

# Canberra Region Languages Forum Update

January 2015

## 1. Online and Summer Language Courses at the ANU in 2015.

The ANU teaches more than 20 languages, and many courses are now available online to off-campus students in Australia and internationally. There are also on-campus summer courses in January 2015.

A complete list of languages offered at ANU and other Go8 universities, plus details of bonus points for completion of language study at Year 12 level, can be downloaded from [http://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/go8\\_languages\\_incentive\\_scheme\\_s\\_august\\_2014.pdf](http://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/go8_languages_incentive_scheme_s_august_2014.pdf)

### Summer courses at ANU

#### Arabic:

Tuesday and Thursday 4.30pm — 7 pm, 6 January 2015 — 5 February 2015, Cost: \$450.  
W: <http://cais.anu.edu.au/story/interested-arabic-language-not-taking-degree-program>

#### Mongolian:

Intensive beginners course: 4 hours a day (starting at 9am), 27 January to 6 February. Fee \$500 (Concession \$300). E: [li.narangoa@anu.edu.au](mailto:li.narangoa@anu.edu.au), T (02) 6125 3201, W: [http://chl.anu.edu.au/sites/mongolianstudies/\\_documents/Mongolian\\_course1A\\_2015.pdf](http://chl.anu.edu.au/sites/mongolianstudies/_documents/Mongolian_course1A_2015.pdf)

### Online courses

#### Arabic

Arabic online courses can be enrolled in as electives or part of a major or minor.

W: <http://cais.anu.edu.au/story/arabic-online>

#### Hindi

Get the inside story on everything you love about India, its culture, art, religion and diverse communities. T: (02) 6125 3126, E: [peter.friedlander@anu.edu.au](mailto:peter.friedlander@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2015/course/HIND1100>

Indonesian W: <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/specialisation/INDN-SPEC>

#### Reading Russian

A sequence of two courses which can be taken completely online at undergraduate or postgraduate level. The pace is steady and the level of grammatical mastery attained is high, because no time is spent on speaking or listening.

W: <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/course/russ3002>

#### Persian:

Online courses at introductory and intermediate level allow Persian to be learned flexibly from anywhere in Australia and around the world. W: <http://cais.anu.edu.au/panel/persian-program>

#### Sanskrit:

The primary language of classical Indian art, music, dance, literature and religion. ANU teaches Sanskrit as a living tradition, in which performance and production of language are valued alongside traditional grammar and reception. All four years of Sanskrit are flexibly delivered online to students all over the world. E: [McComas.Taylor@anu.edu.au](mailto:McComas.Taylor@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://chl.anu.edu.au/languages/sanskrit/>

#### Thai:

A program to take you far beyond the tourist experience to a world of academic, personal and career opportunities. A flexible, student-focused approach enables you to read, write and speak basic Thai within your first semester. E: [Chintana.Sandilands@anu.edu.au](mailto:Chintana.Sandilands@anu.edu.au) T: (02) 6125 4659, W: <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2015/course/THAI1002>

### Tibetan:

A 13-week online course in Introductory Tibetan at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Suitable for everyone from Dharma students to field researchers, NGO workers and members of the Tibetan diaspora who want to brush up their language skills.

T: (02) 6125 3179, W: <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2015/course/TIBN1002>

E: [McComas.Taylor@anu.edu.au](mailto:McComas.Taylor@anu.edu.au)

### Vietnamese:

Interactive classes designed to cover the fundamentals of language used in everyday situations. Students of Vietnamese decent may like to learn about their heritage language and culture. Innovative online lessons and downloadable electronic textbooks enable you to learn on your mobile device anytime and anywhere.

E: [boa.thai@anu.edu.au](mailto:boa.thai@anu.edu.au) W: <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2015/course/VIET1002>

## **2. Other opportunities in the ACT area to learn languages**

[CIT Solutions](http://shortcourses.cit.edu.au/modules/languages_courses.html) offer a range of courses, many aimed at the traveller and “taster” market. Languages include Arabic, Auslan, Croatian, English, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese and Spanish. For details of courses in First Semester 2015, see [http://shortcourses.cit.edu.au/modules/languages\\_courses.html](http://shortcourses.cit.edu.au/modules/languages_courses.html)

For information about other language learning opportunities for adults in the Canberra region, visit <http://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-adults.html>

## **3. Promote language learning at the Multicultural Festival in Canberra**

- **Sunday 15 February 2015, 11am-4.30pm**

The ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) will again have an information stall at the National Multicultural Festival in Civic. The location of the stall will be posted on the ACTBEA website as soon as it is known (<http://actbilingual.weebly.com/>).

