



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
Faculty of Humanities



UvA Master's Day

MA General Linguistics

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Outline

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Admission and application
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What makes us special?

- 2023: Linguistics at UvA ranks 29th in *QS World University Ranking by Subject*, highest ranking in continental Europe!
- Amsterdam: multilingual city – great environment for fieldwork / data collection
- International group of students
- Most (if not all) sub-disciplines of linguistics and many languages are covered
- Different theoretical approaches meet each other
- Excellent research facilities (e.g. speech lab with eye tracker and EEG)



Academic year at the University of Amsterdam

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Block 1	September & October	Block 1	February & March
Block 2	November & December	Block 2	April & May
Block 3	January	Block 3	June



General Linguistics

All courses 6 ECTS, total: 60 ECTS

Semester 1	Block	Semester 2	Block
Phonetics-Phonology Interface 1	1	<i>Specialisation Course</i>	1
Syntax-Semantics Interface 1	1	Statistics in Linguistics	1
Sign Linguistics 1	2	Master Thesis (18 ECTS)	2 & 3
Language Acquisition & Disorders 1	2		
Term Paper with Poster	3		



General Linguistics

Specialization ‘Clinical Linguist’

Semester 1	Block	Semester 2	Block
Phonetics-Phonology Interface 1	1	Lang. Aquisition & Disorders 2	1
Syntax-Semantics Interface 1	1	Statistics in Linguistics	1
Sign Linguistics 1	2	Master Thesis with clinical internship (18 ECTS)	2 & 3
Language Acquisition & Disorders 1	2		
Language Assessment with Poster	3		



Some Master theses topics of the last years:

- Reading difficulties in a bilingual context: A diagnostic dilemma
- Modal clauses in Sign Language of the Netherlands: Grammatical structure and grammaticalization
- Verb argument structure in young adults with Specific Language Impairment
- The innateness of phonotactic preferences
- Vocal development in baby's with a hearing impairment





Future perspectives

Inspiration on jobs for linguists:

<https://mutualintelligibility.substack.com/p/3-links-for-linguistics-careers-outside>

Alumni study 2021

Students that graduated from the MA General Linguistics between 2016 and 2020

When did they find a job?

I found it while studying	7
0 - 3 months	13
4 - 7 months	4
8 months or longer	7
Not found one yet	4



Future perspectives: what are our alumni doing?

Academia

PhD student; research assistant; quality administrator

Education

Teacher (English, NL); team coordinator;
curriculum planning officer

Healthcare

Speech therapist; junior researcher

Self-employed

Freelance translator; subtitler
Sign-language interpreter

Business

Team leader; (project development) manager;
consultant

Information Technology

Analyst; product owner

Marketing

Communication expert; marketing manager

Tourism

Training coordinator

Government

Planning casework officer



Admission requirements

- BA in Linguistics, or
- BA in a language (with a strong background in linguistics)
- other BA with a minor in linguistics

You need to have at least 30 ECTS (or equivalent) of courses in Linguistics (pure language acquisition courses do not count)

Specific questions about application and admission

mail to: AdmissionsMA-fgw@uva.nl





Application documents

- BA diploma
- Official transcripts
- [Motivation form](#)
- Short CV (max. 2 pages)
- **Proof of English language proficiency**
Not required if you have
 - a BA from an accredited Dutch academic university
 - a BA from a university in the USA, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand
 - an International Baccalaureate diploma taught in English





Deadlines for Applications

1 March 2024

- All applicants with a non-EU/EEA nationality
- And everyone who wants to apply for housing!

15 May 2024

- Applicants with a Dutch or other EU/EEA nationality

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Premaster for General Linguistics

Academic skills 1 (6 ECTS)	Philosophy of Humanities OR Intro to Linguistics (6 ECTS)	1
Research methods & statistics (6 ECTS)	Phonology (6 ECTS)	2
Academic skills 2 (6 ECTS)		3
Syntax (6 ECTS)		3
Language and Speech Disorders (6 ECTS)		4

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If you are indecisive between the MA General Linguistics and the RMA Linguistics & Communication at the UvA

- You can switch from the MA General Linguistics to the RMA Linguistics & Communication after the first semester
- Via the official application and selection procedure
- You need to have at least a 7.5 in all the courses that you took in the first semester

(reverse direction of switch is also possible)

