.e. "homework" done in-class and new topics introduced online and studied before class.
2. Online: delivery is completely online. Students complete study tasks and assessments online over the course of the standard semester.

### Units of study

Language learning in the beginners level Units of Study is designed to cover relevant thematic areas and complement the English language background unit. This includes practical language associated with corporate, public service and research engagement (numbers, telling time, locations, taking transport, making and renegotiating appointments, language of phone calls). For descriptions of each Unit of Study, see the FASS Undergraduate Handbook.

- ICLS2111 Essentials of Language Learning is common to all four languages in the Accelerated mode. It is offered in Semester 1 in an online delivery mode.
- One semester-long country-specific Unit of Study is offered in English online, providing common background knowledge on the target country (or region, in the case of Latin America), and specialist content relevant to different disciplines (e.g. health, engineering, business)

### Language Levels

Students with all levels of language proficiencies can undertake the Diploma of Language Studies.

- Beginners have no previous knowledge of the language and commence at language level 1 in the January intensive.
- Students with some prior knowledge of the language, either through the HSC or through other means, will commence at higher language levels, such as level 3 (July intensive) or level 5 (January 2016 intensive). If you have some prior knowledge of the language you will need to be assessed by the Department to ascertain the best language level for you to commence in.

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## Entry Points and pathways

**Beginners:** Students who commence at language level 1 commence their studies with the January intensive. If this is missed, students can complete the 2 online units in the current year and enrol in the level 1 intensive the following January.

**Intermediate and Advanced:** students who have been assessed as having a language proficiency that allows you to commence at a higher language level.

- Students who commence at language level 3 can enrol and complete the semester 1 online unit before commencing on the July (level 3) intensive.
- Students who commence at language level 4 can enrol and complete the semester 1 and semester 2 online units before commencing in the November (level 4) intensive.
- Students who commence at language level 5 can enrol in the current year and complete the semester 1 and/or semester 2 online units, before enrolling in the January (level 5) intensive the following year.

**NOTE:** students commencing at language levels higher than level 1 will need to include normal delivery units of study and/or in-country/exchange units of study to complete requirements for the Diploma.

## Overseas study in the Diploma

There are various opportunities for including overseas study as part of the Diploma. All students in the Accelerated mode could include an overseas short course equivalent to level 5 and/or 6. Students commencing at higher language levels might be able to include units or even a semester of exchange.

## Learning outcomes

Students commencing at level 1 and completing the Diploma in Accelerated mode will have reached the B2 (independent) level as described in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

B2 Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and Independent disadvantages of various options.

## How to apply

For applications and further information, please go to the Sydney Courses webpage: <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/Diploma-of-Language-Studies>.

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