

VIETNAMESE

In studying Vietnamese at the Australian National University (ANU), students study the language of one of Southeast Asia's oldest civilisations. In the modern context, Vietnamese is the national language of a country of growing political and economic significance for Australia. It is also the language of a dynamic community of 170,000 Vietnamese who have come to settle in Australia. With the present trends toward economic liberalisation, Vietnam is opening its doors to international trade links. Australia-Vietnam relations are strong in the areas of telecommunications, chemical engineering, banking, primary industry, oil and gas exploration, tourism, the arts, foreign aid, cultural exchange and education. Involvement in this valuable new market for Australian products and expertise will create a demand for people with an understanding of the Vietnamese language and culture.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

All Vietnamese people speak the Vietnamese language, although there are phonetic, dialectal and lexical variations. A tone language, it is a product of a mixture of elements from Mon-Khmer and Thai language groups, together with elements from the Chinese language absorbed during the long period of Chinese rule. Vietnamese has a modern system of writing, which utilises the Roman alphabet and a set of diacritics. Research on Vietnam is undertaken in the Faculty of Asian Studies and the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies within the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, and ranges over the areas of history, translation, politics, economics and international relations.

THE VIETNAMESE SYLLABUS

The first year consists of six hours of Vietnamese a week and concentrates on mastering the tones and on acquiring conversational skills and listening skills. The second and third year Vietnamese courses continue these skills while further developing reading and writing abilities and a general understanding of the culture. Students read and translate newspapers, debate on current affairs, and social and cultural issues. If students begin Vietnamese at an advanced level, they may progress to Classical Chinese or Thai to complete their Vietnamese major.

In addition to the language courses listed in the table across, The ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences offer a range of courses dealing with the history, religions, politics and economics of Vietnam. More information about these courses is available in the ANU Handbook or online:

<http://studyat.anu.edu.au>

YEAR IN ASIA PACIFIC

To develop true mastery of a language and ability to negotiate a culture with confidence, a significant period of in-country experience is necessary. Our flagship study abroad program, the Year in Asia Pacific, is facilitated through the **Graduate Diploma in Asia-Pacific Studies**.

Qualifying students will be invited to enroll in this program which aims to further enhance language fluency and understanding of the region. A holistic experience, the Graduate Diploma in Asia-Pacific Studies (Year in Asia Pacific) will see students participating in lectures and tutorials at one of our partner universities in the country of their specialisation, as well as taking part in a rich tapestry of extra-curricular activities both on and off campus. The Year in Asia Pacific provides a unique opportunity for students to apply their linguistic and cultural knowledge to real-world situations.

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VIETNAMESE COURSES

Some Vietnamese language courses offered by the Faculty of Asian Studies include the following:

- Vietnamese 1A & 1B
- Vietnamese 1A & 1B: In-country
- Vietnamese 2A & 2B
- Vietnamese 3A & 3B
- Vietnamese for Nationals A & B
- English-Vietnamese Translation
- Year in Vietnam Project
- Year in Vietnam

STUDY VIETNAMESE OVERSEAS

Students of Vietnamese have the option to study Thai overseas through the Faculty of Asia Studies In-country Programs.

The courses Vietnamese 1A: In-country, Vietnamese 1B: In-country and Practical Assignment in Southeast Asia are all taught in Vietnam over Summer and/or Winter.

These courses provides students with the opportunity to augment their fluency in and contextual understanding of Vietnamese language.

STUDENT STORY - Jasmine Duong

Studying my Year in Asia Pacific in Vietnam was definitely the best way I could truly learn the Vietnamese language and culture. My university was in Ho Chi Minh city, south Vietnam, and I was able to reap the benefits of living and studying among the local Vietnamese people. Everywhere I went I was able to practise my Vietnamese and learn more about the Vietnamese way of life and their festivities and even participate in them! There was even plenty of time for travel around the country during weekends and holidays where I met people from all walks of life. My year in Vietnam was easily the most satisfying year of university I have had yet!

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE FACULTY OF ASIAN STUDIES

Each of the undergraduate degree programs within the Faculty of Asian Studies allows students to undertake language studies. These programs include:

- Diploma of Asia-Pacific Studies
- Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Asia-Pacific Studies (Year in Asia Pacific)
- Bachelor of Security Analysis (Asia Pacific)
- Bachelor of Languages (Asia)
- Bachelor of International Business (Asia)

Note: students enrolled in the Diploma of Asia-Pacific Studies take either one Language major or one Contextual major, but not both nor a combination of the two.

COMBINED DEGREES

Give your specialist Asia-Pacific Studies degree an extra vocational edge by combining it with a professional or technical degree; or creatively link Asia and the Pacific with your other interests:

- Arts
- Commerce
- Economics
- Engineering
- Law
- Science
- Visual Arts

Note: to enroll in a combined degree, you must meet the UAI requirements of both the Faculties involved.

CAREER PATHS FOR GRADUATES

The demand by employers for Asia-Pacific Studies graduates is keen and ever increasing. A degree in Asia-Pacific Studies from ANU opens windows on the world and doorways to opportunity. Our graduates find employment in a wide range of sectors and industries, both in Australia and overseas.

Asia-Pacific Studies graduates may expect to find professional opportunities in banking and finance, culture and the arts; defence, intelligence and security, education and research; federal and state government departments with policy interests in Asia; foreign affairs and international relations; international business and trade; marketing; media; policing and peacekeeping; regional development and aid; translation and tourism.

Asia-Pacific Studies graduates are also employable in areas not directly related to their language and cultural studies because of their ability to research social issues, communicate ideas and suggest solutions to problems. Employers value their high level of intellectual training. For more information please refer to the ANU Careers Centre:

<http://www.anu.edu.au/careers/>

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