This is a great opportunity to publicise the benefits of knowing more than one language and any language program or activity you are involved in; the festival is visited by thousands of people each year. Just bring any brochures or pamphlets along to the stall on the day, or contact [canberrabilingual@gmail.com](mailto:canberrabilingual@gmail.com) to make prior arrangements.

NOTE: ACTBEA gratefully acknowledges the support of the ACT Government's 2014-15 Participation (Multicultural) Grants Program) for funding its activities at the festival.

## **4. Language Walk, Saturday**

- **21 February 2015, from 10.30am**

Support the International Mother Language Movement (IMLM) by taking part in the language walk along the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. Feel free to bring along posters and banners publicising various languages and/or to wear national dress.

- Free fun activities for families at the conclusion of the walk.

For more local information follow IMLD Canberra on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/actbilingual). For more information on International Mother Language Day see [http://imlm21.org.au/?page\\_id=1109](http://imlm21.org.au/?page_id=1109)

## **5. Lu Rees Archives: promoting reading in Chinese and offering student internships**

The Lu Rees Archives (LRA) at the University of Canberra is an impressive resource for information about, and access to, translations of Australian children's literature. The archive has about 3,200 in translations in 53 languages. Books held by the Archives are available for study and research by the general public and can be read during opening hours.

With the support of an ACT Government Multicultural Grant, the archives are working with local Chinese community language schools to select and purchase Australian children's books which have been translated into Chinese. Once catalogued, annotated and listed on the schools' and the Archives' websites, these books will be available for loan to children and their families, thus becoming a shared family experience.

The LRA also provides part-time internships for students which can last up to a semester. Based on their time commitment, students are given projects which might include updating and creating research files and finding aids.

For more information see <http://www.canberra.edu.au/lurees> or follow the Archives on facebook.

## **6. Interested in CLIL (Content and language Integrated Learning)?**

The [CLIL Support Facebook](#) page, put together by Simone Smala at the University of Queensland, is aimed at the CLIL community - parents, teachers, students, ex-students, researchers, school leadership and other decision-makers. The page provides links to interesting articles, conference and resources see, for example:

- Multilingual Families - EU project <http://www.multilingual-families.eu/>
- Video of translating and interpreting students in Spain talking about the advantages of being multilingual:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7ehB4kI0Hs> (English version with Spanish Subtitles)
- Free downloadable training kit: "Plurilingualism and pluriculturalism in content-based teaching" which assists teachers to create materials in English, French and Spanish that can be linked to several areas of the curriculum and adapted to other languages: <http://www.ecml.at/tabid/277/PublicationID/69/Default.aspx>
- Call for papers, Language, Education and Diversity Conference, 23 – 26 November 2015, University of Auckland: <https://led.education.auckland.ac.nz/>

## **7. Applications for Erasmus Mundus Masters Program in Language and Communication Technologies (EMMLCT) – closing 12 January 2015**

Open to both European and non-European students for start in autumn 2015, interested applicants have until 12 January to apply for an Erasmus-Mundus scholarship for this program. For more details: <http://lct-master.org/>

## **8. Families with children under 4 years old sought for ANU research project on how children acquire language**

Dr Evan Kidd and his team at ANU's Research School of Psychology are currently creating a database of Canberra families interested in participating in future research projects. The studies will involve children, and sometimes their parents/guardians, in a range of activities from playing and talking about toys to listening to language while looking at pictures on a computer screen.

To register your interest in participating in the research, visit [https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6RkAh5VeHSZzPYV](https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6RkAh5VeHSZzPYV)

And if you're interested in the research itself and want to keep up with the findings, please 'like' the ANU Language Lab on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LangLabANU>

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