

**VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
**PHD. PROGRAMMES (FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)**

### **1. General Information**

The University of Languages and International Studies (ULIS), Vietnam National University (VNU), Hanoi currently offers **five Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes** in linguistics and language teaching methodology.

#### **PhD Programmes in Linguistics**

- English Linguistics
- Russian Linguistics
- French Linguistics
- Chinese Linguistics

#### **PhD Programmes in Language Teaching Methodology**

- English Language Teaching Methodology
- Russian Language Teaching Methodology
- French Language Teaching Methodology
- Chinese Language Teaching Methodology

### **2. Entry Requirements**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

#### **Academic Qualification**

Applicants must hold a **Bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree** in one of the following fields:

- English Linguistics
- Russian Linguistics
- French Linguistics
- Chinese Linguistics
- English Language Teaching Methodology
- Russian Language Teaching Methodology
- French Language Teaching Methodology
- Chinese Language Teaching Methodology

#### **Research Publications**

Applicants must have prior research publications as follows:

- **At least one journal article** (for research-based MA graduates), or
- **At least two journal articles** (for course-based MA graduates or BA graduates)

These articles must be published in **peer-reviewed academic journals or conference proceedings with ISBN codes**, and their topics must be **relevant to the proposed PhD research project**.

## Language Proficiency

Applicants must provide one of the following certificates:

- Vietnamese Language Proficiency: **Level 4/6** according to the Vietnamese Language Proficiency Framework, or
- English Language Proficiency: **Level B2** according to the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)**

This requirement is necessary for enrollment in the **compulsory Philosophy course**.

### 3. Programme structure

The doctoral programme requires a **total of 120 credits** with 96 credits **Ph.D. Dissertation** and **Other 24 credits Coursework and Requirements** (a **Philosophy course** is compulsory but **not credit-bearing** for doctoral candidates enrolled in joint or international programmes), **which** consists of the following components:

#### Master's-Level Coursework

(Applicable only to candidates admitted with a Bachelor's degree)

Doctoral candidates admitted with a **Bachelor's degree** are required to complete the **Master's-level coursework** equivalent to the MA training programme before proceeding fully to the doctoral-level components.

#### Doctoral Coursework (15 credits)

The doctoral coursework includes **five modules (15 credits)**:

- **Two compulsory modules**
- **Three elective modules** related to the candidate's research specialization

Components	Contents
<b>1. Taught components</b> 15 credits (5 modules)	<b>2 Compulsory Modules:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 module in Research Methodology.</li><li>• 1 module related to your field of research.</li></ul> <b>3 Optional Modules:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modules relevant to your field of research.</li></ul>
<b>2. Overview essay</b> 3 credits	<b>Literature Review:</b> A compulsory component, providing a comprehensive analysis of existing research relevant to the dissertation topic.
<b>3. Minor projects/Special Topics</b> 6 credits	<b>2 Minor Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Project 1:</b> Research Methodology and Data Analysis.</li><li>• <b>Project 2:</b> Findings.</li></ul> Both projects must be directly related to the dissertation.

<p><b>4. Publications</b> related to the dissertation during the study at ULIS-VNU</p>	<p><b>Journal Articles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 2 journal articles, with at least 1 published in ISI/Scopus-indexed journals, or 2 articles published in prestigious international or national scientific journals, prior to the dissertation viva voce examination.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conference Proceedings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 1 journal article published in international conference proceedings with peer review and an ISBN code, prior to the dissertation viva voce examination.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Professional Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Professional Activities:</b> Participation in academic or research-related professional activities.</p> <p><b>Teaching and Training:</b> Serving as a teaching or training assistant to gain relevant experience.</p>
<p><b>6. Dissertation</b> 96 credits</p>	<p><b>Credits:</b> 96</p> <p><b>Length:</b> 300 pages</p>

