

# LANG 1014 INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101945

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**Description** Language is an integral component of human experience. This subject is designed to raise students' awareness of the nature, structures and functions of language and language use. Students will gain the conceptual tools to do basic analysis of language at the levels of phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. By providing a basic understanding and appreciation of language from different perspectives, the subject establishes points of contact between language, the humanities, and beyond.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Linguistics

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LANG 2032 - Linguistics

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. explain what language is and how it is used
2. analyse grammatical aspects of language;
3. demonstrate basic knowledge about language acquisition and processing;
4. describe and explain how languages differ and change over time;
5. apply fundamental concepts and appropriate theoretical knowledge to analyse data and the selected problem set.

## Subject Content

- Introduction to language and linguistics: Rationale for studying linguistics; sub-disciplines of linguistics, other linguistics-related disciplines and their objectives;
- Grammatical aspects of language: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics: the meanings of language;
- language and mind: language acquisition and processing.
- language and society: language in use and language change.
- language change over time

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	7 quizzes at 10-30 minutes each. The two lowest marks will be excluded from the final mark calculation.	40	N	Individual	N
Short Answer	Approximat 1,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Applied Project	A project plan of up to 500 words and a 2.5~3-minute presentation	20	N	Individual	N

## Prescribed Texts

- Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., Hyams, N., Collins, P., Amberber, M. & Cox F. (2022). An Introduction to Language. Australia & New Zealand 10th Edition. South Melbourne: Cengage Learning.

## Teaching Periods

### Autumn (2025)

#### Online

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