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| UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ Excerpts of Appendix B of the Study and Examination Regulations for the Master of Arts Programmes in the Humanities Programme Linguistik (Linguistics) (general provisions Linguistics and subject-specific regula- tions for General Linguistics as well as English Linguistics) | B 6.20 |
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Master's Programme *Linguistik* (M.A. *Linguistics*)

§ 1 The study programme

The Master's Programme *Linguistics* is aimed at graduates of linguistic or philological bachelor's programmes. Students expand and deepen their analytical linguistic knowledge and skills in one of the following areas: General Linguistics, English Linguistics, German Linguistics, Romance Linguistics or Slavic Linguistics.

§ 2 Required Credits

The Master's Programme *Linguistics* consists of 7 Modules. It comprises 120 ECTS¹-Credits (cr). 54 cr must be completed in the area of general linguistics (Module 1-2 and 7) and 66 cr in an area of specialisation (Module 3-6).

§ 3 Course content

The subject of the programme is the theoretical description and analysis of linguistic structures and their formalisation. The Master's Programme *Linguistics* provides the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue an academic career and/or to deal professionally with theoretical and practical linguistic issues and to practise language-centred professions.

The course imparts analytical and methodical competence and, depending on the focus, deepening in the synchronic and/or diachronic analysis of one or more languages. Good knowledge of English is required (level B2). A stay abroad at a university outside of Germany is desirable (creditable in module 6).

¹ Explanations of the abbreviations:

ECTS = European Credit Transfer System; P/WP = obligatory/optional; Art = course type (with VL = lecture series, Sem = seminar; Ü = practical tutorial); PL = assessment (with Ref = oral presentation; So = other form of written/oral assessment; var = variable: the assessment type will be announced by the course instructor at the beginning of the course); SL = coursework; cr = ECTS credits; ENR = contributing to the final grade; Sem. = semester in which the course is being offered.

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§ 3.1 Modules for all areas of specialisation

Module 1: Core Areas of Linguistics, compulsory module, 18 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|--|------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Core Components of Language A (Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology) | P | S | KI | 9 | yes | 1-2 |
| Core Components of Language B (Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics) | P | S | KI | 9 | yes | 1-2 |

Module 1 deepens the already acquired knowledge in the core areas by means of exercises and texts. The module is completed when 18 cr from different parts of the module have been obtained.

Module 2: Methods in Linguistics, compulsory elective module, 12 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|---|------|-----|-------|----|-----|-----|
| Statistics | WP | S | KI/So | 6 | yes | 1-2 |
| Experimental Methods | WP | S | var | 6 | yes | 1-2 |
| Automatic Text Processing/Corpus lin- guistics (e.g., with Perl/Python) | WP | S | var | 6 | yes | 1-2 |
| Formal and further current linguistic methodology (e.g., logic, language doc- umentation) | WP | S | var | 6 | yes | 1-2 |

Module 2 provides methodological skills for research in linguistics. The module is completed when 12 cr from different parts of the module have been obtained.

Module 3-6: cf. Areas of specialisation (§ 3.2-3.6)

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Module 7: Research, master's thesis and oral examination, compulsory module, 24 cr

Writing the master's thesis and passing the oral master's examination form the final module of the programme.

| Exam component | P/WP | Art | PL/SL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----|-------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Research colloquium (summer semester) | P | S | Ref/So | 3 | no | 3-4 |
| Thesis | P | | Masterarbeit | 18 | yes | 4 |
| Oral examination | P | | mündliche Prüfung | 3 | yes | 4 |

§ 3.2 Area of specialisation *General Linguistics*

The area of specialisation *General Linguistics* has a focus on theoretical linguistics including interface research. The teaching and examination languages are usually German and English.

Module 3: Focused Study of Structure, compulsory elective module, 18 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|--|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Structure A (Phonetics, Phonology or Morphology) | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |
| Structure B (Syntax, Semantics or Pragmatics) | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |

The module is completed when 18 cr from different courses have been obtained, i.e., two courses from the same part of the module (A or B) can be taken.

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Module 4: Variation and Change, compulsory elective module, 9 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Language History | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 1-3 |
| Language Comparison | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 1-3 |

The module is completed when 9 cr have been obtained.

Module 5: Theory and Data, compulsory elective module, 18 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Current Research Topics | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |
| Language and Cognition | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |

The module is completed when 18 cr from different courses have been obtained, i.e., two courses from the same part of the module can be taken.

Module 6: Supplementary area (freely selectable linguistic courses/language practice/neighbouring areas), 21 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | StL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|--------------------|------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| Linguistics | WP | S | var | var | no | 1-4 |
| Neighbouring areas | WP | S/VL/Ü | var | var | no | 1-4 |
| Language practice | WP | Ü | var | var | no | 1-4 |
| Key qualifications | WP | Ü | var | max. 6 | no | 1-4 |

In the field of linguistics, seminars on other linguistic topics can be taken. In the field of neighbouring areas, seminars on other subjects such as literature, art, media, psychology, philosophy, computer science, mathematics and statistics can be taken. Any language other than English can be chosen as language practice, including German as a second or subsequent language; the key qualification courses must be creditable for master's programmes. A semester abroad is desirable. The recommended period for this is the 2nd and/or 3rd semester. The module is completed when 21 cr have been obtained.

