

Study Regulations for the Master's Degree Course in Linguistics at Leipzig University

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Important: This English translation is intended to allow English-speaking readers a better understanding of the Examination and Study Regulations. It is solely for information purposes and only the German version is legally binding.

On the basis of the Law on the Freedom of Universities in the Free State of Saxony (Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz – SächsHSFG) as amended and promulgated on 15th January 2013 (SächsGVBl. page 3) and last amended by the Law to Change the Freedom of Universities in the Free State of Saxony on 15th October 2017 (SächsGVBl. page 546), Leipzig University issued the following Study Regulations on 13. July 2017.

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§ 1

Areas of Application

Based on the examination regulations for the Master's Degree Course Linguistics these study regulations set out objectives, contents and structure of the Masters's Degree Course Linguistics leading to the degree Master of Arts (M.A.).

§ 2

Admission Requirements

- (1) General qualification for the degree course is proven by a first professionally recognised degree qualification or a qualification from a state or state-recognised university of cooperative education (German "Berufsakademie").
- (2) Subject-specific admission requirements are:
 - successful completion of a BA degree in Linguistics. Graduates from other study programs can be admitted with the approval of the examination board.
 - English language skills at level B2 corresponding to the common European Framework of Reference for Languages (as evidenced by high school diploma and grades, certificate or examination at the language center)
 - Knowledge of another foreign language at level B1 in accord with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (as evidenced by high school diploma and grades, certificate or examination at the language center)
- (3) The requirements set out in paragraph 2 will be checked by the faculty, which will then issue an acceptance or rejection letter. This serves to prove the corresponding admission requirements.
- (4) The reason for a rejection according to paragraph 3 must be provided alongside information on the candidate's right to appeal. Appeals to rejections can be entered within a month after receipt of the said rejection. Appeals must be submitted in writing or as an oral statement to be recorded at the Faculty of Philology, which will have a period of 3 months to reach a decision.

§ 3

Course Start

The degree course can start at the beginning of the winter and summer semesters.

§ 4

Length of Study and Workload

- (1) The regular period of study comprises 4 semesters including the Master's thesis. The entire scope of the student workload required for the Master's degree course in Linguistics corresponds to 120 credits.
- (2) The degree course can also be completed as part-time study. More information is laid out in the current version of the university-wide part-time studies regulation.

§ 5

Course Subject Matter and Study Aims

- (1) The Master's degree course in Linguistics is a consecutive Master's programme.
- (2) It is a highly research-focused degree course.
- (3) The linguistics master's course imparts knowledge in modern theory of grammar (with a focus on phonology, morphology and syntax), in computational and mathematical linguistics, in language typology, and in current methodologies of linguistics (e.g., carrying out experiments, data annotation and evaluation, use of a high-level programming language).
- (4) The aim is to familiarize students with contemporary work in linguistics, as well as enabling them to contribute to this body of literature. In addition to acquiring specialized knowledge, one of the main objectives of the program is to improve the ability to think rigorously, and to develop and use modern information resources. Independent, rigorous work is just as much part of the training as is developing the ability to think critically, abstractly and methodically. An important goal of the M.A. degree is to prepare students for doctoral studies.
- (5) The degree course Linguistics ends with the Master of Arts as an

additional professionally recognised degree.

§ 6 **Forms of Teaching**

- (1) Forms of Teaching are
 - Lectures
 - Seminars
 - Colloquia.
- (2) The module supervisor can stipulate that a learning platform be used in addition to seminar/lecture hours for teaching the course content.

§ 7 **Tutorials**

Within the existing capacities, tutorials take place to support the students.

§ 8 **Structure and Degree Course Content**

- (1) A total of 120 credits are awarded in the Master's degree course, 30 credits of which are awarded for the Master's thesis.
- (2) A total of 60 credits will be achieved in each year of study. Credits will be awarded for passed module examinations. One credit is equivalent to a student workload of 30 hours' worth of seminar/lecture hours and private study hours as well as for preparing for and sitting examinations. As a rule, the total student workload should not exceed 1800 hours per year of study including the semester breaks. In the case of part-time study (§ 4 paragraph 2) the student workload is reduced proportionally to the duration of the part-time studies.
- (3) The course content is taught in modules. Modules contain definable subject areas that are related to each other technically or thematically. They include subject-related teaching units of various forms and end with a module examination. Modules are worth credits that correspond to their workload. They conclude with a module examination that normally consists of one, but no more than two, examination components. Credits are awarded based on the results of these examinations. In general, one module is worth 10 credits. All modules are compulsory elective modules: Students are free to choose within

certain thematic areas.

- (4) Lectures and seminars in the Master's degree course Linguistics are usually held in English.
- (5) Usually, the Master's thesis is written alongside the candidate's degree studies in the second year of study. It is equivalent to the student workload of 30 credits.

§ 9

Time Abroad

- (1) A period of time spent abroad is generally recommended. It must be organised by the student (with help from the responsible institution). Students who want the course and the examination components completed abroad to be factored into their final grade are recommended to seek out the Student Advisory Service and enter into a study agreement before they leave the country.
- (2) On request, course and examination components completed abroad can be factored into the final grade according to § 16 of the Examination Regulations.

§ 10

Master's Degree Course Modules

The Master's degree course in Linguistics comprises the modules set out in the appendix.

§ 11

Master's Degree Course Qualification

The Master's degree course is completed with the Master's examination, which is made up of the module examinations taken during the course of studies and the Master's thesis.

§ 12

Student Advisory Service

- (1) General student advice is provided by the Central Student Advisory Service of Leipzig University. It covers questions on study options, enrolment modalities and general questions concerning student life.

- (2) Expert advice relating to study organisation is provided during the course of studies by the respective course adviser.
- (3) Students should consult their adviser in the third semester if they have not produced a record of achievement by the time this semester begins.

§ 13

Legal Validity and Publication

- (1) These Study Regulations will come into force on 1. April 2018. They will be published in the Official Bulletins of Leipzig University. At the same time, the study regulations for the master's course in Linguistics dated July 31, 2013 (Official announcement of the University of Leipzig No. 49, pp. 36 to 57) as modified on September 22, 2016 (Official announcement of the University Leipzig No. 50, pp. 20 to 36) is no longer in force.
- (2) The Study Regulations were resolved by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Philology on 3. July 2017. They were approved by the Rectorate on 13. July 2017.
- (3) Credits that were completed before this new version came into force and according to the version valid at that time will be recognized.

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