

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, LINGUISTICS AND THEATRE STUDIES**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS HONOURS  
2025/2026**

**Independent Study Course (ISC)**

Indicate, in the attached forms, in order of preference, the proposed topics for your ISC. You should also indicate the tentative titles and descriptions of your first two preferences. If you can, you should provide the description of your third choice.

Please return this form, duly completed, to Dr Peter Tan by **14 April 2025** if the ISC is registered for Semester 1 or **10 November 2025** if it is registered for Semester 2. In arriving at your decision, you are encouraged to seek a discussion with any staff members whom you know have some knowledge in the subject areas you are interested in. In order to give you an idea of the research interests of staff members, a list of possible supervision areas is attached.

The form now requires you to identify your broad topic. Please choose from the list below. If you choose 'other', please identify your broad topic.

Anthropological linguistics	Lexicography
Cognitive linguistics	Lexicology
Computational linguistics	Linguistic genres
Computer mediated discourse	Morphology
Corpus linguistics	Multimodal analysis
Critical discourse	Onomastics
Discourse analysis	Phonetics
English as an international language	Phonology
Historical linguistics	Pragmatics
Language acquisition	Psycholinguistics
Language and gender	Semantics
Language and politics	Semiotics
Language contact	Sociolinguistics
Language documentation	Speech language pathology
Language learning	Stylistics
Language planning	Syntax
Language policy	Translation
Language teaching	World Englishes
Language typology	Other (indicate)

# ISC TOPIC PROPOSALS

as at March 2025

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## **First preference**

Topic	
Title (optional)	
Potential supervisors consulted (optional)	
What is your aim or research question?	
Why is this important or interesting?	
What kind of data are you planning to select or collect?	
How do you plan to analyse your data?	
What kind of results do you expect?	
Mention one or two key references for your research	

## **Second preference**

Topic	
Title (optional)	
Potential supervisors consulted (optional)	
What is your aim or research question?	
Why is this important or interesting?	
What kind of data are you planning to select or collect?	
How do you plan to analyse your data?	
What kind of results do you expect?	
Mention one or two key references for your research	

### **Third preference**

Topic	
Title (optional)	
Potential supervisors consulted (optional)	
What is your aim or research question?	
Why is this important or interesting?	
What kind of data are you planning to select or collect?	
How do you plan to analyse your data?	
What kind of results do you expect?	
Mention one or two key references for your research	