

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 with 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:

- Master of Applied Linguistics (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 on 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.

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 may be highly sought after by international companies to take up positions such as international development manager, international liaison officer, 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

- ATS1291 English Language, Society and Communication (6 points)
- ATS1292 International Communication (6 points)

Second year

- ATS2769 English as an International Language: Language and Purpose (6 points)
- ATS2770 English as an International Language: The Language of Spoken English (6 points)

Third year

- ATS3778 English as an International Language: World Englishes (6 points)
- ATS3779 English as an International Language: Language and Culture (6 points)
- ATS3780 English as an International Language: Language and Education (6 points)
- ATS3781 English as an International Language: Writing Across Cultures (6 points)

Postgraduate program

Master of Applied Linguistics (English as an International Language)

The Master of Applied Linguistics (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.

Minimum entrance requirements

A relevant bachelors degree with a credit average or a graduate diploma with a credit average.

International entry requirements

A relevant bachelors degree with a credit average or a graduate diploma with a credit average. Please note English proficiency requirements must be met.

Course structure

To graduate with a Master degree, students must complete 72 points. Students must take:

- APG4734 Renationalising English: Language, culture, and communication (12 points)
- APG4735 Issues in teaching English as an international language (12 points)
- APG4347/APG5347 Research methods in applied linguistics (12 points)

And at least one of:

- APG4652/APG5652 Managing intercultural communication (12 points)
- APG4348/APG5348 Second language acquisition (12 points)
- APG5349 World Englishes (12 points)

Remaining credit points may be taken from the list of electives below:

On-campus electives

Note: students enrolling in on-campus units must be able to attend weekly classes at Monash's Clayton campus

- APG4698 General linguistics
- APG4346 Language in society
- APG4633/APG5633 Teaching and learning Asian languages
- APG4630/APG5630 Japanese sociolinguistics
- APG4631/APG5631 Asian languages in contact
- APG4634/APG5634 Japanese linguistics

Students who obtain a distinction average and who have completed or are concurrently enrolled in APG4347/APG5347 (Research methodology in applied linguistics) may seek approval from the course coordinator to undertake APG5706 (Research project in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics) as one of the electives. In some cases, approval may be given for the completion of the 24-point APG5760 (Research Dissertation in Applied Linguistics), which will count as two electives. Alternative electives may be approved on an individual basis.

Exit points (if applicable)

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

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 globalisation.

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 globalisation.

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



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