

# Bachelor of Arts

## Major: Linguistics

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### Introduction

Sheridan's Bachelor of Arts program (Linguistics) provides a 3-year undergraduate program for students interested in studying linguistics.

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Majoring in linguistics at Sheridan allows the student to learn about many aspects of human language. These include the rules for: sounds and sound systems (phonetics and phonology), word formation (morphology), sentence construction (syntax), and the encoding of meaning (semantics). Building on semantics, students will also study language in context (pragmatics and discourse analysis). How people acquire or learn a language (language acquisition) is covered, mainly depending on whether or not it is their first language or an additional one. In terms of how societal issues impact language, the field of sociolinguistics will be explored. Also, students will learn how to model aspects of language (computational linguistics). Finally, the practical applications of language studies (applied linguistics) are woven throughout the course units.

The program will suit students preparing for employment in education, foreign services or serve as a pathway towards postgraduate studies.

### Course Outline

A minimum of 24 units must be taken to complete the Sheridan Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics). Each unit is worth 3 credit points, with a total of 72 credit points to complete the degree.

All BA students study eight (8) Common Core units, comprising two (2) BA core units, three (3) core research-oriented units and three (3) common core Christian studies units.

The BA (Linguistics) Major comprises eight (8) units: five (5) Linguistics core units and three (3) elective units specific to the Linguistics discipline.

Students can select a second Major from within the Bachelor of Arts or a wide range of general elective units from other academic disciplines to complete the required 24 units to meet the graduation requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree (subject to meeting pre-requisites and other course requirements, e.g. visa, duration of study). Students should consult their course coordinator for advice.

#### Linguistics Core (5 units)

- LN101 Introduction to Linguistics
- LN102 Introduction to Sociolinguistics
- LN201 Morphology and Syntax
- LN202 Phonetics and Phonology
- LN301 Semantics

#### Linguistics Electives (3 units)

\*A minimum of 1 unit from Level 3

##### Level 2 units

- LN230 Nonverbal Communication
- LN240 Intercultural Communication

##### Level 3 units

- LN320 Second Language Acquisition
- LN332 Linguistic Politeness in Asian Societies
- CN332 Advanced Chinese: Translation

#### Common BA Core (2 units)

- HU140 Creative Thinking
- HU250 Critical Thinking and Ethics

#### Common Research Core (3 units)

- RS191 Academic and Professional Communication Skills
- RS292 Research Methods
- RS394 Research Project

#### Common Christian Core (3 units)

- CS100 Introduction to Christianity
- CS200 Survey of the Bible
- CS300 Christianity as a Worldview

#### General Electives (8 units)

- Units from any discipline where appropriate prerequisites have been met. The faculty recommends that students consider selecting additional electives from the Linguistics list.

- Students may also choose to undertake a second Major in the Bachelor of Arts comprising eight (8) units of study from a specific discipline area, e.g. History or Chinese Studies; or undertake a Minor in the Bachelor of Arts comprising four (4) units of study from a specific discipline area, e.g. Japanese Studies.

The BA (Linguistics) is accredited by TEQSA at Level 7 of the Australian Qualifications Framework.

## Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for the BA (Linguistics) award, students must pass eight (8) Linguistics units, eight (8) Common Core units, and eight (8) general elective units.

## Expected Learning Outcomes

A Bachelor's Degree qualifies individuals who apply a broad and coherent body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional work and as a pathway for further learning.

Upon completing the BA, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate your understanding of a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with an emphasis on the underlying principles and concepts of one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences.
- Exercise your cognitive skills successfully to critically analyse, synthesise and consolidate information, concepts and theories from multi-disciplinary perspectives.
- Critically evaluate the scholarship and professional practice of one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences in the light of contemporary research, of workplace practice, and of perspectives grounded in Christian scholarship.
- Communicate your understanding of current knowledge and professional practice of one or more disciplines to others through structured assignments and presentations in a variety of learning contexts.
- Demonstrate your intellectual independence through creative intellectual contributions to the study and/or practice of one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences.
- Apply research-based knowledge, ethics, skills and concepts from one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences to analyse problems and propose creative solutions across a diverse range scenarios.

