

Plus: LING896 Practicum – 26 hour placement at publishing operation (2cp)
taken at mid-semester or in the September recess.

Alternatively, the Diploma can be studied part time 2011/2012, by taking all five publishing units in 2011 and the three restructured editing units (Editing Units A, B and C) in 2012, over one or two semesters. The part-time study pattern would be as follows:

2011 Semester 1 LING873 Design & Production of Books (3cp) (on campus)
LING874 Publishing and Management (3cp) (on campus)
2011 Semester 2 LING876 Option I Specialised editing or Research methods (2
cp) (on campus)
LING877 Option II (Marketing or Electronic Publishing or
Research Methods) (2cp) (on campus)

2012 Semester 1 Editing Unit A (4 cp) Provisional Title: Tools for editors
Editing Unit B (4 cp) Prov. Title: Language, writing and editing
Editing Unit C (4 cp) Prov. Title: Content management for
print and online delivery

NB: One or two of these new Editing Units will also be offered in Semester 2 2012 to allow part-time completion.

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDITING AND PUBLISHING

This Masters program is available only for those students who have already completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Editing & Publishing. It consists of two dissertation units, in which you design, execute and report a research study relevant to your work in editing or publishing. The dissertation units entail regular discussions with your research supervisor, either on campus or by telephone at mutually convenient times.

Further information for all of the above programs can be found at:
<http://www.ling.mq.edu.au/postgraduate/coursework/pep.htm>

What workload should I expect?

The certificate units are available in distance mode only. Each involves a weekly lecture (provided on a CD) and related readings (provided in hard copy). In addition, assessable work includes two written assignments and active participation in an online discussion forum. You should be able to achieve good results with about six or eight hours work per week in each unit.

The publishing units are available in on-campus mode only, and require attendance at one two-hour evening seminar each week. Assessable work includes two written assignments; active participation in seminars is not formally assessed but is mandatory. Again, you should be able to achieve good results with about six or eight hours work per week in each unit.

Lists of recommended reference books are also provided; these form the foundation of your professional library, and should be purchased as soon as convenient.

How do the programs relate to my career options?

As noted above, Macquarie's Postgraduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing is accredited by the Australian Publishers Association. This means that publishers who are members of the APA recognise the value of the program in providing you with relevant knowledge, skills, and experience to provide the foundation for a

career in the publishing industry.

But not all editors work for recognised publishers. Much publishing work, and therefore a great deal of editing, is done in government and business. Opportunities for editing work are therefore very diverse, and many people make successful careers as freelance editors.

Whether you work in publishing, government, or business, whether you are freelance or in-house, you will find that a significant professional community exists to support editors and others who work in the publishing field. In each Australian state and in the ACT, there is a professional body called the Society of Editors; most of these offer a professional grade of membership. Joining your local Society of Editors will therefore open up further opportunities for making professional contacts as a launching pad for a career in editing, as well as keeping up to date with developments in the world of publishing. In 2008, all the Societies of Editors jointly formed a national body, the Institute of Professional Editors Ltd (IPEd), which conducts an assessment-based program of accreditation for individual editors. Editors who can write AE (as well as PGDipEdPub) after their name are in increasing demand.

What are the costs?

Domestic Students: \$490 per credit point

International Students: A\$722 per credit point

The program requires completion of - Certificate 12 credit points

Diploma 24 credit points

Masters 32 credit points

What are the semester dates?

Semester 1 Commences 21 February 2011

Classes finish 3 June 2011

Semester 2 Commences 1 August 2011

Classes finish 11 November 2011

Where can I get more information?

For enrolment advice, contact the Linguistics Postgraduate Office

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For academic advice, contact:

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(b) the program consultant and research adviser, Pam Peters, by phone on 612 9850 8773, or email at pam.peters@mq.edu.au