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§ 3.3 Area of specialisation *English Linguistics*

The area of specialisation *English Linguistics* has a linguistic focus on English and is concerned with variation and the acquisition of the English language system. The teaching and examination language is usually English.

Module 3: Structure of English, compulsory elective module, 18 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|--|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Structure A (Phonetics, Phonology or Morphology) | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |
| Structure B (Syntax, Semantics or Pragmatics) | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |

The module is completed when 18 cr from different courses have been obtained, i.e., two courses from the same part of the module (A or B) can be taken.

Module 4: Variation and Change, compulsory elective module, 18 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|---|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| History of the English Language (e.g., Old English, Middle English, Early Modern English) | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 1-3 |
| Language Variation and Change (e.g., Sociolinguistics, Varieties of English) | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 1-3 |

The module is completed when 18 cr from different parts of the module have been obtained.

Module 5: Theory and Data, compulsory elective module, 9 cr

| Course | P/WP | Art | PL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Language Contact | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |
| Language and Cognition | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |
| Current Research Topics | WP | S | var | 9 | yes | 2-3 |

The module is completed when 9 cr have been obtained.

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**Module 6: Supplementary area (freely selectable linguistic courses/lan-
 guage practice/neighbouring areas), 21 cr**

| Course | P/WP | Art | SL | cr | ENR | Sem |
|--------------------|------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| Linguistics | WP | S | var | var | no | 1-4 |
| Neighbouring areas | WP | S/VL/Ü | var | var | no | 1-4 |
| Language practice | WP | Ü | var | var | no | 1-4 |
| Key qualifications | WP | Ü | var | max. 6 | no | 1-4 |

In the field of linguistics, seminars on other linguistic topics can be taken. In the field of neighbouring areas, seminars on other subjects such as literature, art, media, psychology, philosophy, computer science, mathematics and statistics can be taken. English should be chosen as the language of language practice; the key qualification courses must be creditable for master's programmes. A semester abroad in an English-speaking country is desirable. The recommended period for this is the 2nd and/or 3rd semester. The module is completed when 21 cr have been obtained.

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§ 4 Programme Structure

The following table shows a typical distribution of modules and examinations across the four semesters of the programme.

| Semester | Course | Credits |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------|
| 1. | 1 Course from Module 1 | 9 |
| | 2 Courses from Module 2 | 12 |
| | 1 Course from Module 4 | 9 |
| | Σ | 30 |
| 2. | 1 Course from Module 1 | 9 |
| | 2 Courses from Modules 3-5 | 18 |
| | 1 Course from Module 6 | 3 |
| | Σ | 30 |
| 3. | 2 Courses from Modules 3-5 | 18 |
| | Courses from Module 6 | 12 |
| | Σ | 30 |
| 4. | Courses from Module 6 | 6 |
| | Module 7 (master's thesis, oral master's examination, research colloquium) | 24 |
| | Σ | 30 |
| Total ECTS-Credits to be obtained | | 120 |

§ 5 Languages of instruction and examination

Courses are held in German, English or one of the studied languages. The examination language can be German, English or one of the studied languages.

§ 6 Master's Examination

(1) Students have to complete the course-related performance assessments specified in § 2 in the modules 1 to 7.

(2) Final examination

In addition to the module unit examinations, a final examination (Module 8) in the core area is required:

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1. Master's thesis in accordance with § 22 of the Study and Examination Regulations for the Master of Arts Programmes. Students have to complete the thesis within four months and have to show that they are able to work independently according to scientific principles in a limited field (18 cr). The master's thesis is written in German, English or one of the studied languages.
2. Oral examination (3 credits, 30 minutes)
 The final oral examination includes a colloquium on the topic of the master's thesis and an examination of the linguistic basics. It is held in German, English or one of the studied languages.

§ 7 Calculation of the final grade

The final grade is calculated as follows:

Grades for each of the modules 1 through 5 are calculated as the average of the grades from the relevant module units weighted by the number of ETCS credits awarded for each unit.

The grades for modules 1 through 5 and module 7 count towards the final grade and are weighted according to the corresponding number of ECTS credits for each module.

The grade for module 7 is calculated as follows: The grade for the master's thesis is multiplied by three; the grade for the oral examination is not multiplied.

Modules 6 does not count towards the final grade.

§ 8 Effective Date

- (1) These examination regulations come into effect on 1st October 2017.
- (2) The changes as of 11 March 2021 come into effect on 1st April 2021.
- (3) Students who began their studies before the new regulations came into effect continue their studies according to the regulations that were previously valid for them.

Note

These examination regulations of 14 June 2017 were published in the Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen (official announcements) of the University of Konstanz No. 24/2017.

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