



Faculty of Arts

Indonesian Studies at Melbourne

Why Indonesian Studies?

UNDERSTAND ONE OF YOUR CLOSEST NEIGHBOURS

Indonesia's geographic proximity and strategic importance to Australia make it vital to understand its people, politics, history, languages and culture. Indonesia is culturally diverse, comprising hundreds of different ethnic groups and languages with rich literary traditions, spread over thousands of islands.

You'll take a placement test to make sure you're in the right class for your level, but you won't just be learning how to communicate in Indonesian in a range of social and professional contexts – you'll be exploring Indonesian history, contemporary culture, politics and society. There are lots of opportunities to study in Indonesia as part of your studies, either through intensive in-country subjects, on exchange or through study abroad programs.

WHERE CAN AN INDONESIAN STUDIES MAJOR TAKE YOU?

When you complete a major in Indonesian Studies, you'll have in-depth knowledge of Indonesia and its cultural and social practices, and have developed the skills to work and communicate with people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds – an asset in any workplace. You might apply your skills in a variety of careers, including diplomacy, international trade and cooperation, humanitarian aid, defence, intercultural communication, social project management, education, translation, media and journalism, tourism and the creative industries.

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Analysing Indonesia: Concepts and Issues

This subject is taught intensively over the summer break for three weeks in Indonesia. You'll be introduced to the key concepts in social sciences and cultural studies as they apply in the study of modern Indonesia. You'll learn about the historical, political, cultural, social and linguistic factors that have helped shape contemporary Indonesia – and of course, you'll get to practise your Indonesian with native speakers!