



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE

Faculty of Arts

# English Language Studies at Melbourne

# Why English Language Studies?

## DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 400 million native speakers of English in the world, and over a billion who speak it as a secondary language. It's the official language of 67 countries and is spoken on every continent. You speak English every single day – but do you really know anything about it?

When you take a minor in English Language Studies, you'll develop an understanding of its history, its subtle and intricate grammar, and learn about its many social and geographic varieties. You can choose from subjects in grammar, syntax and phonetics – but you can also learn about intercultural communication, where you'll analyse the ways in which communicative approaches differ across cultures. You can examine how social and cultural factors influence language and how language constructs identity. If English isn't your first language, you can even take subjects to help you refine your academic English skills.

## WHERE CAN A MINOR IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES TAKE YOU?

English Language Studies will help you develop a deep understanding of how to communicate effectively. You could apply these skills in careers such as marketing or corporate communications, where you'll possess the knowledge and skills to liaise with both your clients and your audiences. However, the clear communication (and intercultural communication) skills you'll develop in this minor are invaluable in any field. Combined with your major studies, English Language Studies will help you to succeed in whatever career path you choose.

▶ Find out more: [unimelb.edu.au/study/english-language-studies](http://unimelb.edu.au/study/english-language-studies)

## The Secret Life of Language

**Have you ever wondered how language actually works? Or how a six-year-old child can know more about their native language than the most sophisticated computers? In this subject, you'll learn about the nature of human language, and develop the tools you need to analyse and describe all of the world's (6000+!) languages. You'll be introduced to central areas of linguistics, such as speech sounds, word structure, sentence structure, meaning, language learning and language change.**