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Faculty of Arts

Teaching and Examination Regulations (OER)

Part B - Master's degree programme in:

**LINGUISTICS
(croho 60817)**

Specializations

- **Language & Cognition**
- **Language and Communication Technologies**

for academic year 2016-2017

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Section 1 General provisions

Article 1.1 – Applicability

These Regulations comprise two parts – Part A and Part B. This degree programme-specific Part B accompanies Part A, which contains general provisions which apply to the teaching, examinations and final assessments of the Master's degree programmes provided by the Faculty of Arts, hereinafter referred to as **the Faculty**. Part B contains degree programme-specific provisions which apply to the degree programme in **Linguistics**.

Section 2 Admission

Article 2.1 – Entry requirements

1. Students with a Dutch or foreign certificate of higher education that indicates that they have the following knowledge, understanding and skills will be admitted to the degree programme:
 - a) a BA degree in Linguistics or another BA degree with a substantial linguistics component in addition to satisfying the following entry requirements:
 - b) sufficient knowledge of English to be able to follow the degree programme successfully (see Article 2.2)
 - c) sufficient knowledge, understanding and skills in the academic disciplines relevant to the degree programme, as shown by a list of grades, sample academic papers, and reference letters.¹

Article 2.2 – Language requirement for foreign certificates

1. Students who have been admitted to a degree programme on the basis of a foreign certificate or degree may be asked by the Board of Examiners – before registration – to pass an English language test, to be administered by an agency stipulated by the Board.
2. The English language proficiency requirement will be met by passing an examination in English at the level of the VWO final exam, or by passing the TOEFL iBT with a score of at least 96 (with at least a score of 24 on the component 'writing') or an IELTS score of 7 or above with at least a score of 6.5 on all separate components.

Article 2.3 – Admission to specializations

In addition to the provisions of Article 2.1, the following admission requirements apply to the various specializations in this degree programme: Admission to the LCT specialization is delegated to the local program coordinators of the various partner universities that participate in the Erasmus Mundus LCT programme.

Article 2.4 – Registering for the admissions procedure

Students register for the admissions procedure by submitting the following documents:

- a completed registration form
- a curriculum vitae
- an overview of the results achieved so far within the Bachelor's degree programme and/or other university degree programmes
- a letter outlining the prospective student's motivation for selecting the programme and specialization, including his or her expectations and interests
- if possible, written results of previous research, such as academic articles or a Bachelor's thesis

¹ Sufficient knowledge, understanding and skills means that in the opinion of the Admissions Board, the student will be able to follow the programme without credit points having to be reserved to make up a shortfall in subject mix.

- two personal recommendations from relevant experts²
- other documents, if required, which in the opinion of prospective students will highlight their eligibility for the programme and specialization.

Article 2.5 – Admissions procedure for the degree programme

1. Bearing in mind the admissions procedure for the degree programme and the specialization within the meaning of Article 2.1.1, the Admissions Board will assess the knowledge and skills of the candidate. The Admissions Board will assess the written documentation and determine whether the prospective student can be admitted directly to the programme and the specialization. In the event of doubt, the student will be invited to an admissions interview. The interview will be based on the submitted written documentation and may comprise an approx. 15-minute presentation on an academic subject related to the chosen programme.
2. If, on the basis of the submitted documentation, the Board is of the opinion that the student does not qualify for admission and that there is therefore no need for an interview, the student will be notified accordingly before 15 June. This is a *provisional* decision only. Prospective students may still request an interview, provided they do so within 15 working days. If prospective students do not avail themselves of this option, the provisional decision will become *definitive*. In the case of prospective students who are granted an interview, a formal decision will not be made until after the interview has taken place. Rejections will in all cases be substantiated in writing. Students who have been interviewed will be notified by 15 July whether or not they have been accepted.³
3. Students who have not yet obtained their Bachelor's degree at the time of the selection procedure but who would normally do so before the Research Master's degree programme begins may be granted provisional admission. Actual admission is based on two conditions: they a) obtain their Bachelor's degree in time and b) receive a mark for the BA thesis with the required level to follow the Research Master. The BA thesis must be an 8 (or an equivalent thereof) or higher.
4. Students who already have a relevant university Master's degree may also apply for admission to the degree programme and the specialization. The procedure as set out above will also apply to them. If they are admitted, the Board of Examiners will decide whether they can be granted exemptions on the basis of that Master's degree (up to a maximum of 60 ECTS credit points).

Article 2.6 –Application and selection schedule

1. The entrance examination will be held twice a year. Requests for admission to the degree programme and the specialization starting in the first semester must be submitted to the Admissions Board before 1 March (non-EU students) or 1 May (EU students). Requests for admission starting in the second semester must be submitted to the Admissions Board before October 15.
2. The Admissions Board may decide to consider a request at a time other than that referred to in Article 2.6.1.
3. The Admissions Board will decide on admission before 15 June, or 15 December for a start in the second semester. Admission will be on condition that the candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in Article 2.4 concerning knowledge and skills by the starting date of the degree programme at the latest, supported by certificates from the degree programmes followed. The written admission statement will include information for the student about the possibility of an appeal to the Board of Appeal for Examinations.

² These are written reports from people recognized as experts by the Admissions Board that present a useful and reliable picture of the student's eligibility for the degree programme.

³ Proof of admission is discussed in Article 7.30b of the Higher Education and Research Act.

Section 3 Content and structure of the degree programme

Article 3.1 – Student workload

1. The degree programme has a student workload of 120 ECTS.
2. The student workload is expressed in whole ECTS credit points.

