An exciting thing that attracts prospective students to study the Indonesian language and culture at UNE is that they can have an opportunity to study in the country where the language is widely spoken (Indonesia), which is a valuable boost to their Indonesian language and cultural competency. UNE is a member of the Regional Universities Indonesian Language Initiative (RUILI), which designs short (3 weeks) intensive program curriculums and supervises the teaching of the Indonesian language and culture at the local provider(s) in Indonesia. Currently, UNE is the Administration Hub of RUILI, which involves coordination of the program and the administration including applications to join the program. UNE is also a member of the Australian Consortium of In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS), which organises and supervises the longer-term (6 months or 1 year) program. Uniquely, the School of Arts, where the Indonesian Studies Discipline is situated, pays for the (UNE) students’ administration fee required by RUILI Administration Hub. These include the students who enrol at UNE cross-institutionally to join the program.

Below are frequently asked questions and answers about the programs. Scholarships (the New Colombo Plan Scheme [NCP] provided by the Commonwealth Government of Australia) are also available. UNE was allocated over 25 NCP scholarships in 2015, but it did not have enough eligible students to allocate all the scholarships. So, eligible students are encouraged to consider attending the program. What are the eligibility requirements? In 1915, they were: 18-28 years of age, enrolled in a BA (Inc. BA Hons) program or its equivalents. There is a smaller chance for those outside the age range, that is about 10% of those who are allocated. So, if we 10 students are given the scholarship, then one student outside the age range can get it. So, please apply. You might get the 1.

An exciting development in 2016 is UNE’s development of two 100-level In-Country units (INDN111 and INDN112), which are equivalent to the two core units, INDN101 and 102. This means that students who cannot study these core units during Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 at UNE can now study them in-country (at this stage in Mataram, Lombok, Indonesia).
Q: What is UNE in-country study?

A: UNE In-Country study is a UNE recognized or accepted study conducted in a country outside Australia where the target language is mainly used in and outside the class, such as Chinese in China/Taiwan, Japanese in Japan, and French in France. For Indonesian language study/culture, it is taught in Indonesia.

Q: What types of in-country study program does the UNE Indonesian Studies Discipline (UISD) offer?

A: The UISD offers two types of program, short term 3 week intensives for a 6 credit points (cps) unit (course), or long term 6 months (for 24 cps) or 12 months (for 48 cps). Most of the short term units are electives in a major or a minor program in Indonesian (INDN211, INDN212, INDN311, INDN312). These units cannot substitute a core unit such as INDN101, INDN102, INDN201, INDN202, INDN301 or INDN302. However, the new INDN111 and INDN112 units can be used as core units in such programs to substitute for INDN101 and/or INDN102.

The long term programs are normally for the Overseas Language Study units OSLS391 for 6 months, and OSLS392 for a second 6 months of study).

The Short-Term Programs:

Q: Where, in Indonesia, are the short-term programs offered?

A: They are offered at the Mataram Lingua Franca Institute (MLFI) in the city of Mataram, on Lombok island, east of Bali island from early January- mid February every year. From 2017 onward they can also be studied at Universitas Nusa Cendana (Nusa Cendana University) or UNDANA, Kupang city, West Timor from the third week of June to mid-July. The first 3-week program usually begins from around the first Monday of January to around the third Friday of January, and the second program runs from around the 4\textsuperscript{th} Monday of January to around the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Friday of February (the start and end dates vary by one or two days according to variations in the Gregorian calendar) (See RUILI website for the exact dates.).

These programs are designed and supervised by an Australian consortium called Regional University Indonesian Language Initiative (RUILI), whose members are CDU, UNE, USC, and UTAS in collaboration with the University of Mataram (UNRAM) and UNDANA. Each RUILI member takes turns to be the Australian Administration Hub for three years at a time. UNE is serving as the Hub from 2016-2019.
Q: What UNE units can you study in this short-term intensive program?

A: UNE offers four elective 6-credit point units i.e. INDN211, IND212, INDN311, INDN312, and 2 core unit equivalents i.e. INDN111 (equivalent to INDN101) and INDN112 (equivalent to INDN102). Non-UNE university students can enroll cross-institutionally in any of these units (depending on their level of Indonesian) at UNE, and eligible to be considered for the NCP scholarship provided that they meet the eligibility requirements.

