

Languages A/T

The following languages may be studied at UCSSC Lake Ginninderra:

Chinese
Japanese
Spanish

All languages at the Beginning level are available as A or T units.

A study of languages will:

- develop written and oral communication skills;
- provide an important edge in future employment and prepare students for the global labour market, establishing them as credible educated people when overseas.
- develop a sensitivity and understanding of other cultures;
- prepare students for a range of careers in translation and interpretation, tourism and hospitality, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Immigration, retail and community services;
- prepare students for further study at CIT/TAFE and university;
- help students to think globally; and
- enhance learning strategies and intellectual growth.

All languages are structured to include a variety of modules covering themes such as travel, concerns of young people, the environment, entertainment, and more.

Language Course Patterns

Minor
2 units of the same course.

Major
3.5 or 4 units of the same course.

The availability of courses in any given year will depend on the number of students wishing to enrol.

Language courses are divided into four levels which correspond to four courses. Entry requirements differ based on language knowledge and experience. All languages students in the ACT must complete a form to help determine which course they will undertake.

Beginning Courses

Beginning Courses are intended for students who have little or no previous knowledge of the language. All Beginning courses and some Continuing courses are available at A classification.

These course aim to develop communication skills, both spoken and written for the purpose of further study, travel, enjoyment or work. The Asian languages give particular emphasis to learning the fundamentals of script writing. Students are introduced to the way of life and culture of the people of the target language.

Continuing Courses

Continuing Courses are intended for students who have completed two or more years of study of the language. Previous knowledge of the language is necessary. The further development of communication skills, both spoken and written for

the purpose of further study, travel, enjoyment or work is the focus of these courses. They aim to extend students' understanding of the way of life and culture of the people of the target language.

Advanced Courses

Advanced Courses are intended for students who have near native fluency.

Designed for those students who have near native fluency in the target language, or who have spent a considerable time in the countries where the language is spoken and have been educated through the language, these courses consolidate and further develop communication competence and linguistic control.

Cultural issues of the target language are examined at a more sophisticated level. Particular emphasis is given to responding critically and/or creatively to a variety of texts, both written and visual.

