**Linguistics @ Tübingen**

Linguistic researchers in Tübingen have co-operated in Collaborative Research Centers (SFBs) since the 1990s. The current SFB 833 The Construction of Meaning investigates how meaning arises in context, during linguistic processing, how it develops over time, and how it varies across languages. The Research Training Group 1808 (DFG Graduiertenkolleg) on the topic of ambiguity in production and perception offers interdisciplinary dissertation projects in linguistics, literary studies, psychology, law, theology, and rhetoric.

**Tübingen University**

Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen’s guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, ist institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany’s eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven ist status as leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among the best universities for the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as for Science and Medicine.

With ist broad spectrum of subjects, the University of Tübingen provides a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. And such close cooperation in research extends beyond the University and around the world. The University of Tübingen has joint research projects at all levels with other institutions of higher education, with research institutes and with industry.

The University’s excellence in research offers optimal study conditions to students who come to Tübingen, combined with the opportunity to emphasize individual interests along the way. The attractive study environment is reinforced by many additional services, such as the Language Centre, interdisciplinary lectures in the Studium Generale and the state-of-the-art University Library. The University motto speaks for itself: attempto – I dare!

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**Curriculum**

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The core teaching of the M. A. program consists of the modules Descriptive Linguistics, Linguistic Methodology, Applied Linguistics, and Theoretical Linguistics. Students are introduced to current theoretical and empirical issues in class and deepen their knowledge in workshops. The module Interdisciplinary Extensions adds expertise in the form of courses taken in other departments with which English Linguistics collaborates. In the module Practice, students can do an internship or get experience in academic teaching. While the emphasis is on encouraging students to be able to work independently, students always have the support of a structured program. For example, M. A. theses are written in three steps: students prepare and present their research question in the module Research I; they conduct an empirical study in the module Research II; they interpret and write up their results in the module Thesis and Exam.

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Profile

The M.A. program English Linguistics provides a full understanding of current linguistics and a thorough training in the empirical methods used in linguistic research. The combination of empirical research with theoretical modeling is an internationally renowned hallmark of linguistics in Tübingen.

There is a long tradition of Linguistics in Tübingen, but there are more linguists now working on a wider variety of aspects of linguistics than ever before. In part, this is due to the exceptional success of Tübingen linguists in attracting research funding over the last 20 years. The course structure of the M.A. program English Linguistics reflects this depth and interdisciplinarity. While there is an emphasis on the description and processing of the English language, perspectives are always enriched by cross-linguistic comparison and interdisciplinary approaches ranging from experimentation to literary studies. For this reason, students can combine courses offered in English Linguistics with selected M.A. courses offered by the other Linguistics departments.

An important aspect of the M.A. program is the degree of choice in independent study. From the very beginning, students are encouraged to design and conduct their own research projects. Supervised by staff, they can contribute to the ongoing research of the English Department, and joint publications with staff are often the result. The academic and empirical skills thus acquired provide students with excellent qualifications for further study in Linguistics at doctoral level.

In recent international and national ratings, Linguistics in Tübingen fared very well. For example, in the QS World University Ranking, Linguistics is in the world's top 100.

Opportunities

The English Linguistics M.A. qualifies students for various career options. Students can pursue an academic career by applying for a Ph.D. program in Linguistics or Cognitive Science, or they can use their linguistic and analytical skills for a career in the wider economy in fields related to language and communication. M.A. holders are able to work on linguistic topics at an academic level, they have learned to abstract and synthesize information, to evaluate explanations critically, and are competent in the planning and execution of research and project work. With these abilities they are qualified for positions, in publishing, language technology and teaching, translation agencies, and journalism just to mention a few.

You can commence the program in the winter or summer semester.
Duration: 2 years
Credits: 120 ECTS credit points
Courses are taught in English.

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Profile

For admission to the Master's program English Linguistics applicants must have completed their BA in English/American Studies or a comparable program of language studies. Successful candidates must have shown a clear focus on linguistics and an above-average grade (2.3 or better). We expect candidates to have a good command of English. Knowledge of at least one other modern or classical language is required by the 3rd semester.

How to apply
Master's degrees at the University of Tübingen can commence in either the winter or the summer semester. Admissions will be processed through an online platform: http://movein-uni-tuebingen.moveonnet.eu/
The following documents must accompany the application:

• letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English stating the applicant's motivation for pursuing M.A. studies in English Linguistics at Tübingen University
• CV
• degree course transcripts which clearly show the focus on linguistics
• certified copy of B. A. certificate (or equivalent university
• degree)
• certified copy of high school diploma ('Abiturzeugnis'/'Hochschulzugangsberechtigung' or equivalent)
• additional qualifications and other certificates, e.g. practical experience (internship, traineeship, etc.) in areas relevant to the profile of the program

Please submit your application online and additionally send a printed copy to the admissions office.

Further Information
www.english.uni-tuebingen.de
https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/142778
www.sfb833.uni-tuebingen.de
www.uni-tuebingen.de/index.php?id=34380

Deadline for applications: https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/111543
Application: https://movein-uni-tuebingen.moveonnet.eu/
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