### Doctoral Programme Structure (120 Credits)

Component	Credits	Description
Master's-level Coursework	–	Applicable to candidates admitted with a Bachelor's degree. These candidates must complete the required Master's-level coursework before proceeding to the doctoral-level components.
Doctoral Coursework	15	Five modules including: Compulsory modules (2): Research Methodology; a module related to the candidate's research field. Elective modules (3): Modules relevant to the candidate's research specialization.
Philosophy Course	Non-credit	A compulsory course required for doctoral candidates; however, it is not credit-bearing for candidates enrolled in joint or international programmes.
Doctoral Research Seminars	9	Three research seminars: • Overview Essay (Literature Review) • Research Methodology and Data Analysis • Research Findings

Departmental Presentations	Non-credit	Candidates must deliver two research presentations at the departmental level during the programme.
Doctoral Dissertation	96	Original research dissertation with a maximum length of approximately 300 pages, demonstrating a significant scholarly contribution to the field.
Publications Requirement	Programme requirement	Candidates must publish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least two journal articles in recognized academic journals (minimum rating 0.75 according to national journal evaluation standards).</li> <li>• Two papers in international conference proceedings with peer review and an ISBN.</li> </ul>
Research Project Participation	Programme requirement	Participation in at least one institutional-level research project or higher, either as principal investigator or research team member.
Academic and Professional Activities	Programme requirement	Participation in academic seminars, professional activities, and teaching or training assistance during the programme.
Progress Monitoring	Programme requirement	Candidates must submit a progress report every six months regarding their study and dissertation work.

#### 4. Training time

**For MA Applicants:** 3 years of full-time training, including at least 12 consecutive months of on-campus taught components.

**For BA Applicants:** 4 years of full-time training, including at least 24 consecutive months of on-campus taught components.

**Extension:** In certain circumstances, students may be granted an extension of up to 2 years.

#### 5. Tuition fee

**Tuition fees for international students are subject to annual adjustment.**

**Current fees include:**

- Tuition fee: 72,000,000 VND per year (approximately USD 2,770)
- Registration fee: USD 200

**Additional expenses:**

- Visa fee: USD 135 per year (regulated by the Immigration Department – Ministry of Public Security, Vietnam)

- Accommodation (optional):  
Shared room (6 students): USD 40 per month  
Single room: USD 250 per month

**Note:** Students will be assisted in obtaining a multiple-entry study visa upon arrival at international airports in Vietnam. Tuition fees must be paid before visa support can be processed.

## 6. Certificate awarded

**Doctor of Philosophy** in one of the following programmes:

- **Linguistics:**
  - English Linguistics
  - Russian Linguistics
  - French Linguistics
  - Chinese Linguistics
- **Language Teaching Methodology:**
  - English Language Teaching Methodology
  - Russian Language Teaching Methodology
  - French Language Teaching Methodology
  - Chinese Language Teaching Methodology

## 7. Online and Document Submission Guidelines

Applicants must complete **two steps**.

### Step 1: Online Registration

Register at the ULIS–VNU admission portal: <http://admissions-apply.vnu.edu.vn>

### Step 2: Submission of Application Documents

Applicants must submit **one complete set of documents (A4 size)**.

Documents in languages other than **English or Vietnamese** must be accompanied by **notarized translations**.

**Important:** Submitted documents will **not be returned**.

### Required Documents

1. Completed application form
2. Notarized copies of degrees, diplomas, and academic transcripts (Copies and translations of degrees, diplomas, and academic transcripts in English or Vietnamese for relevant levels of proposed study, duly notarized or certified by competent authorities of the applicant's home country).
3. Medical examination certificate issued within **six months** confirming fitness for overseas study
4. Language proficiency certificate (Vietnamese or English)
5. Proof of financial capability for study and living expenses in Vietnam
6. **Research proposal** related to the intended PhD research topic
7. **Two letters of recommendation** from scholars holding doctoral degrees in related fields
8. Documents demonstrating academic achievements or research experience (if any)
9. Copy of passport valid for **at least one year from the expected date of arrival**

## 8. Contact Information

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Additional information:

- VNU admission portal:  
<http://admissions-apply.vnu.edu.vn>
- Regulations for international students:  
<http://admissions.vnu.edu.vn/index.php/Home/viewstatic/9>

**Note:** BA students must complete a 61-credit MA training program (excluding a 15-credit MA thesis) during their Ph.D. study at ULIS-VNU.

