

BACHELOR OF  
ARTS  
IN  
**Linguistics  
with Honours**



FACULTY OF LANGUAGE AND  
COMMUNICATION

*Community-Driven University For a Sustainable World*

## INTRODUCTION

The Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics with Honours programme at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak's Faculty of Language and Communication is a distinguished 3-year programme engineered to cultivate exceptional and competitive graduates. This undergraduate programme began in the 2014/2015 session, making it the faculty's inaugural offering. The programme blends linguistic exploration with cultural enrichment, focusing on the Borneo languages of Sarawak. It provides a holistic education that complements linguistic insights with a foundational understanding of literature, media, and culture. This multidisciplinary approach equips students to engage with linguistic diversity while fostering a comprehensive appreciation for various communication mediums.

## CAREER PROSPECTS

Educator; Academic researcher; Lexicographer; Translator; Speech and language therapist; Social researcher; Editorial assistant; Information officer; Media journalist; Copywriter; Copyeditor/Proofreader

### Semester 1

**PBL1013** Introduction to Linguistics  
**PBL1173** Phonetics and Phonology  
**PBL1063** Morphology  
**PBL1033** Dialectology  
**PBL1113** Language Variation  
**PPD1041** Softskills & Basic Volunteerism  
**MPU3192** Appreciation of Ethics and Civilization  
**\*PBI1102** Academic English 1 OR  
**\*PBI1092** Academic English 2

### Semester 3

**PBL2013** Semantics  
**PBL2093** Language and Computing  
**PBL2223** Psycholinguistics  
**\*\*PBL2183** Sarawak Malay Dialect Level 2 OR  
**\*\*PBL2193** Iban Language Level 2 OR  
**\*\*PBL2203** Bidayuh Language Level 2 OR  
**\*\*PBL2213** Melanau Language Level 2  
**\*\*\*PBB2013** The Power of Language and the Media (Comp 1b) OR  
**\*\*\*PBS2013** National Literature (Comp 2b)  
**PBM2072** Malay Language  
**XXX3** University Elective 1

### Interession

**PBP2046** Industrial Training

### Semester 5

**PBL3013** Pragmatics  
**PBL3023** Syntax  
**PBL3083** Historical Linguistics  
**PBP3013** Final Year Project 1  
**\*\*\*PBB3013** Media and Persuasive Language (Comp 1d) OR  
**\*\*\*PBS3033** Popular Culture (Comp 2d)  
**PBL3063** Linguistics and Translation  
**XXX3** University Elective 3

### Semester 2

**MPU3182** Philosophy and Current Issues  
**PBL1183** Discourse Analysis  
**PBL1193** Linguistics Communication  
**\*\*\*PBB1013** Introduction to Language and Media (Comp 1a) OR  
**\*\*\*PBS1013** Introduction to Literature and Culture (Comp 2a)  
**\*\*PBL1123** Sarawak Malay Dialect Level 1 OR  
**\*\*PBL1133** Iban Language Level 1 OR  
**\*\*PBL1143** Bidayuh Language Level 1 OR  
**\*\*PBL1153** Melanau Language Level 1  
**\*PBI1072** English for Professional Communication OR  
**\*PBI1082** English for Occupational Purposes  
**MPU3222** Foundation of Entrepreneurship Inculturation  
**MPUXXX2** Credited Co-curricular

### Semester 4

**PBL2083** Sociolinguistics  
**PBL2243** An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology  
**PBP2014** Research Methodology  
**\*\*\*PBB2023** Language and Technology (Comp 1c) OR  
**\*\*\*PBS2043** Borneo-Kalimantan Literature (Comp 2c)  
**\*\*PBL2144** Borneo Language I (Sarawak Malay Dialect) OR  
**\*\*PBL2154** Borneo Language II (Iban Language) OR  
**\*\*PBL2164** Borneo Language III (Bidayuh Language) OR  
**\*\*PBL2174** Borneo Language IV (Melanau Language)  
**XXX3** University Elective 2

