



KOORI CENTRE



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE /  
DIPLOMA / MASTER OF  
INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES EDUCATION  
BLOCK MODE STUDY APPLICATION FORM



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COURSE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN CANDIDATES.  
 COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE.  
 YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN DECEMBER OF THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION.

GENERAL INFORMATION		
FAMILY NAME		
GIVEN NAMES	<i>These names must match legal documentation e.g. passport, driver's licence, etc.</i>	
DATE OF BIRTH		
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY?		
IF YES, WHAT IS YOUR SID NUMBER?		
HOME ADDRESS		
STATE		POSTCODE
POSTAL ADDRESS		
STATE		POSTCODE
TELEPHONE (HM)		TELEPHONE (WK)
MOBILE		FAX
EMAIL		

#### CONFIRMATION OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN DESCENT

As this program is specifically for Indigenous Australians, applicants are required to provide confirmation that they are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. This confirmation can be in the form of a letter of identity from your local Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Legal Service, Aboriginal Medical Service, or other official Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation. If you cannot provide a letter from any of these organisations you will need to provide a statutory declaration confirming your Aboriginality.

You will need to provide your confirmation document with your application. Candidates who do not provide documentation before the first block **will not** be permitted to enrol.

## QUALIFICATIONS

**Entry to the Graduate Certificate** of Indigenous Languages Education requires that candidates have successfully completed **two years towards a teaching qualification**, that is; a Diploma in Education (Aboriginal), or equivalent. In some cases it may be possible for candidates with similar but different qualifications to be granted admission.

**Entry to the Graduate Diploma** of Indigenous Languages Education requires that candidates have successfully completed the **Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Languages Education**.

**Entry to the Master** of Indigenous Languages Education requires that candidates have completed either:

- a **four year teaching qualification**, that is; a Bachelor of Education, or a three year degree and a Diploma of Education, or;
- the **Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Languages Education** with an average mark of 70% or higher.

In some cases it may be possible for candidates with similar but different qualifications to be granted admission.

Please provide details of your previous university studies below:

QUALIFICATION	YEAR/S	INSTITUTION	GRADUATED Y/N

**If you are applying by post**, you should attach certified copies of academic transcripts from your previous university studies. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

Photocopies can be certified by a justice of the peace or other legal personnel and must include the name and contact details of the certifying person. The Koori Centre requires a **complete academic transcript** rather than a testamur confirming the award of a degree.

**If you are applying in person**, bring this form and your original documents to the Koori Centre. The Koori Centre can certify copies for you. University of Sydney transcripts can be obtained internally for you by the Koori Centre.

If you have any queries relating to your documents and their certification, please contact the Koori Centre at the address on the back cover of this form.

## DECLARATION

I declare that the information submitted in this application is true and complete and I authorise the University of Sydney to obtain all relevant records from any university or other institution previously attended by me.

I understand the University of Sydney reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.

I undertake to advise the Koori Centre immediately of any change to the information submitted in this application.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGUAGE BACKGROUND**

Information supplied in this section will not affect your application. However it will allow teaching staff to prepare course content to suit your needs and interests where possible.

HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS BILINGUAL EDUCATION, LANGUAGE CENTRES, SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION, RESEARCH, ETC? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

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WHICH INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGE IS OF MOST INTEREST TO YOU IN UNDERTAKING THIS COURSE?

ARE THERE ANY OTHER INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES THAT YOU HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN?

WHICH INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES (IF ANY) CAN YOU SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND?

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**TEACHING SITUATION**

Information supplied in this section will not affect your application. However it will allow teaching staff to prepare course content to suit your needs and interests where possible.

IF YOU **ARE** CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN A SCHOOL OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS INCLUDING THE SCHOOL'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, AND THE NAME AND TITLE OF YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR.

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**PRIOR LANGUAGES TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Information supplied in this section will not affect your application. However it will allow teaching staff to prepare course content to suit your needs and interests where possible.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE TEACHING LANGUAGES PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

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**MARKET RESEARCH**

Information supplied in this section will not affect your application. However it will help us to get information about these courses to other interested people.