- Demonstrate your capacity to seek knowledge and truth with persistence, independence, rigour, and integrity.
- Evaluate the relevance of Christian faith and practice to the pursuit of knowledge in the humanities and social sciences.
- Model self-discipline, servant leadership and respect for the dignity of individuals and groups in various settings.

Each unit you take in the BA will contribute towards the fulfilment of these broader learning outcomes.

## Academic Calendar

The Bachelor of Arts is a 3-year program. Units are delivered in two 15-week semesters. Each semester comprises 12 weeks of teaching, two non-teaching study weeks, and an examination week.

## Course Workload

The Bachelor of Arts may be completed in three years if taken full time, or longer if taken part-time. Students are regarded as taking an annual full-time workload when they are enrolled in a minimum of twenty four (24) or more credit points across two semesters in a given year. Students are regarded as part-time when they take less than twenty four (24) credit points per year.

A standard Bachelor of Arts unit represents 168 hours of study over a semester, including class contact hours and private study. The 168 hours typically consist of lectures, tutorials and seminars for 36 hours (3 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks) and private study for 132 hours (9 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks plus 12 hours per week over 2 non-teaching weeks). Language units generally require double the number of class hours, but a reduced expectation for private study.

## Mode of Study and Assessment

The Bachelor of Arts is delivered face-to-face through lectures, tutorials and seminars, and supported by Sheridan's online Learning Management System, Canvas. Sheridan does not offer an external study option for remote students.

Assessments typically consist of a combination of formative and summative assessments, including online forum discussions, essays, creative writing projects, tests, written reports, presentations and/or examinations.

## Entry Points

Students may enter the Bachelor of Arts at the beginning of any semester in a given academic calendar year.

In the sample timetable below, the student has completed the minimum requirements for the Linguistics major (Linguistics units are underlined).

Full-time students commencing in Semester 1 could complete their course according to the following schedule:

### Sample BA (Linguistics) Program (Semester 1 Entry)

YEAR	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	<u>LN101 Introduction to Linguistics (3cp)</u> HU140 Creative Thinking (3cp) RS191 Academic and Professional Communication (3cp) General Elective 1	<u>LN102 Introduction to Sociolinguistics (3cp)</u> CS100 Introduction to Christianity (3cp) General Elective 2 (3cp) General Elective 3 (3cp)
2	<u>LN201 Morphology and Syntax (3cp)</u> CS200 Survey of the Bible (3cp) Linguistics Elective 1 (3cp) Linguistics Elective 2 (3cp)	<u>LN202 Phonetics and Phonology (3cp)</u> HU250 Critical Thinking and Ethics (3cp) RS292 Research Methods (3cp) Linguistics Elective 3 (3cp)
3	<u>LN301 Semantics (3cp)</u> General Elective 4 (3cp) CS300 Christianity as a Worldview (3cp) General Elective 5 (3cp)	General Elective 6 (3cp) General Elective 7 (3cp) RS394 Research Project (3cp) General Elective 8 (3cp)

Full-time students commencing in Semester 2 could complete their course according to the following schedule:

### Sample BA (Linguistics) Program (Semester 2 Entry)

YEAR	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	-	<u>LN102 Introduction to Sociolinguistics (3cp)</u> RS191 Academic and Professional Communication (3cp) CS100 Introduction to Christianity (3cp) General Elective 1 (3cp)
2	<u>LN101 Introduction to Linguistics (3cp)</u> HU140 Creative Thinking (3cp) General Elective 2 (3cp) General Elective 3 (3cp)	<u>LN202 Phonetics and Phonology (3cp)</u> RS292 Research Methods (3cp) Linguistics Elective 1 (3cp) Linguistics Elective 2 (3cp)
3	<u>LN201 Morphology and Syntax (3cp)</u> Linguistics Elective 3 (3cp) CS200 Survey of the Bible (3cp) General Elective 4 (3cp)	HU250 Critical Thinking and Ethics (3cp) RS394 Research Project (3cp) General Elective 5 (3cp) General Elective 6 (3cp)
4	<u>LN301 Semantics (3cp)</u> CS300 Christianity as a Worldview (3cp) General Elective 7 (3cp) General Elective 8 (3cp)	-

## Rules of Progression

Students intending to graduate with a Linguistics Major must take a minimum of two 100-level Linguistics units, two 200-level and one 300-level Linguistics units.

The following units in the Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics) have specific prerequisites as listed below, which must be successfully completed before a student can enrol in the unit:

Unit	Prerequisites
LN201 Morphology and Syntax	LN101
LN202 Phonetics and Phonology	LN101
LN301 Semantics	LN101 and LN102
LN230 Nonverbal Communication	RS191
LN240 Intercultural Communication	RS191 or HU140
LN320 Second Language Acquisition	LN101 and LN102
LN332 Linguistic politeness in Asian societies	Any ONE of: LN102, SO101, SO102
CN332 Advanced Chinese-English Translation	CN202

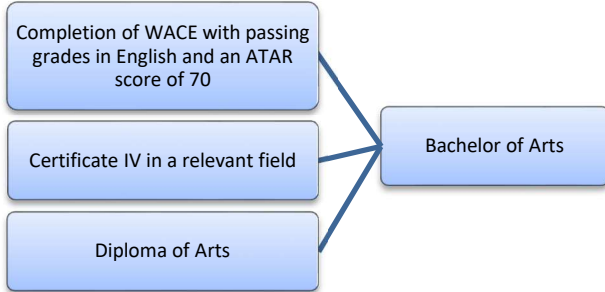
Students need to confirm prerequisite requirements for general elective units through the student portal or by contacting the Registrar.

## Admission Requirements

### Domestic Students

- A minimum ATAR score or its equivalent as determined by the Academic Council (the score is currently set at 70), and
- Completion of WACE or equivalent with scaled marks of at least 50 in ATAR English or ATAR Literature, or
- Completion of relevant VET Certificate IV.
- All applicants also need to complete a successful interview.

## Domestic admission pathways into BA



## International Students

- Successful completion of an assessable qualification from Australia or comparable qualification from selected countries, or
- High school completion and IELTS 6.0 overall with no band lower than 6.0 OR equivalent.
- All applicants also need to complete a successful interview.

For decisions of equivalence or alternative admissions arrangements for students over the age of 19, please contact the Registrar.

## Early Exit Points

Students may exit the Bachelor of Arts program after one year with a **Diploma of Arts**, provided certain credit requirements are met. Contact the Registrar for details.

## Tuition

Sheridan is a not-for-profit higher education provider. Student tuition is set at the lowest possible level to reduce financial barriers to higher education.

Domestic students will pay \$825 per unit, for a total cost of \$19,800 for the Bachelor of Arts.

International students will pay \$1,600 per unit, for a total cost of \$38,400 for the Bachelor of Arts.

There are no additional expenses for textbooks and field trips. These items are fully covered by the tuition fees outlined above.

## Scholarship Placements

Graduates and current staff of Baptist schools in Western Australia are invited to register for a selected number of scholarship placements offered each year. Scholarship placement students will only be required to meet the expenses of textbooks and field trips.

## Location

Teaching takes place at the Perth CBD campus (Suite 18, 7 Aberdeen St Perth or Suite 41A/10 Nash Street).

## Further Information

If you would like to know more about the course or about Sheridan, please visit [sheridan.edu.au](http://sheridan.edu.au) or email the Registrar at [enquiries@sheridan.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@sheridan.edu.au).

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