### Semester 6

**PBL3073** Lexicography  
**PBP3023** Final Year Project 2  
**\*\*\*PBB3023** Editing and Proofreading (Comp 1e) OR  
**\*\*\*PBS3043** Literature in Motion (Comp 2e)  
**\*\*\*PBB3033** Media Content and Publishing (Comp 1f) OR  
**\*\*\*PBS3053** Appreciation of Nusantara Heritage and Culture (Comp 2f)  
**MPU3372** Integrity and Anti-Corruption

<b>Level</b>	<b>Minimum Entry Requirements</b>
STPM	Passed with at least Grade C (CGPA 2.00) at the Malaysian Higher Certificate of Education (STPM) level in any two (2) subjects (excluding General Studies) AND passed with at least Grade E at the Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) level in the following subject: English Language AND achieved a minimum of Band 2.0 for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) for examinations starting from Session 1 of the year 2021, or Band 2 for examinations until the year 2020, with the validity period effective on the application date.
STAM	Passed with at least the Jayyid level in the Malaysian Higher Certificate of Religious Education (STAM) examination. Passed with at least Grade E at the Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) level in the following subject: English Language AND achieved a minimum of Band 2.0 in the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) for examinations starting from Session 1 of the year 2021, or Band 2 for examinations until the year 2020, with the validity period effective on the application date.
Diploma / Equivalent	<p>Have a Diploma in a relevant field or other qualifications recognized by the UNIMAS Senate, with a minimum CGPA of 2.00; AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include academic transcripts from the first semester to the final semester OR</li> <li>• Passed with at least Grade C (CGPA 2.00) at the Malaysian Higher Certificate of Education (STPM) level in any two (2) subjects (excluding General Studies) OR</li> <li>• Passed with at least Grade C (2.00) at the Foundation level (Matriculation/Foundation) in any two (2) subjects OR Passed with at least a Jayyid level in the Malaysian Higher Certificate of Religious Education (STAM) examination</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Passed with at least Grade E at the Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) level in the following subject: English Language AND achieved a minimum of Band 2.0 for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) for examinations starting from Session 1 of the year 2021, or Band 2 for examinations until the year 2020, with the validity period effective on the application date.</p>
MoE Matriculations/ UM Science Foundation/ UM Science Foundation / UiTM Foundation	<p>Passed with at least Grade C (2.00) in any two (2) subjects at the Foundation level (Matriculation/Foundation) AND passed with at least Grade E at the Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) level in the following subject: English Language</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Achieved a minimum of Band 2.0 in the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) for examinations starting from Session 1 of the year 2021, or Band 2 for examinations up until the year 2020, with the validity period effective on the application date.</p>
A Level/ International Baccalaureate (IB)/ AUSMAT	<p>Passed Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) or an equivalent qualification with credit in Malay/Malaysian Language or credit in Malay/Malaysian Language in the July Paper and pass in the subject of History (SPM 2013 and above) AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holds a GCE A Level qualification with at least a Grade C in any 2 of the following subjects: Mathematics / Physics / Biology / Chemistry / Computing / History OR</li> <li>• Pass the International Baccalaureate (IB) with a minimum score of 26 and attain at least a score of 4 in any two (2) subjects at the High Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL) OR</li> <li>• Holds an Australian Matriculation Program (AUSMAT) qualification with at least a Grade C in any 3 subjects</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Achieved a minimum of Band 2.0 in the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) for examinations starting from Session 1 of the year 2021, or Band 2 for examinations until the year 2020, with the validity period effective on the application date. Alternatively, achieved a Band 5.5 in the IELTS test, a score of 500 in the TOEFL PBT test, or a score of 59 in the TOEFL IBT test.</p>

## SUPPORT

To support your study, the university provides various facilities and resources:

Library: Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Rahman Ya'kub (PeTARY)  
 Computing facilities  
 Resources Rooms  
 Online Learning Support

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