languages and linguistics

From research into the reporting of war, open-plan classroom acoustics and language learning resources for those with hearing loss, to manga and the origins of language, Macquarie’s researchers in languages and linguistics are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

Our linguistics research spans a range of topics from intercultural communication to language sciences and child language disorders. We are world leaders in language acquisition research, and are home to renowned researchers in applied linguistics, TESOL and professional communication.

The Department of International Studies: Languages and Cultures offers one of the largest ranges of languages in Australia. Ranked in the top eight in Australia and New Zealand for modern languages, the department has a strong association with international partner universities and communities. Research focuses on the nexus between language and culture, including diverse areas such as literary studies, linguistics, performance studies, film studies, history, anthropology and second language acquisition in a range of linguistic and cultural contexts.

Another emerging research focus is the impact of globalisation and migration processes on cultural productions – such as literature, film and theatre – in the Australian, Asian, European and Latin American context. We offer programs and supervision to PhD and MRes students interested in immersing themselves in any of the above research areas.

Among our high-profile languages and linguistics researchers are two ARC Laureate Fellows, an ARC Federation Fellow, a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Fellows of the Australian Academy of Humanities, and a Fellow of the Association for Computational Linguistics.

Our researchers also enjoy an international reputation as leaders in their fields. In the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation, our linguistics and language, communication and culture research received a rating of ‘performance above world standard’, and our language studies research received a rating of ‘performance at world standard’.

Additionally, Macquarie is ranked in the top 100 universities in the world for linguistics and the top 250 for modern languages (QS, 2015).

As a higher degree research candidate at Macquarie, you’ll have the opportunity to conduct your research alongside the world’s finest scholars, and have access to some of the region’s most outstanding facilities.

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OUR RESEARCH PRIORITIES
We pursue excellence in a broad range of research areas. Our five interdisciplinary strategic research priorities – Healthy People, Resilient Societies, Prosperous Economies, Secure Planet and Innovative Technologies – respond to globally significant challenges and opportunities to improve the lives of millions. Together, these research priorities provide a focal point for research, with discoveries made under these priorities translating into real improvements in the lives of local, national and global communities.

JOINTLY SUPERVISED PhD PROGRAMS
Macquarie actively encourages cotutelles and joint degrees – shared supervision arrangements with universities whose research activity strongly aligns with ours. Under each model, you are enrolled at two universities with a principal supervisor at each and may be eligible for additional scholarship support.

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION
- Applied linguistics, TESOL and language in education
- Intercultural communication and diversity
- Literature and culture studies
- Migration, language and national identity
- Performance and film studies
- Philological and historical studies
- Second language acquisition
- Speech, hearing and language sciences
- Systemic functional linguistics
- Technology-enhanced language learning
- Translation and interpreting

FACILITIES
- Australian Hearing Hub
- KIT-Macquarie Brain Research Laboratory (MEG lab)
- Purpose-built clinical facilities in audiology and speech pathology
- Simultaneous interpreting facilities

RESEARCH HUBS
- Applied Linguistics
- Centre for Language Sciences
- Centre for Macquarie PEN Anthology of Australian Literature
- Centre for Media History
- India Research Centre
- Language in Social Life
- Macquarie Centre for the Health Economy

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