



The pencil has  
a sharp **point.**

It is not polite  
to **point** at people

Do you get **it?**

Master's in Linguistics

Language, Literature and  
Education



'Students in this programme specialise in linguistics, but they also widen their perspective on the literature and culture of their language of specialisation and on the pedagogy of these subjects.'

How does one 'teach' literature or a foreign language? In the Master's programme Language, Literature and Education, you will study foreign language and literature learning in educational contexts, following courses in both Linguistics and Literature.

In addition, you will specialise in one of the following European languages or language families: English, French, German, Italian, Scandinavian, Slavonic or Spanish. The linguistic strand of the programme focuses on language use, language variation and (foreign) language learning and teaching. You will investigate major theories and research in these domains, and reflect on the historical and current roles of language in society.

The literature strand zooms in on the practical and conceptual ties between literature and education by addressing questions such as: What is it that literature teaches us? And what is the relationship between literature and social development and change?

## Career prospects

The Master's in Language, Literature and Education prepares you for a broad range of career opportunities. On completion of the course, you will be eligible for the post-Master's teacher training programme. Although the programme is geared towards students who want to continue in education, the excellent writing and public speaking skills you develop in the classes and the internship will benefit you in a wide variety of professional contexts (e.g. in an organisational capacity with educational organisations or the media).

### Spotlight on a course

#### L2 in the classroom (6 ECTS)

This course provides an overview of approaches in second language pedagogy, e.g. grammar-translation approach, task-based learning and teaching, and content-based learning. You will examine a number of features of second language pedagogy, including the role of motivation, individual learner variables, error correction, language learning strategies. You will also have the opportunity to see how theories of learning and teaching play out in real instructional settings through video and audio recordings of L2 classes.





## Key data

**Degree**  
Master of Arts  
in Linguistics

**Duration**  
1 year / 60 ECTS

**Mode**  
Full-time / Part-time

**Start**  
1 September

**Language of instruction**  
English and the  
language of your  
specialisation

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## Entry requirements

The Master's in Language, Literature and Education is open to all students with a university Bachelor's degree in:

- one of the languages you wish to specialise in;
- European Studies\*;
- another Bachelor's degree in the Humanities\*.

\* Provided you meet the additional requirements in both linguistics and literature of the language you wish to specialise in. Please check:

[uva.nl/ma-language-literature-education](https://uva.nl/ma-language-literature-education)

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