

The Advanced Master in Linguistics is a one-year inter-university program aimed at students who have already acquired a good background in linguistics or language-related fields of study. The participating Flemish institutions are the University of Leuven, the Free University of Brussels, the University of Antwerp, and the University of Ghent.

This flyer describes the options offered in Leuven. The Department of Linguistics has a long-standing tradition in Cognitive and Functional Linguistics, and hosts a number of internationally renowned scholars in the field.

#### Who can apply ?

The programme typically addresses students preparing for a PhD or a professional career in the language industry. An excellent working knowledge of English is compulsory.

#### What will you do in the 1st semester ?

1. You follow four courses: 1 or 2 from the set of background courses, and 2 or 3 specialization courses.
2. You start working on an MA thesis and at the end of the semester give a presentation of the work you have already done.

#### What will you do in the 2nd semester ?

3. You follow one intensive course and/or an apprenticeship. Intensive courses may either be organized in the form of regular meetings spread out over the semester, or as one or more intensive workshop periods. Apprenticeships imply that the students work within one of the research groups of the Department of Linguistics.
4. You finish your MA thesis.

#### What are the background courses ?

- Corpus linguistics
- Computational tools for linguistics
- Language data and linguistic objects
- Linguistics and neurosciences
- Psycholinguistic methods and language acquisition

- Linguistic typology
- Theory and praxis of discourse analysis
- Theory formation in synchronic and diachronic linguistics

Of these background courses, only the course on Corpus linguistics is offered at the University of Leuven. Students who follow the programme in Leuven and who wish to take more than one background course, will have to make a short trip once a week to one of the other participating universities.

#### What are the specialization courses ?

- Comparison of cognitive and functional theories, and their position in the history of modern linguistics (J. Nuyts, L. Melis, P. Swiggers & P. Desmet)
- Grammar: theory and description (K. Davidse, D. Willems & L. Melis)
- Text linguistics (A.M. Vandenberg & N. Delbecq)
- Lexical semantics (D. Geeraerts & K. Feyaerts)
- Usage-based approaches to language change (H. Cuyckens, W. De Mulder & T. Mortelmans)

All of these specialization courses are offered in Leuven. They specifically embody the Cognitive/Functional profile of the programme. Each course represents 2 teaching hours during 13 weeks, plus exercises and assignments.

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