Q: What are the requirements?

A: The requirements are: First, if you intend to take INDN211 or INDN212, you will need to complete two lower level Indonesian units (either INDN101 and INDN102 or their equivalents, INDN111 and INDN112). Completion of one unit before taking an in-country unit may be permitted with permission from the Head of School. Second, permission from the Head of School.

Third, a passport, which is valid for at least 6 months. Since 2016, the Indonesian Government has waived visa charges for visits of up to 30 days. If a student intends to stay for 2 terms (to study 2 units), they are encouraged to apply, 3 weeks before departure, for a social cultural visa, valid for 60 days. RUILI Administration Hub can help (Contact the RUILI Admin Hub). See RUILI Website for details.

Q: What about the costs?

A: There are three types of costs: Course fee, administration fee, and personal costs (accommodation, transport, visa and cost of living etc.).

For the course fee, you pay HECS like other university units/courses if you are eligible. The administration fee is covered by the School of Arts if you are a UNE student or cross-institutionally enrolled in a UNE course/unit.

The only costs you need to cover before and during the trip are the personal ones, which vary between AUD$1200-AUD$1700 for the entire trip, depending on your living standards, type of accommodation you wish to have, and when you book your flights, as prices fluctuate according to seasons and timeframe between ticket booking and flight dates, and where you live in Australia. Since 2016, visas to Indonesia are free for visits of up to 30 days (you need to leave on the 30th day of stay). If you intend to study for 2 terms (2 units), you should apply for a Social Cultural Visa which is valid for 60 days (again, you need to leave on the 60th day). See Indonesian Embassy Website (http://www.kbri-canberra.org.au/index.php/visa-service-kbri-canberra/visa/visa-on-arrival), as per 19 July 2016). You are encouraged to apply for your social cultural visa at least
3 weeks before departure. Contact Joy Kirby (jkirby2@une.edu.au) if you need the visa at least 4 weeks before departure. You will need a reference letter from RULI Admin Hub, and a sponsor letter from our provider in Indonesia (MLFI for the January program, UNDANA for the June/July program). To be absolutely safe, get the visa first, before purchasing plane tickets.

**Q: How many units can you take?**

A: You can take one unit (3 weeks) or two units (6 weeks) per trip. Keep in mind you need a social culture visa if you intend to stay more than 30 days.

**Q: How do you apply?**

A: Usually an email containing a call for interest is sent by the School (Joy Kirby: jkirby2@une.edu.au) in July or August every year. You reply to the email to express your interest, and more detailed information will be sent to you.

**Q: Why should I take these units?**

A: There could be many reasons including to boost your language oral/listening skills and your cultural knowledge/competence and give you an edge when compared to those only studying in Australia, and/or to accelerate the completion of your study program, and/or to enjoy the beauty of places in Indonesia, and/or to experience the daily life there, among other reasons.

**The Long-Term Program:**

Q: What about the long-term program?

A: The long-term program, for 6 months or one year, is organized by the Australian Consortium for In-country Indonesian Study (ACICIS). Visit ACICIS website for details (www.acicis.edu.au). This option can only be taken if you take an OSLS unit. It cannot be used for a diploma or a certificate award.

**Q: Can I take the long-term program?**

A: It depends on your degree program, for example, if you have a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Indonesian, a BLANG (Bachelor of Languages) or a BLIB (Bachelor of Languages and International Business), you can, but not if you take a diploma or a certificate program.

**Q: Why do I need to go for a long-term study?**

A: There are a variety of reasons including a requirement in your degree program e.g. in BLANG; to substantially develop your language skills and cultural competence which really gives you an edge compared to those who only study
short term or study only in Australia, and to establish career and social networks in Indonesia.

Q: How do I apply for the long-term program?

A: Similar to the short-term program, send your expression of interest to Joy Kirby (j kirby2@une.edu.au). Before contacting us and making a decision, you will need to familiarize yourself with the program by visiting the ACICIS website (see below).

For the long-term program, you should visit the ACICIS website at www.acicis.edu.au to inform yourself, so that you have some ideas before seeking further details. From this site, you can understand the study options to suit your interests, the application form and travel procedures, accommodation, study locations, costs, etc.

Contact Pak Zi (zadnan@une.edu.au) or Bu Indra izifirda@une.edu.au for more information.