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THESE COURSES?

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**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM AND FOR EXPRESSING AN INTEREST  
IN STUDYING AT THE KOORI CENTRE NEXT YEAR!  
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 NOVEMBER.**

**APPLICATION FOR CREDIT (optional)**

Credit may be given for up to half the course total for studies previously undertaken at a similar level at the University of Sydney or other recognised tertiary institution. Some credit may also be available for studies completed with other providers such as the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL).

Applications for credit must include certified copies of any transcript or result notice.

Credit will only be given for units completed within the previous six years.

Credit **cannot be given for units of study that have already been counted to the award of another qualification.**

In order for an application for credit to be assessed it may be necessary to supply copies of unit of study outlines for previously completed studies. In some circumstances the Koori Centre may also require copies of submitted assignments as part of the assessment process.

It is preferred that candidates do not seek credit for speaking or previously undertaking studies in an Indigenous Australian language. Instead you are encouraged to enhance your knowledge and skills by undertaking further study or research in that language, or learning another language.

I wish to apply for credit based on the studies set out below:

UNIT OF STUDY	AWARDING INSTITUTION	YEAR	GRADE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The NSW Department of Education & Training acknowledges the availability of the *Master of Indigenous Languages Education* offered at the University of Sydney and accepts this program as providing appropriate training for qualified Aboriginal teachers seeking additional approval to teach an Aboriginal language.

The Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Languages Education is completed in one semester full-time and consists of four units of study:

- KCIL5610 Sounds & Writing in Indigenous Languages
- KCIL5611 Words & Meanings in Indigenous Languages
- KCIL5612 Sentences & Text in Indigenous Languages
- KCIL5613 Theories & Methods in Language Learning

Students who complete the requirements for the Graduate Certificate may extend their study and qualify for the Graduate Diploma of Indigenous Languages Education by undertaking a further two units of study in the second semester chosen from the following:

- KCIL5622 Learning an Indigenous Language
- KCIL5623 Language Curriculum Development
- KCIL5624 Technology & Language Learning

*Graduate Diploma candidates are part-time in the second semester and are therefore not eligible for study allowance during that semester.*

Students who qualify for the Graduate Certificate with an average mark of 70% or above may apply for entry to the Master of Indigenous Languages Education in the second semester.

To qualify for the award of the Master of Indigenous Languages Education students must complete four units of study chosen from the following, in addition to completing all four units offered in the first semester:

- KCIL5620 Research Methods in Languages Education
- KCIL5621 Research Project in Languages Education (elective)
- KCIL5622 Learning an Indigenous Language (elective)
- KCIL5623 Language Curriculum Development
- KCIL5624 Technology & Language Learning

The Master of Indigenous Languages Education program includes two elective units of study in the second semester: *KCIL5622 Learning an Indigenous Language*, and; *KCIL5621 Research Project in Languages Education*. Students may undertake one of these units, but not both. To enrol in *KCIL5622 Learning an Indigenous Language* students must be able to locate an appropriate external course in a language of interest to them that involves 36 hours of language learning.

Students who **can** already speak an Indigenous Australian language fairly well should undertake *KCIL5621 Research Project in Indigenous Languages* unless there is an external course available for them to further develop their fluency, or they wish to undertake an external course in a different language.

Students who **cannot** already speak an Indigenous Australian language can undertake either of the electives. However, if they are unable to locate an appropriate external course in a language of interest to them, they may be able to use *KCIL5621 Research Project in Indigenous Languages* to undertake a project that will help them develop fluency in that language.

The University of Sydney offers a six credit point unit of study in Gamilaraay in the Bachelor of Arts Degree. To undertake this unit of study students must be able to attend classes in Sydney one day each week for 13 weeks in the first semester. However, because it is not offered as a block course **no travel, accommodation or meal allowances are available.**

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