



Postgraduate Studies in English as an International Language

Master of English as an International Language (MEIL) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in English as an International Language

Master of English as an International Language (Coursework or Coursework and research)

Master of English as an International Language is a highly innovative degree which focuses on the theoretical and practical aspects of the **teaching of English as an international language and sociolinguistics of the English language around the globe.**



The course:

- Recognises that the global spread of English has made it a multinational, multicultural language and that today the teaching of English requires more than the traditional skills which were taught under the labels of ESL/EFL.
- Focuses on intercultural communication and intercultural competence which are central to successful communication in English as a global language.
- Explores in great depth the diversity of the English language around the world, through studying World Englishes.

- Covers issues that relate to the socio-cultural, conceptual, and ideological considerations that relate to the functions and uses of English across different countries and contexts.
- Provides students with an opportunity to practise teaching English as an International Language under the guidance of experienced lecturers in the field.

Duration of the course

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

This Master's degree also leads to PhD studies in English as an International Language.

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Structure

Core units: (Students complete the following two core units)

- APG4734 Renationalising English: Language, Culture, and Communication
- APG4735 Issues in Teaching English as an International Language

Elective units: (Students complete 48 points from the following units. All units are 12 points unless otherwise indicated).

- APG4652/APG5652 Managing Intercultural Communication
- APG4733 English in International Professional Contexts
- APG4347 Research Design in Applied Linguistics
- APG4635/APG5635 Research Methodology in Applied Linguistics
- APG5349 World Englishes
- APG4348/APG5348 Second Language Acquisition
- APG4/5921 Research project in EIL (12 points)
- APG5760 Research Dissertation in English as an International Language (24 points)

Students may also choose a 12-point elective from a related discipline approved by the course coordinator.

Core unit summaries

APG4734 – Renationalising English: Language, Culture, and Communication

Synopsis

This unit will provide students with the opportunity to explore the processes that have been involved in renationalisation of English throughout the world. Through a critical analysis of the published literature in the area, students will examine how hegemonic forces and power asymmetries that were originally associated with the spread of English, as an imperialistic language, have eventually been replaced by the reassignment of the 'ownership' of English to many other speech communities around the world. This process of renationalisation of English has involved cultural, conceptual, ideological, and communicative restructurings, which are examined in detail in this unit.

APG4735 – Issues in teaching English as an international language

Synopsis

This unit will provide students with the opportunity to explore issues that surround the teaching of English as International Language. Through an examination of prescribed texts the unit offers an analysis of the socio-cultural, ideological, and linguistic issues that arise from the teaching of English for the purpose of international and intercultural communication.

Students will be introduced to a range of views and positions regarding the nature of EIL including how it should be taught and evaluated. Students will also be provided with an opportunity to practise teaching English as an International Language in an actual classroom setting.

Entry requirement for Master of English as an International Language:

1. A Bachelors degree in a relevant field with a credit average during the final year, or
2. A Bachelor's 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.

Graduate Certificate in English as an International Language

Duration of the course

One semester full-time, two semesters part-time

Entry requirement

A Bachelor Degree

Postgraduate Diploma in English as an International Language

Duration of the course

One year full-time, two years part-time

Entry requirement

A Bachelor Degree

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 per cent 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, including the teaching 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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