

DIPLOMA IN ARTS/BACHELOR OF ARTS (INTERPRETING AND TRANSLATION) (6041)

Approved Abbreviation: DipArts/BA Int&Trans
Western Sydney University Program Code: 6041
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 0100188

This program is suspended from Term 1, 2025, no new students will be admitted from this session.

This program applies to students who commenced in 2018 or later.

The Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation) program is designed to provide students with appropriate training and theoretical background to equip them to work as professional interpreters and/or translators. The program consists of a key field of study in Interpreting and Translation and a major in language, linguistics and cultural studies. Students also complete a period of professional practical experience. Students who complete the program are eligible to sit for certification by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) at the Certified Interpreter and Translator level. Students in Diploma in Arts/ Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation) may qualify for the alternate exit program 1813 Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation Studies) by completing a subject in lieu of LANG 3067 Preparation for NAATI Certification (UG).

The first year of this program is delivered by Western Sydney University The College, as an agent of Western Sydney University, via extended face-to-face hours in smaller learning environments. A Diploma in Arts exit point is also available at the end of the first year of the program.

For more information on Western Sydney University, The College, please refer to their web site.

Western Sydney University, The College (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college.html>)

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 110 credit points with a 7049 Diploma in Arts (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts/>)

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

Program Advice

College Program Enquiries (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above

Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street ^{1 2}	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Part Time	Internal	See above
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above

¹ Prior to Term 2 2025, students will study at either Bankstown City or WSU The College Nirimba campus for their first year of study.

From Term 2 2025, students will study at Bankstown City for their first year of study.

² From second year onwards, students will study at Parramatta City Campus.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation) is an Endorsed Qualification for the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) at the Certified Interpreter and Translator level (formerly Level 3). Students who wish to sit for NAATI Certification must pass the subject LANG 3067 Preparation for NAATI Certification (UG). Students who are unable to pass this subject will be able to graduate with the Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation Studies) as an alternative exit, provided they pass an alternative subject of 10 credit points.

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

For more information on applying please see link to The College admission pages below.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply/)

Domestic students are required to have

- Competency in English at IELTS 6.0 equivalent (unless a native speaker) Or
- Passed The College English test with 70% or higher Or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher.

Met other entry requirements such as

- An ATAR identified prior to the offer of a place, Or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

International students must satisfy one of the following language requirements

- IELTS 6.0 with a minimum 5.5 in each sub band Or
- Completed the College EAP 4 program with a 50% pass Or
- Passed The College English test with 70% or higher Or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher for which advanced standing can be applied for.

Academic Entry Requirements vary according to country of origin. However, in general

- Completion of Year 12 or its equivalent is the minimum entry requirement Or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 270 credit points which include the subjects listed under the recommended Sequence tab. Students must also complete a minimum of 60 credit points at Level 3.

Western Sydney University The College subjects

Bankstown, Parramatta City and Nirimba (The College subjects only)

Please note that all campuses may not have intakes each year.

- Students must pass all College Preparatory subjects before progressing to the Year 2 subjects.
- Students must pass at least 70 credit points of University level subjects in Year 1 before progressing to the Year 2 subjects.

In order to ensure that Bachelor of Arts students meet the program requirements, all students must seek advice from their Academic Program Advisor when transitioning to the second year of their program.

Qualification for this award then requires the successful completion of a further 160 credit points with no less than 60 credit points at Level 3.

Western Sydney University subjects

Parramatta City Campus

Interpreting and Translation Pool

Students must complete 60 credit points from the Interpreting and Translation pool.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 2014	Community Translation (UG)	10
LANG 2023	Interpreting Skills	10
LANG 3060	Legal Interpreting (UG)	10
LANG 3065	Medical Interpreting (UG)	10

LANG 3083	Specialised Translation (UG)	10
LANG 3084	Text Analysis for Translation (UG)	10
LANG 2047	Translation Technologies	10

Linguistics Pool

Students must complete 30 credit points from the Linguistics pool.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3016	Bilingualism and Biculturalism	10
LANG 1014	Introduction to Linguistics	10
LANG 3071	Second Language Acquisition	10
LANG 2041	Structure of Language	10
LANG 1028	The Sound of Language	10
LANG 2034	Meaning in Language	10
LANG 2037	Pragmatics	10
LANG 3030	Discourse Analysis	10
LANG 3034	Historical Linguistics	10
LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	10
BEHV 3019	Psychology of Language	10
LANG 3031	Discovering Language: Everything you've ever wanted to know but never asked	10
LANG 3073	Sociolinguistics	10

Languages Pool

Students must complete 20 credit points from this pool at Level 3.

