

# CURRICULUM

Modules	
Module 1: Descriptive Linguistics	12 CP
Module 2: Linguistic Methodology	12 CP
Module 3: Psycholinguistics and Applied Ling.	12 CP
Module 4: Theoretical Linguistics	12 CP
Module 5: Interdisciplinary Profile	12 CP
Module 6: Research I: Academic Writing	6 CP
Module 7: Research II: Research Project	12 CP
Module 8: Practice and Application	12 CP
Module 9: Thesis and Exam	30 CP
	<b>120 CP</b>

The core teaching of the MA 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 workgroups. The module Interdisciplinary Profile adds expertise in the form of courses taken in other departments with which English Linguistics collaborates. In the module Practice and Application, students may do an internship, get experience in academic teaching or acquire transferable skills through professional development courses. While the emphasis is on encouraging students to be able to work independently, students always have the support of a structured program. For instance, the Research II module allows students to carry out the groundwork for their thesis and get feedback on their preliminary results before they take on the thesis project in the module Thesis and Exam.

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# LINGUISTICS @ TÜBINGEN

Linguistic researchers in Tübingen have co-operated in Collaborative Research Centers (SFBs) since the 1990s. The SFB 833 The Construction of Meaning investigated 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.

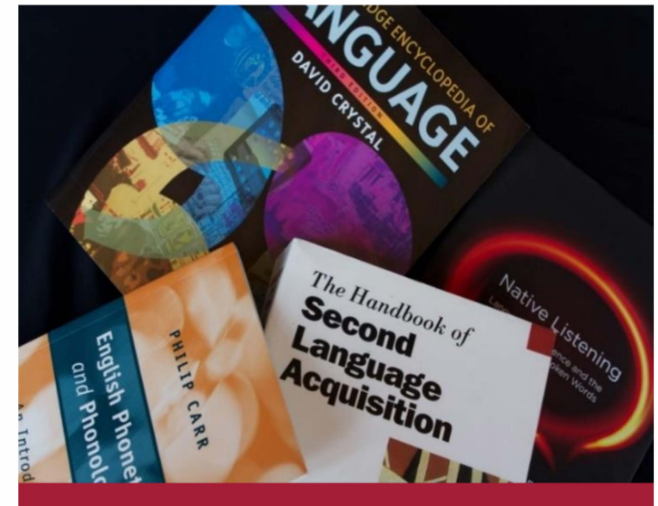
## Tübingen University

Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These are the University of Tübingen's guiding principles in research and teaching. With its long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, its 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 its status as a 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 its 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's motto speaks for itself: *atempto* – I dare!

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# ENGLISH LINGUISTICS

## MASTER OF ARTS

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

English Languages and Literatures



## PROFILE

The MA 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.

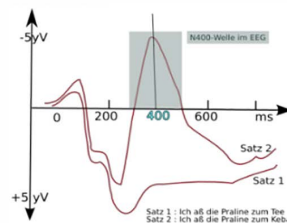
There is a long tradition of Linguistics in Tübingen, but there are more linguists now working on a wider variety of aspects of linguistics than ever before. In part, this is due to the exceptional success of Tübingen linguists in attracting research funding over the last 20 years. The course structure of the MA 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 are encouraged to combine courses offered in English Linguistics with selected MA courses offered by other departments, as part of their Interdisciplinary Profile module

An important aspect of the MA 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 faculty members are often the result. The academic and empirical skills thus acquired provide students with excellent qualifications for further study in Linguistics at doctoral level.

## OPPORTUNITIES



The MA English Linguistics qualifies students for various career options. Students can pursue an academic career by applying for a PhD 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. MA 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, to mention just a few.



## APPLICATION

For admission to the MA 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 should have excellent grades in Linguistics studies. We expect candidates to have a very high level of English (at least C1), both spoken and written.

### How to apply

Master's degrees at the University of Tübingen can start in either the winter or the summer semester/ Applications must be submitted via the on-line platform **Alma** (<https://alma.uni-tuebingen.de>). The following documents must accompany the application:

- letter of motivation in English (max. two pages) stating the applicant's motivation for pursuing the MA English Linguistics at Tübingen University
- proof of competence in English
- a CV
- a transcript of records
- a certified copy of BA certificate.
- an academic writing sample
- a certified copy of high school diploma ('Abiturzeugnis' / Hochschulzugangsberechtigung' or equivalent)
- optionally, evidence of additional qualifications and / or professional experience relevant to the program.

### Deadline for applications:

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/application-for-non-german-students/application-and-admission-of-international-students/>

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