

University of Tübingen exam regulations for the study program in Computational Linguistics culminating in an examination for a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree

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§ 1 Validity of General Provisions

The University of Tübingen exam regulations for degree programs in the Neuphilologie/ Modern Languages department culminating in the academic degree of Master of Arts (M.A.) – General Provisions – as amended are part of these exam regulations, insofar as no other special provisions have been made.

I. Goals, contents and structure of the program

§ 2 Contents and goals, prescribed minimum period for completion, volume, and start date of program

(1) ¹The Master's program is a research-oriented program following on from a Bachelor's degree in the same field. ²The M.A. in Computational Linguistics program allows students to obtain long-term academic qualifications aimed at obtaining and increasing knowledge in a systematic and critical way, and justifying a general scientifically-based occupational qualification for students in the field of Computational Linguistics; the program builds upon a first degree in the field. ³The program runs for four semesters. ⁴Students must expand their ability to deal with computer linguistic issues in an appropriate, scientific manner.

(2) ¹The prescribed minimum period of study in the Computational Linguistics Master's program is set out in § 1 (5) of the General Provisions of these exam regulations. ²A total of

120 credit points must be obtained to successfully complete this M.A. degree program. ³The start of the program (winter or summer semester) is set out in the regulations governing admission and enrollment at the University of Tübingen, as amended.

(3) A prerequisite for enrollment in this Master's program is a Bachelor's degree in the subject of Computational Linguistics or an equivalent degree with a grade of 2.5 or better. ²The board of examiners will decide on the equivalency of a degree. The board may require supplementary studies. ³Any such requirements must be met in order for students to participate in the ISCL-MA-05 module.

(4) Advanced competence in English (level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or equivalent) must be documented for admission to the Master's degree in Computational Linguistics.

§ 3 Structure

(1) ¹The Computational Linguistics Master's program is structured over two years. ²It concludes with the Master's examination.

(2) ¹Students complete a program of 120 credit points. The program consists of the following modules:

Module number	Module name	Recommended Semester	LP
ISCL-MA-01	Computer Linguistics core area: Orientation	1	15
ISCL-MA-02	Supplementary area: Basics	1	15
ISCL-MA-03	Computer Linguistics core area: In depth	2	15
ISCL-MA-04	Supplementary area: Interdisciplinary context	2	15
ISCL-MA-05	Computer Linguistics core area: Profiling	3	15
ISCL-MA-06	a): Supplementary area: Practical	3	15
	b): Supplementary area: Interdisciplinarity in depth		
ISCL-MA-07	Final module	4	30
Total			120

* The modules ISCL-MA-01 to ISCL-MA-06 may be taken in any order unless otherwise specified in the module handbook.

II. Teaching of material

§ 4 Types of classes within the module

¹Classes of the following types are scheduled:

1. Lectures
2. Seminars
3. Exercises and tutorials

² For classes which are wholly or largely made up of elements of the types listed in (1)(2 and 3) above, participant numbers may be limited if training could not otherwise be guaranteed in accordance with the regulations or if a limitation is necessary for other reasons of research, teaching or patient care. ³Subject-related techniques in particular are to be taught in these classes along with interdisciplinary, professionally-oriented qualifications. ⁴In addition, students are to have the opportunity to work in small groups to develop the ability to present the knowledge obtained both verbally and in written form. ⁵In addition, the right to participate in classes may be restricted or admission to part of the course may be made dependent on the completion of certain coursework, if training could not otherwise be guaranteed in accordance with the regulations or a limitation is necessary for other reasons of research, teaching or patient care.

§ 5 Languages of instruction and examination

English is the language of instruction and examination in the Computational Linguistics degree program.

§ 6 Types of assessment

The assessed coursework required in each of the modules is set out in the module handbook. A total of at least three written assignments must be submitted in the modules (ISCL-MA-01 bis 06) and they must receive a positive assessment.

III. Organization of program

§ 7 Volume of material

The required volume of study arises from the General Provisions of the exam regulations, the structure of the program and the modules - particularly from § 3 of the Special Provisions of the exam regulations and/or the module handbook.

IV. Master's examination and overall grade

§ 8 Nature and execution of Master's examination

(1) In addition to the prerequisites set out in the General Provisions of these exam regulations, a prerequisite for admission to the Master's thesis process and other possible oral examinations to be completed in the final phase of the program under § 15 of the General Provisions is regular and successful participation in the required classes (see §3 Structure) scheduled for the first to third semesters of study.

(2) The duration of any oral exam which may be required at the end of the Master's degree studies, oral exam on the contents of the Master's thesis and any final colloquium which may be required as part of the thesis process is usually 60 minutes per student.

§ 9 Master's thesis

Provisions governing the Master's thesis are set out in § 17 of the General Provisions of these exam regulations.

§ 10 Calculation of the overall grade

The overall grade of the Master's examination is calculated on 25% of the grade for the Master's thesis module (Master's thesis and any further work required for this module according to the table set out under § 3) and 75% of the average (as weighted by credit points) of the grades of the other graded modules, taking account of the further provisions in § 21 of the General Provisions of these exam regulations.

V. Closing remarks

§ 11 Effective date and transitional arrangements

¹These exam regulations come into effect on the date of their publication in the University of Tübingen's official bulletin, the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen. ²Their first semester of validity is the winter semester 2016-17.

³Students who commenced their Master's program in Computer Linguistics prior to the semester named above may complete their Master's examination at the University of Tübingen under the prior exam regulations upon written application, which must be submitted to the Faculty of Humanities Examination Office by 31.03.2017. ⁴If no application is made according to (3), the provisions of these exam regulations apply. ⁵Coursework and assessment completed to date will only be accredited according to these exam regulations. ⁶These exam regulations do not grant any additional right to be examined; any fails in assessed work under the previous exam regulations will be included.

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