

Studying Languages in the Bachelor of Arts

Give yourself a professional edge by adding Italian or Spanish to your skill set. As an ACU graduate with fluency in an additional language, you will position yourself for success in today's competitive global employment market. As well as language skills, you will have a deeper understanding of intercultural communication and possess the ability to interact and negotiate appropriately and respectfully across a range of cultures.

Can I take electives in languages at ACU in my Bachelor of Arts degree?

You can use your electives to study units in Italian or Spanish in the Bachelor of Arts at ACU.

I have studied Spanish or Italian at VCE, HSC, or QCE level, how do I know which unit is the right level for me?

You can contact the National Manager of the Diploma in Languages for advice:
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I am a beginner, how do I know which unit is the right level for me?

Start with either SPAN101 (Spanish) or ITAN101 (Italian).

I would like to study a language major or minor in the Bachelor of Arts, can I do that?

The information below is current for Semester 1, 2022. If you are beginning your BA in semester 2, 2022, and would like to study Italian or Spanish as a minor, check with your BA course coordinator for updated advice – changes are expected in this area.

To study a language major (any language):

You will need to complete units cross-institutionally via another university. Each semester you will need to complete the necessary arrangements prior to the start of semester by following the steps below.

1. Find the language at another university (on-campus or online) and check their cut-off date for cross-institutional enrolment. UNE offers languages online.
2. Contact the university and sit any screening test required to evaluate your level.
3. Submit the online ACU 'Application for Cross-Institutional Enrolment' form:
[Enrolment Catalog Items - AskACU \(service-now.com\)](https://www.acu.edu.au/enrolment-catalog-items)
4. Fill in the equivalent form for the external university. Attach all documentation required by the university (depending on the university, this may range from proof of ID, your notice of a Commonwealth supported place; a letter of approval from the lecturer, or an official stamp from ACU).
5. Once you have finished the unit, you will need to send ASKACU an authorised copy of the official transcript to have the unit credited to your ACU degree.
6. Once you have completed a semester of study you will need to register your major in Student Connect. You may need to contact ASKACU to have the language major entered for you if it does not appear in the drop-down menu.

To study a language minor (any language):

You can also study a language minor via cross-institutional study following the steps above. You cannot currently study a minor in Italian or Spanish at ACU in the Bachelor of Arts, but you can study up to four or five electives (if you have not already used them in other ways).

Can I take a language major *and* a language minor?

No, within the Bachelor of Arts, you can take either a language major or a language minor, cross-institutionally. You may, however, use your electives to take more language units at ACU.

OR

You may take a language major or minor in the Bachelor of Arts, cross-institutionally, and complete the Diploma in Languages in either Italian or Spanish, at ACU.

What is the Diploma in Languages? Can I do that alongside the Bachelor of Arts?

ACU offers undergraduate students across all Faculties the opportunity to complete a Diploma in Languages concurrently with an ACU undergraduate degree so that you graduate with a bachelor's degree and a diploma in the same time frame. The course is part time, so you take one language unit in any study period. Units are offered in Professional Term 1, Semester 1 and Semester 2. The Diploma in Languages focuses on developing communicative language skills through active practice.

The Diploma in Languages (Italian or Spanish) comprises 80cp (eight units):

- Six (6) specified Italian or Spanish units
- Two (2) approved 'electives'

The two Diploma in Languages 'electives' are chosen from a list of BA units provided in the course rules for the Diploma. These two units will normally 'double count' as units that you complete as part of your BA, and then credit to the Diploma in Languages. The units may be specified units or electives in your BA. In other words, the Diploma is made up of six units on top of what you would study for your Bachelor of Arts degree, as two units from your BA are counted towards the Diploma.

Prior to course completion in the Diploma in Languages, you will need to have the two 'electives' you have completed credited from your first degree to the Diploma in Languages using the 'CR Credit and Prior Learning' form.

How do I apply for the Diploma in Languages? Is there a pre-requisite?

Apply directly to ACU through the course browser:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/course/diploma-in-languages>

There is no prerequisite.

How do you study both degrees at once?

When studying the Diploma in Languages, you will also be studying your Bachelor of Arts degree. You need to think about how much study you can manage in a semester and whether overloading will work for you or if you would prefer to extend your time spent studying. If your language units clash in the timetable with required or capstone units for your Bachelor of Arts degree, you will need to prioritise meeting the requirements of your main degree or rearrange your study.

I want to be a language teacher. Will the Diploma meet the language requirement for secondary teaching?

You will need to study a full major including third year units to meet requirements for language teaching. The Diploma in Languages does not currently provide a pathway to language teaching at secondary level.

Pathway: Bachelor of Arts with a language major (taken cross-institutionally) plus a Master of Teaching Secondary.