



Faculty of Arts

Linguistics and Applied Linguistics at Melbourne

Why study Linguistics and Applied Linguistics?

INVESTIGATE THE UNIVERSALITY OF HUMAN LANGUAGES

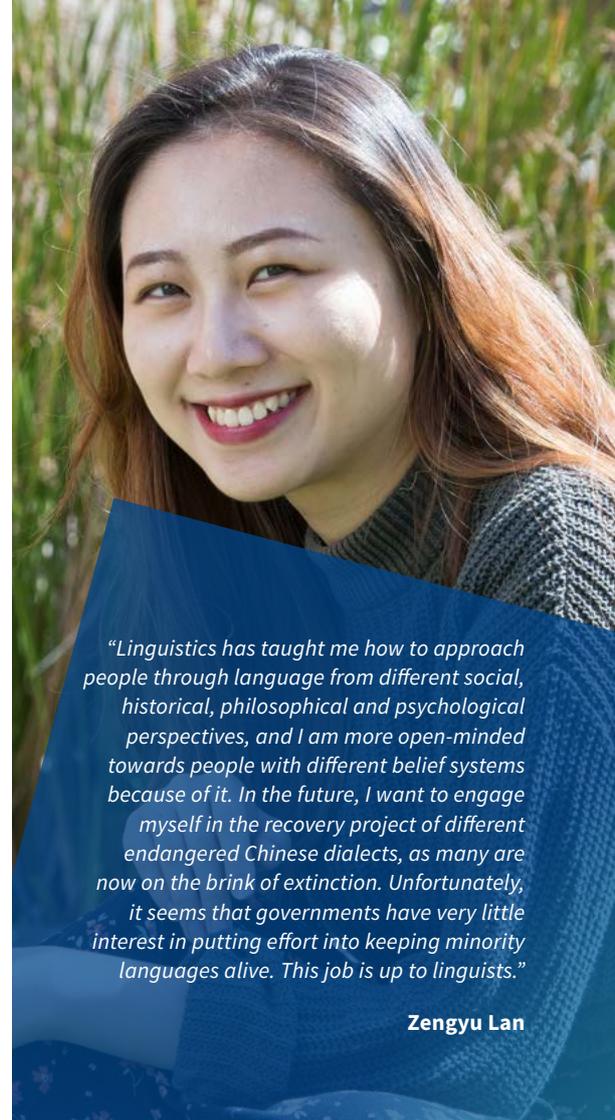
Linguistics is the scientific study of human language in all its aspects, and knowledge of linguistics equips you to understand things about the world's over 6000 languages, from English to Pitjantjatjara to sign languages. By studying a major in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, you'll enhance your analytical and critical thinking skills through rigorous practical and theoretical training.

You'll ask questions such as: do all languages share similar properties? Does the language we speak determine the way we think? And how do languages vary over time in different societies? In applied linguistics, you'll explore the practical issues involving language. You'll focus on the learning and teaching of second languages, language policy, multilingualism, language in education, the preservation and revival of endangered languages and the assessment and treatment of language difficulties. In this major, you'll learn by being given problems to solve based on real examples from languages all over the world.

WHERE CAN A MAJOR IN LINGUISTICS AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS TAKE YOU?

With your specialist knowledge of language, your refined communication skills, and your ability to solve problems in a range of contexts, you will possess a transferable skill set valued by employers. You might go on to work in careers in a variety of fields, such as language teaching, IT and linguistic technology, translation and interpreting, working with Indigenous communities, speech therapy and audiology, marketing, journalism and publishing.

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“Linguistics has taught me how to approach people through language from different social, historical, philosophical and psychological perspectives, and I am more open-minded towards people with different belief systems because of it. In the future, I want to engage myself in the recovery project of different endangered Chinese dialects, as many are now on the brink of extinction. Unfortunately, it seems that governments have very little interest in putting effort into keeping minority languages alive. This job is up to linguists.”

Zengyu Lan