M.A. Linguistics
M.A. Speech and Language Processing

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Questions

During the presentations, you can use the chat function to get in touch with our departmental student advisors
Study between Lake and Alps

- located outside the city of Konstanz on the Giessberg hill
- next to Lake Constance with a view on the Alps
Faculties and Departments

Faculty of Humanities
- Philosophy
- History and Sociology
- Literature
  - Linguistics

Faculty of Politics, Law and Economics
- Politics and Public Administrations
- Law
- Economics

Faculty of Sciences
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Computer and Information Science
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Psychology

Study Programmes
27 Bachelor's Programmes (major)
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31 Master's Programmes
# M.A. Linguistics and M.A. Speech and Language Processing (SLP)

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Degree Structure **M.A. Linguistics**

- **Core areas of Linguistics**
  - 18 ECTS

- **Methods in Linguistics**
  - 12 ECTS

- **Research, master’s thesis and examination**

- **Area of Specialisation**
  - 66 ECTS

Semesters I&II

Semester II

Semesters II-IV
Areas of specialisation:

- General Linguistics
- English Linguistics
- German and Germanic Linguistics
- Romance Linguistics
- Slavic Languages and Linguistics
Degree Structure M.A. Speech and Language Processing

Methods in Linguistics 12 ECTS

Foundations: Human and Machine Language Processing 18 ECTS

Core areas of Linguistics 18 ECTS

Semesters I-III

Research, master’s thesis and examination

Practical/Experimental Applications research 6 ECTS

Semesters II-IV

Specialization: Human and Machine Language Processing 27 ECTS

Neighbouring areas 18 ECTS
Why study **Linguistics**?

Our study programmes focus on

- the basic structures across languages that underlie human speech and examines how linguistic knowledge is applied in the investigation of individual languages.
- Interfaces between core-areas (e.g., Morphology-Syntax, Prosody-Pragmatics)
- how the general theories and directions in linguistics research are taking shape in individual languages.

**Interests and skills:**
- Enthusiasm for language(s) and their structure
- Formal and networked ability to think
- Very good English skills
Why study **Speech and Language Processing**?

Our study programmes focus on

- the basic structures across languages that underlie human speech
- how linguistic knowledge is applied in the investigation of individual languages
- how linguistic knowledge is represented in the human brain, learned and processed
- how linguistics knowledge can be applied to creating tools for machine language processing

**Interests and skills:**

- Enthusiasm for language(s) and their structure
- Logical approach to problem solving
- be willing to acquire practical skills (programming, experiment design)
- Very good English skills
Why study **Linguistics** and **SLP** at the University of Konstanz?

- Focus on theory and methods
- Different study specialisations
- Access to language laboratories
- Research-oriented classes
- Study abroad / Internship
Prospects and Opportunities?

Fields in which the structure of language plays a role:
- academic and industrial research, natural language processing, communications and media outlets, education, political planning

The master’s programmes offers foundations for work in:
- teaching and scientific research at universities and other research facilities
- public authorities or adult education
- national and international cultural work
- national and international organisations, associations and enterprises (i.e. in companies dealing with natural language technology (e.g., Google, IBM, Nuance or Amazon))
- editors in publishing and the mass media, libraries, archives, documentation centres, with publishers, radio and television companies.
Internship and Study abroad

Internships
In the M.A. Linguistics: an internship is not compulsory.
In the M.A. SLP: an internship during your studies is compulsory (but this can also be done at the university).

If you are interested in gaining practical experience, the staff of our department and the university’s Career Service are here to help you find a suitable placement.

Study abroad
Generally, you can include a study abroad stay in your master's programme.

The university promotes study abroad via the Erasmus+ programme and numerous other exchange programmes.
Admission requirements

For the M.A. Linguistics and the M.A. SLP:
Qualifying degree with the grade "good" (2.5) or better of a three-year (or more) study programme in the field of linguistics (minimum degree: Bachelor of Arts or equivalent) at an institution of higher education or vocational college.

International applicants need documentation of their German language skills, level DSH-2 or TestDaF 4, or a language test recognised as equivalent.

For the M.A. SLP: Documentation of advanced English language skills (spoken and written English), level B2 of the Common European Reference Framework → M.A. SLP can be studied in English
Language Skills **M.A. Linguistics**

**English language skills** (spoken and written English), level B2 of the Common European Reference Framework of

- specialisation "English Language and Linguistics": English language skills level C1 (CEFR)
- specialisation "Romance Languages and Linguistics": language skills level C1 (CEFR) in the corresponding language.
- specialisation "Slavic Languages and Linguistics": Russian language skills level C1 (CEFR).
Application deadline summer term:
02.05.2018 - 15.06.2018
Application

- Three-step-procedure:
  - online registration
  - online application
    www.studium.uni-konstanz.de/bewerbung/online-bewerbung/
  - send application to the University

- generate and print out the “application to admission” form and send all required application documents to the university

- Track your application status, use this contact: www.studium.uni-konstanz.de/en/contact/
  - Please don’t contact the department.

Track your application: studium@uni-konstanz.de

Application deadline:
Summer term: 2.5. - 15.6.
The Department of Linguistics

Hosts researchers in the areas of:
(see brackets for language of instruction)
- English Language and Linguistics (English, German)
- German and Germanic Linguistics (German, English)
- Romance Languages and Linguistics (German, French, Italian, Spanish)
- Slavic Linguistics (German, Russian),
- South Asian Linguistics and Chinese

Major research areas are:
- Core areas of Linguistics
  (Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics)
- Experimental Linguistics
  (Neurolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Language Acquisition)
- Computational Linguistics
- Historical Linguistics
Our labs and facilities:

Computational Lab

Neurolinguistics Lab
Our labs and facilities:

**Phonlab**

**Baby Speech Lab**

**Psycholinguistics Lab**

https://www.ling.uni-konstanz.de/en/research/department-and-research-colloquium/laboratories/
Welcome to the Department of Linguistics homepage!

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Advisory service

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Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?