Arabic

Level 3 Arabic language pool from the Bachelor of Arts listed under the Arabic, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/arabic-major/>)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3009	Arabic 301	10
LANG 3011	Arabic 302 - Arabic Advanced Language and Grammar	10
LANG 3012	Arabic 303: Advanced Writing Skills	10
LANG 3013	Arabic 304: Arabic Advanced Speaking	10
LANG 3014	Arabic 306: Arabic Novel and Short Story	10
LANG 3015	Arabic 308: Language Past and Present	10
LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	10
LANG 3082	Special Study in Languages and Linguistics	10

Chinese

Level 3 Chinese language pool from the Bachelor of Arts listed under the Chinese, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-major/>)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3020	Chinese 301	10
LANG 3021	Chinese 302	10
LANG 3022	Chinese 303: Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature	10
LANG 3023	Chinese 304: Chinese Classical Literature	10
LANG 3024	Chinese 305: Chinese Cinema	10
LANG 3025	Chinese 306: Traditional Chinese Thought	10
LANG 3026	Chinese 307: The Cultural Context of China	10

LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	10
LANG 3082	Special Study in Languages and Linguistics	10

Japanese

Level 3 Japanese language pool from the Bachelor of Arts listed under the Japanese, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-major/#structuretext>)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3051	Japanese 301	10
LANG 3052	Japanese 302	10
LANG 3053	Japanese 303: Contemporary Culture and Society	10
LANG 3054	Japanese 304: Discourse in Japanese	10
LANG 3055	Japanese 305: Advanced Reading and Writing	10
LANG 3056	Japanese 306: Japanese Popular Culture	10
LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	10
LANG 3082	Special Study in Languages and Linguistics	10

Spanish

Some subjects below need to be completed cross-institutionally as they are no longer available at Western Sydney University.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	10
LANG 3074	Spanish 301	10
LANG 3075	Spanish 302	10
LANG 3076	Spanish 303: Advanced Writing Skills	10
LANG 3077	Spanish 304: Advanced Speaking Skills	10
LANG 3078	Spanish 305: Contemporary Literature	10
LANG 3079	Spanish 306: Contemporary History	10
LANG 3080	Spanish 307: Classical Literature	10
LANG 3081	Spanish 308: Spanish Sociolinguistics	10
LANG 3072	Short Fiction in the Americas	10
LANG 3082	Special Study in Languages and Linguistics	10

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 270 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
First term of study		
LANG 0003	Academic English (WSTC Prep)	10
LANG 0009	Academic Skills for Arts (WSTC Prep)	10
COMM 0011	Texts and Communication (WSTC Prep)	10
LANG 1032	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society (WSTC)	10
Second term of study		
LANG 1031	Foundations of Academic English (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1059	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950 (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1056	Diversity, Language and Culture (WSTC)	10
Third term of study		
LANG 1016	Introduction to Literary Studies (WSTC)	10

HUMN 1055	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship (WSTC)	10
HUMN 1067	Introduction to Culture and Society (WSTC)	10

Select one of the following: 10

POLI 1008	World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)	
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TEAC 1025	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships (WSTC)	
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Students may exit at this point and graduate with the Diploma in Arts following a passing grade in all of the above subjects. Students who progress onto Year 2 may also be awarded the Diploma if they gain a passing grade in all of the Year 1 College subjects.

Credit Points 110

Year 2

Autumn session

LANG 1014	Introduction to Linguistics	10
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LANG 1017	Introduction to Translation	10
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Select two Interpreting and Translation pool subjects 20

Credit Points 40

Spring session

LANG 1013	Introduction to Interpreting	10
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Select one Interpreting and Translation pool subject 10

Select one Linguistics pool subject 10

Select one Level 3 subject from the Language major 10

Credit Points 40

Year 3

Autumn session

Select two Interpreting and Translation pool subjects 20

Select one Linguistics pool subject 10

Select one Level 3 subject from the Language major 10

Credit Points 40

Spring session

LANG 3049	Interpreting and Translation Professional Practicum (UG)	10
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LANG 3067	Preparation for NAATI Certification (UG)	10
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Select one Interpreting and Translation pool subject 10

Select one Linguistics pool subject 10

Credit Points 40

Total Credit Points 270

Equivalent core subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 1003 - Analytical Reading and Writing (WSTC)
HUMN 1006 - Australia and the World (WSTC)
HUMN 1011 - Contemporary Society (WSTC)
HUMN 1023 - Global History (WSTC)
LANG 1027 - Texts and Traditions (WSTC)

Equivalent subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2022 or earlier.

HUMN 1018 Everyday Life (WSTC), replaced by HUMN 1067 Introduction to Culture and Society (WSTC)

POLI 1003 Introduction to International Relations (WSTC), replaced by POLI 1008 World Politics and International Relations (WSTC)