FAQs 2014

Diploma of Languages
VTAC Code: 3200317471 (Chinese) / 3200310121 (Japanese), RMIT Code: DP005, FT Intensive/PT, City

Information about this program is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/DP005

Can I enrol alongside my undergraduate degree?

Any currently enrolled onshore RMIT undergraduate student can apply. (Note the Diploma of Languages is not currently available to international students.) Normally you would enrol in the Diploma in the first or second year of your main degree. For more information about how this may affect you, check the Program Enrolment Structure or talk to your program coordinator.

How long does it take to complete the Diploma?

The stand-alone Diploma is available in a one-year intensive full-time mode in Chinese or Japanese or in part-time mode (2-3 years) in Chinese, French, Japanese or Spanish, where you will be completing 2-4 courses a year. The Diploma may add up to one year of the duration of your undergraduate degree.

The Diploma can be accelerated by enrolling in courses offered in intensive spring or summer semesters, or in a study abroad tour or semester/year on exchange where available. Eligibility to enrol in study abroad tours is at the discretion of the RMIT School offering the tour.

The exact duration of your Diploma will depend on your main program of study, the language you are studying under the Diploma and your entry point in that language. You will need to meet with the Program Manager of the Diploma of Languages to work out an individual study plan.

What if I have already completed some language study?

The Diploma is available in part-time mode if you have no prior knowledge of a language, as well as if you have completed several years of study. The full-time Diploma in Chinese or Japanese is aimed at students with no or very little prior knowledge of that language.

If you have completed some language or language-related electives within an undergraduate degree from RMIT or another tertiary institution, you may be eligible to apply for credit towards the Diploma for up to 48-credit points (4 courses). You may also be able to credit courses completed in your Diploma to your undergraduate home program (on approval from your home program).

Can I complete some of my study overseas?

Students may choose to undertake a study abroad tour (12 or 24 credit point course) of two to four weeks duration over the Australian summer or winter break, where available, once they have completed 36 credit points of the Diploma. These may be run by RMIT or by partner or non-partner universities. Study completed on the tour may be credited towards the Diploma.

One or two semester-length overseas exchange programs may also be available to part-time Diploma students.

How and when can I apply?

Apply through VTAC for full time study and directly to RMIT for part time study. (Note the Diploma of Languages is not currently available to international students.) Currently enrolled RMIT students should discuss their application with their home school and seek approval before applying.

Application forms are available from http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

How many students are accepted into the program?

2014 – 208 applicants.
2014 – 49 student places.

*Data from RMIT 2014 Facts and Figures domestic applications

How many contact and self-directed study hours per week?

Full time students are expected to attend 15 hours of classes per week and undertake extra study and research weekly.

Are evening classes available?

Some languages may offer evening classes. Please confirm with the program coordinator.

Do I need my own computer or any other special equipment or software?

A computer is advantageous, but is not a requirement, as students have access to computer labs with the relevant software.

Can I defer my place?

It is RMIT policy that all students are able to defer their studies for a maximum of 12 months. Six month deferment may be possible if places are available at mid-year.

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What are the entrance requirements?
Please note the English Study Score for this program is at least 25 in English (ESL) or at least 20 in any other English.

What are the pathways for this program?
Graduates of the RMIT Diploma of Languages with a GPA of 3.0 or higher gain guaranteed entry into one of the following programs (subject to certain criteria) and are eligible for exemptions:

- Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice Administration)
- Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Legal and Dispute Studies)
- Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Youth Work)
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)/Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Environment)
- Bachelor of Environmental Science/Bachelor of Social Science (Environment)
- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)

What are the fees for this program?
The Australian government has announced changes to funding of Commonwealth supported places (CSPs). These may affect the proportion of the fee paid by student contribution from 2016. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered and www.studyassist.gov.au

Financial assistance is available to eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Are there any equity places available?
If you are studying VCE or VCAL at a Schools Network Access Program (SNAP) school and want to apply to RMIT, please talk with your school’s careers or pathway coordinator to help you go through the process for applying for equity consideration. For more information, visit www.rmit.edu.au/study/applying-to-rmit/equity-access

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