

# VIETNAMESE SPECIALISATION

## WHY STUDY VIETNAMESE?

Vietnam has a rich history and culture, and is also an emerging economy with strong ties to Australia. The Vietnamese language is spoken by over 85 million people in Vietnam and three million people around the world, including more than 200,000 people in Australia.

## VIETNAMESE AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

At present, Victoria University is the only tertiary institution in Victoria offering Vietnamese, and the only tertiary institution in Australia which offers Vietnamese classes at different levels, catering for both beginners and native speakers. It also caters for students who are only interested in studying Vietnamese culture and society without the language component.

The Vietnamese specialisation is designed to help students learn the Vietnamese language well enough for daily communication. Furthermore, while acquiring proficiency in all aspects of the language, students will also develop an understanding of the history, culture and socio-economic conditions of Vietnam.

At the completion of the course, students are expected to be able, at different levels,

- to use Vietnamese as a means of communication and a tool for research;
- to appreciate Vietnamese culture; and
- to work with Vietnamese people or in a Vietnamese-speaking business environment.

The School can also arrange for individuals to study in Vietnam.

## VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Vietnamese language skills are in demand in many areas such as teaching, tourism, international trade, community-related work and international projects

## HOW CAN I STUDY VIETNAMESE?

You do not need prior knowledge to enrol in Vietnamese. The units can be taken as a specialisation or as electives. It is also offered within the Graduate Diploma in Modern Languages (Vietnamese) and as part of an Honours program or a postgraduate degree.

Units offered may vary each year. List of offerings in each academic year is published on the Faculty Student Website: [WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD](http://WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD).

Detailed unit outlines can be obtained from the Victoria University online handbook:

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## STRUCTURE OF THE VIETNAMESE SPECIALISATION

### First year (complete BOTH units)

Entry level for complete beginner  
**ACV1001** BASIC VIETNAMESE A  
**ACV1002** BASIC VIETNAMESE B

### Second and third year (complete four units)

**ACV 2001** INTERMEDIATE VIETNAMESE A  
**ACV 2002** INTERMEDIATE VIETNAMESE B  
**ACV3001** VIETNAMESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY  
**ACV3002** VIETNAM: GLOBALISATION, DIASPORA AND IDENTITY  
**ACV3011** VIETNAMESE FOR BUSINESS  
**ACV3022** VIETNAMESE FILM AND MEDIA

### The following units will not be available in 2012

**ACV3013** Vietnamese Folklore  
**ACV3023** Variation and Change in the Vietnamese Language  
**ACV3032** Special Topics in Vietnamese Literature

## NOTES:

- Students with no previous knowledge of Vietnamese commence with **ACV1001 Basic Vietnamese A**.
- Vietnamese native speakers commence with **ACV2001 Intermediate Vietnamese A** or any other unit appropriate to their interests and level of proficiency.
- Students who are interested in Vietnamese culture and society but do not wish to study the language can choose **ACV3001 Vietnamese Culture and Society** or/and **ACV Vietnam: Globalisation, Diaspora and Identity** which are taught in English.
- Students who want to take Vietnamese as an elective unit can enrol in any of the above units with approval from the coordinator.
- Students who wish to specialize in Vietnamese should complete six units, starting from any level as appropriate.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE STUDIES, CONTACT THE COORDINATOR:

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