MA Multilingualism
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1. The University
### Young university

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<td>1966</td>
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<td>1972</td>
<td>Opening of the newly built university campus</td>
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<td>Since 2007, the University of Konstanz has the status of an Excellence University</td>
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Studying in Konstanz means...

- 11,700 students from more than 90 countries
- interdisciplinary study programmes
- international exchange programmes with 350 universities worldwide
- relatively small classes
- Excellent library service
Study between Lake and Alps

- Quick bike ride from the Old Town on Lake Constance with a view of the Alps
City of Konstanz

- mid-sized city with 83,000 inhabitants (more than 10% students)
- historic city centre
- high standard of living and high quality outdoor activities (hiking, swimming, biking, sailing)
- bike-friendly city
- on the border to Switzerland and Austria
- near the Alps, on the shores of Lake Constance and the Rhine river
Lake Constance – Border Triangle
Campus University
Facts and Figures

Students

- Students: 11,700
- Foreign Students: 1,520 (13%)

Study Programmes

- 27 Bachelor’s programmes (major)
- 19 Bachelor’s programmes (minor)
- 31 Master’s programmes with
  19 international Master’s
- 33 Bachelor's and Master's of Education
- 1 State Examination in Law
- 20 Doctoral programmes
Faculties and Departments

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

Faculty of Humanities
- Philosophy
- History and Sociology
- Literary Studies
- Linguistics

Faculty of Politics, Law and Economics
- Politics and Public Administrations
- Law
- Economics
Prize-winning library

- open 24 hours a day, including weekends
- two million media items: 1.7 million printed books, 135,000 e-books, 50,000 journal subscriptions and other media
- extensive modern work and learning space: 1,600 workplaces + 200 PC and multimedia workplaces
Campus life around the clock

- 24-hour library
- big band, choir, orchestra
- student theatre
- fitness centre
- university beach
1. MA Multilingualism
Degree Structure

Linguistics, ‘multilingual people’ and ‘multilingual societies’

Multilingualism and the individual:
First language acquisition
Bilingualism (trilingualism) during childhood
Second language acquisition of children and adults,
Third language acquisition
Cross-linguistic influence
Acquisition of heritage languages
Language Impairment

Multilingualism in Society:
Language contact
Language loss
Language dominance
Language influence and language change in
European and Non-European languages
Degree Structure

2-year programme (4 semesters), with a workload of 120 ECTS-points:

**Semesters I-II:**
Take place in Konstanz, focus on the research aspects of multilingualism, theoretical linguistics, research methods and statistics.

**Semester III:**
Students can choose between a stay abroad, study multilingualism at one of our partner institutions OR undertake an internship with a company / institution/research group relevant to the degree.

**Semester IV:**
Students write their MA Thesis and take their oral examination.
The Programme Offers:

- An experimental focus with access to linguistic research labs
- Insight into current research methods
- Possibility for own research
- Training in research methods, data management, statistics
- Interdisciplinary programme with sociology, psychology and other disciplines

• Teaching in English (with options in other languages)
Career Opportunities

The programme is highly research-oriented and graduates of MA Multilingualism may continue with a PhD-programme in Linguistics or another related discipline.

Practical skills acquired in the programme are applicable to professions in:

- Educational institutions (e.g., consultant for kindergardens, schools)
- Administrative public institutions (e.g., ministry of education)
- International cultural institutions
- International associations, organisations, and global enterprises which operate in a multicultural environment
The Department of Linguistics

**MA programmes**
Multilingualism
Speech and Language Processing
General Linguistics
General Linguistics with a focus on English languages
General Linguistics with a focus on Germanic languages
General Linguistics with a focus on Romance languages
General Linguistics with a focus on Slavic languages

**Major research areas:**

- **Core areas of Linguistics**
  (Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics)

- **Experimental Linguistics**
  (Computational Linguistics, Neurolinguistics, Psycholinguistics and Language Acquisition).
Application requirements

Application documents:
- Online application form
- BA Certificate in Linguistics (or equivalent qualification)
  - Minimum equivalent to German grade 2.5
- B2 English

Application Deadlines:
- 15 June for Winter Semester
- 15 January for Summer Semester
Thank you for your attention

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