



Indonesian Studies

School of Languages and Cultures



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

Indonesian Studies at the University of Sydney

Immerse yourself in the language and culture of Indonesia.

About us

Drawing on our extensive links in Indonesia and with the Indonesian community in Australia, we offer a highly integrated and contemporary program covering Indonesian history, politics, geography, anthropology, literature and culture.

Our focus on multi-dimensional literacy will enable you to become an active participant in the linguistically and culturally distinct world of Indonesia, where the national language - Indonesian - is a unifying force for people from over 300 ethnic groups who speak more than 600 languages.

Study with us for in-depth knowledge of Indonesian societies, advanced language proficiency, analytical skills, and intercultural competence - all crucial tools for understanding and working with this vast and diverse regional neighbour, and the largest economy in Southeast Asia.

Our curriculum

We cater for a range of language backgrounds: beginners, HSC Indonesian school leavers (or equivalent), and native speakers.

Advanced learners and native speakers can study key aspects of modern Indonesian society through thematic seminars taught in Indonesian language.

Six advanced units are offered in pairs on a three-year rotation basis, and can be taken in any order during your study.

To find out more, visit the
Indonesian Studies webpage:

[sydney.edu.au/
arts/indonesian](https://sydney.edu.au/arts/indonesian)



Study with us

Learn about the impact of Indonesia's complex archipelagic geography on its peoples, in a context where colonisation and modernity are part of the many recent waves of foreign influence.

Language subjects

Language units 1A-3B

Gain a solid foundation and enhance your skills through intensive practice and instruction to develop reading, writing and speaking capabilities.

Cultural subjects

Advanced units

Through English and Indonesian-language publications and resources, engage in research, writing and scholarly discussion in subjects such as:

Indonesia's Slow Road to Democracy

Follow Indonesia's political history and democratic transition from its tumultuous beginnings in 1965.

Dealing with Indonesia's Diversity

Understand Indonesia's complex and diverse cultural heritage and contemporary cultural practices.

**Subject to change; for updates and details, check the Handbook entry for this discipline.*



For a complete list of degrees and units of study, see Sydney Courses:

[sydney.edu.au/
courses](https://sydney.edu.au/courses)



Study pathways

Indonesian Studies and your degree

If you enrol in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, or other liberal studies or combined degrees, you can study our units as a major, minor or elective.

Major and minor requirements

Complete 8 units (48 credit points) in Indonesian Studies for a major, or 6 units (36 credit points) for a minor. We offer three different language-level pathways:

- Introductory (beginner level)
- Intermediate (post-HSC Continuers or Extension, or >80 HSC Beginners)
- Advanced (e.g., background speakers; post-HSC Continuers or >80 HSC Extension)

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Electives

Language units can also be taken as electives. You can select these from Table S in the Handbook. For combined degrees, check your degree resolution to see if you are eligible.

Specialise in Languages

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (BA/BAS)

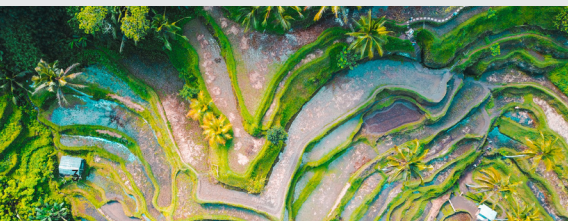
Integrate a substantial project into your study with this combined four-year degree. Build your expertise with advanced coursework and a real-world industry, community or entrepreneurial project, or conduct Honours research in your final year.

BA/BAS (Languages)

If you study two language majors, you can undertake a fourth-year multilingual translation project plus advanced coursework to gain professional skills in translation across three languages and high cross-cultural competency. You can also benefit from a \$5,000 scholarship to fund one semester of full-time study of a language major at an overseas university.

Diploma of Language Studies

Study a language either alongside your undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or after you have completed undergraduate studies.



Scholarships and prizes



A range of prizes and scholarships are available to students of Indonesian Studies to support and reward outstanding performance across all learning and year levels.

Indonesian Studies prizes

- Asian Students' Council's 1963 Festival of Asia Prizes
- Christopher Cornelius Lewis Richards Memorial Prize
- F. H. van Naerssen Memorial Prize for Indonesian Studies
- Ronald J. Worsley Memorial Prize for Indonesian Studies

Scholarships

As a student of Indonesian Studies, you will have access to a variety of scholarships designed to support humanities and/or language study at the University of Sydney.

For a full list of scholarships and prizes, visit:

[sydney.edu.au/
scholarships](https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships)



Study abroad



Bring your language and culture studies to life with in-country experiences.

Embark on a journey to study in Indonesia, a multifaceted country with the fourth largest population in the world. Cultivate your language skills and experience the diversity of a nation where cosmopolitan cities coexist alongside traditional villages.

You can earn credit points for in-country study at an Indonesian tertiary institution through the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) or other approved programs. Talk to us early if you intend to study overseas.

ACICIS programs

You can undertake summer (or equivalent) programs and short language courses through ACICIS. ACICIS seeks to enhance academic learning with programs in professional areas such as law, business, creative arts and design, development studies and journalism.

For information on in-country study opportunities, visit:

[sydney.edu.au/
studyabroad](https://sydney.edu.au/studyabroad)



Student experience



“ My time in Indonesian Studies led me to a near-native level in Indonesian. My teacher was fantastic and made us fall in love with the language and culture through Indonesian literature and films. Along with in-country study, I received a scholarship from the School to go on exchange to Indonesia which furthered my language skills.

I have great memories with both the staff and students, including a research trip to Padang, West Sumatra, arranged by my lecturer in the first year. The culture in Indonesian Studies here is fantastic, with close friendships forged among fellow students and teachers. This motivated our desire to do well. Ten years on, I am still working with an Indonesian Studies classmate in the field.

I currently run my own interpreting/translation business, *indospeak*, with clients such as government departments, legal bodies, the media, and private organisations. I have interpreted for Australian officials like former PM Malcolm Turnbull and the NSW Premier, and done translation work for high-level meetings and visits by Indonesian officials. ”

Amelia Lemondhi née Mitchell

Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours

Founder and Interpreter/Translator, *indospeak*

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sydney.edu.au/arts/slc

For more information, visit:

sydney.edu.au/courses

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