

## Overview

Griffith College provides free Language Development Modules (LDMs) to better prepare graduates to meet the high expectations of language usage in tertiary education.

## Benefits for students

These free LDMs enable students to develop their English language skills in a participatory learning environment; integrated within academic courses, to support overall achievement in those academic courses. This model of language development better underpins future success for students in their chosen discipline at the College, University and beyond.

## Who needs to take the LDMs

International diploma students who enter their program with the minimum English language requirement<sup>a</sup>, and Domestic diploma students (citizens of Australia, New Zealand or Permanent Resident) with qualifications completed in a language other than English, with the exception of specified Health Sciences pathways\*.

Students entering their diploma program with higher English language scores may enrol in the LDMs voluntarily.

## LDM streams and details

Four LDMs have been developed for concurrent delivery with an associated program:

Language Development Modules 1 and 2 (LDM100 and LDM200)	Diplomas of Commerce / Criminology and Criminal Justice / Hotel Management / Design / Engineering / Information Technology / Science / Health Sciences* / Social and Psychological Science
Language Development for Health Care 1 and 2 (LDH100 and LDH200)	Diploma of Health Care

For each program with the exception of some Health Sciences pathways\*, there are two LDMs which are delivered sequentially over two trimesters. For example, students undertaking the Diploma of Commerce will need to successfully complete Language Development Module 1 (LDM100) in their first trimester of study to progress to Language Development Module 2 (LDM200) in the following trimester. Successful completion of both LDMs is required for graduation.

Each module includes two hours of face-to-face instruction per week and three hours of online independent study. The LDMs include explicit English language usage in all macro skills (speaking, writing, listening, reading) and allow for development of discipline specific vocabulary through the use of stimuli specifically associated with the program of study.

Assessment will be through:

- Self-access online weekly grammar quizzes
- Self-access online extended written tasks
- Self-access listening and reading quizzes
- Speaking role play one on one with examiner
- Completion of a vocabulary book compiled of new vocabulary encountered in concurrent courses

Where a student does not pass a Language Development Module, they will be offered the opportunity to repeat the module. If a student completes all other academic requirements of their Diploma, but has not successfully completed their final Language Development Module, they may seek advice from the Student Learning Advisor (Language) or their Program Convenor regarding their options so that their graduation is not delayed.

## Enrolment and further information

Students undertaking the LDMs will automatically be enrolled as part of the normal enrolment process leading into each intake. Students not required to take the modules can choose to enrol and should inform staff during Orientation. Once students are enrolled, they are able to view the LDM outlines in the student portal. For any other questions please contact: Remy Boccalatte, Language Enhancement Coordinator, [remy.boccalatte@griffithcollege.edu.au](mailto:remy.boccalatte@griffithcollege.edu.au)

<sup>a</sup> <https://www.griffithcollege.edu.au/how-to-apply/international-students/english-entry-requirements/>

\*Students entering the Diploma of Health Sciences on a pathway to the Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, Bachelor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Bachelor of Sport Development and Bachelor of Exercise Science, with an IELTS less than 7.0 will need to complete LDM200 only; and those entering with an IELTS 7.0 and above are exempt from LDMs.