

# LANG 1034 SPEAKING DHARUG AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** Indigenous languages have a growing profile in Australian life. Indigenous languages now feature across the media, literature, performing arts, environment and land management, education, and the corporate world. Western Sydney University acknowledges Dharug people as the traditional custodians of the land where several campuses are located, but relatively few people have had the chance to learn Dharug language. In this subject, students - Indigenous, non-Indigenous Australian and international students alike - have the opportunity to learn about the richness of Australian Indigenous languages, by learning to speak, listen, read and write some Dharug. The subject showcases the diversities and commonalities across Australian Indigenous languages, cultures and histories, the how and why of language revitalisation activities, and ways that everyone can play a role.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Australian Indigenous Languages

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

## Learning Outcomes

1. Identify important characteristics of Australian Indigenous languages, including Dharug, their histories and revitalisation.
2. Interact in greetings, introductions and instructional language in Dharug.
3. Perform scripts for everyday communication and public presentations such as Acknowledgement of and Welcome to Country in Dharug.
4. Explain sound-letter patterns used to read, write and pronounce words and phrases in Dharug and other Australian Indigenous languages.
5. Appraise own understanding of new knowledge related to Indigenous Australian languages and peoples, including diversity of contexts and protocols for language use.

## Subject Content

- Everyday communication in Dharug language
- Revitalisation of Australian Indigenous languages
- Histories of Australian Indigenous languages and their peoples
- Protocols for Australian Indigenous language use
- Sound-letter relationships and pronunciation in Australian Indigenous languages
- Characteristics of Dharug and other Australian Indigenous languages

- Approaches to accurate translation between English and Australian Indigenous languages
- Using Dharug words, phrases and scripts in communicative contexts and public presentations

## 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	15 mins in Week 3	25	N	Individual	N
Practical	100-200 words written version plus 2-minute spoken presentation in class.	35	N	Group	N
Applied Project	Approximately 600-700 words in Dharug and English; Dharug 10-100 words. English up 10-100 word translation	40	N	Individual	N