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ANU Indonesian Language Program



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Why study Indonesian?

Indonesian is the official language of Indonesia, the world's biggest archipelago and one of the world's most populous democratic nations. It is the second-most biodiverse country in the world; has over 700 living languages, each with a distinctive culture. Globally, Indonesian is spoken by over 200 million speakers, one of the top 10 most spoken languages in the world. As well as being a cross-roads for global trade over many centuries, Indonesia has inspired some of the great intellectual theories of nature and society. Growing trade, regional security and digital innovation are among key areas of cooperation between Australia and Indonesia. As bilateral ties enter a new era, Indonesian language skills can unlock new opportunities in one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

"Not only will you develop a nuanced and complex understanding of the Indonesian language, culture, and history, but you will also find friendships with peers and mentors. Learning a language in a smaller, closer-knit cohort is a privilege. Furthermore, the lecturers and tutors are more than happy to spend their time helping you to achieve the best outcomes for your learning experiences. They are always open and willing to help you succeed. I couldn't recommend Indonesian at ANU enough."

- KATE THOMSON, ANU INDONESIAN LANGUAGE STUDENT



Studying Indonesian at ANU

Studying Indonesian at ANU is a unique learning experience. In-class learning and in-country programs facilitate linguistic and cultural fluency. The language instruction, taught by highly experienced teachers, stresses the development of communication skills to enable students to Indonesian in a range of situations in everyday life. Not only will students be able to converse on topics of relevance and interest to Indonesian speakers, but they will also be able to read and write the language as it appears in the media and in literature. Advanced graduates will gain high-level Indonesian language skills in analysis and communication, enhancing their qualifications and opportunities for employment in a wide range of fields, such as NGOs and development, media, education, government offices, or business and commerce.

- ANU Students: Choose to study Indonesian as an elective, a minor (24 units / 4 courses), or a major (48 units / 8 courses) as part of your ANU degree.
- Non-Award Study: Enrol in individual courses for professional development or personal interest without working towards a full degree.
- In-Country Opportunities: Participate in field schools and internship programs based in Indonesia.
- Advanced Courses: Progress through Indonesian language levels 1–6, and explore subjects in linguistics, politics, society, and culture, with opportunities to pursue research focused on Indonesia.

Students with prior language experience must take a Language Proficiency Assessment (LPA) for proper level placement. For details, see the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) language proficiency assessment site.

Study Indonesian language and culture at the Australian National University.

Further Information


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