Article 3.2 – Learning outcomes of the degree programme

Of graduates, it is expected that they:

<i>Description of Master's level according to the Dublin Descriptors</i>	<i>Learning outcomes of the Research Master's Program in Linguistics</i>
Knowledge and understanding Have demonstrated knowledge and understanding that is founded upon and extends and/or enhances the level that is typically associated with Bachelor's level, and that provides a basis or opportunity for originality in developing and/or applying ideas, often within a research context.	1.1 have general knowledge and understanding of several subdisciplines in linguistics, their interpretations, methodologies and techniques 1.2 have a thorough knowledge of at least one theoretical and methodological approach within linguistics
Applying knowledge and understanding Can apply their knowledge and understanding, and problem solving abilities in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their field of study.	2.1 be able to formulate an academic problem independently, and in so doing, to select, apply and where necessary adapt an adequate theoretical framework and one or more relevant research methods 2.2 be able to make an original contribution to knowledge in at least one subdiscipline in linguistics 2.3 be able to independently formulate a research proposal
Making judgements Have the ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity, and formulate judgements with incomplete or limited information, but that include reflecting on social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgements.	3.1 to make use of the research results of others and evaluate these critically 3.2 be able to make connections between their own specialist knowledge of a subdiscipline of linguistics and other subdisciplines of linguistics or and other related disciplines, for example, psychology, neurology or information science
Communication Can communicate their conclusions, and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these, to specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously.	4.1 be able to participate actively in a research group working on an academic project 4.2 be able to work with other students and lecturers on an academic project 4.3 be able to participate in international academic debate in the chosen area of specialization and to present an academic problem convincingly in English, both orally and in writing
Learning Skills Have the learning skills to allow them to continue to study in a manner that may be largely self-directed or autonomous.	5.1 be able to keep abreast of the latest developments in linguistics and broaden and deepen their own knowledge and understanding 5.2 be able to reflect on the implications of one's work for the development of linguistic theories

See appendix 1 for the *Matrix of realized learning outcomes / course units* in the degree programme.

Article 3.3 - Language of instruction

1. The degree programme is taught in *English*.
2. The thesis/final assignment must be written in English. A thesis/final assignment may only be written in a language other than English if the Board of Examiners has given permission to do so.

Article 3.4 – Tracks

The Master specialization has the following tracks:

No.	Track
1	Language and Cognition
2	Language and Communication Technologies
3	Clinical Linguistics*

*The Clinical Linguistics specialization is discussed in a separate document

Article 3.5 – Content of the curriculum

1. The Master's specialization comprises the following course units with their student workloads:

Language and Cognition

No.	Course unit	Student workload in ECTS	Compulsory
1	Basic Statistics	5 ECTS	C
2	Corpus Linguistics	5 ECTS	C
3	Linguistic Theory	10 ECTS	C
4	Designing your Research Project	5 ECTS	C
5	LOT Course 1	5 ECTS	C
6	LOT Course 2	5 ECTS	C
	Course units (35 ECTS) to be selected from:		
7	Discourse and Pragmatics	10 ECTS	
8	Language, Brain and Cognition	10 ECTS	
9	Methodology and Statistics for Linguistic Research (GSH)	10 ECTS	
10	Summer School/Winter School/Tutorial	10 ECTS	
11	Language Development	10 ECTS	
12	Linguistic Analysis	10 ECTS	
13	Writing: Context, Process and Text	10 ECTS	
	or other relevant course units in consultation with the <i>Director of Studies</i> and with permission from the Board of Examiners		
14	Research Internship in Linguistics	20 ECTS	C
15	Research Master Thesis in Linguistics, including Thesis Class	30 ECTS	C

Language and Communication Technologies

No.	Course unit	Student workload in ECTS	Compulsory
1	Basic Statistics	5 ECTS	C
2	Corpus Linguistics	5 ECTS	C
3	Linguistic Theory	10 ECTS	C
	Course units (70 ECTS) to be selected from:		
4	Designing your Research Project	5 ECTS	

7	Discourse and Pragmatics	10 ECTS	
8	Language, Brain and Cognition	10 ECTS	
9	Methodology and Statistics for Linguistic Research (GSH)	10 ECTS	
10	Summer School/Winter School/Tutorial	5 ECTS	
16	Computer-Mediated Communication	10 ECTS	
17	Natural Language Processing	5 ECTS	
18	Semantic Web Technology	5 ECTS	
19	Learning from Data	5 ECTS	
20	Computational Semantics	5 ECTS	
21	Multichannel Management	5 ECTS	
22	Language Technology Project	5 ECTS	
23	Machine Learning (FMNS)	5 ECTS	
24	Web and Cloud Computing (FMNS)	5 ECTS	
25	Language Modelling (FMNS)	5 ECTS	
26	Sound Recognition (FMNS)	5 ECTS	
27	Perception (FMNS)	5 ECTS	
28	Computational Discourse (FMNS)	5 ECTS	
	or relevant course units at a different university within the consortium, in consultation with the <i>Director of Studies</i> and with permission from the Board of Examiners		
29	Research Master Thesis in Language and Communication Technologies	30 ECTS	C

All course units are listed in the online course catalogue OCASYS.

2. The modes of instruction and assessment for the course units listed above are set out in the syllabus of each individual course unit and the assessment plan of the degree programme.

Article 3.6 – Practical exercises (MA)

The course units listed below will not be concluded with an exam. These course units are passed by successfully taking part in one or more practical exercises: N/A

Section 4 Tests and examinations of the degree programme

Article 4.1 – Compulsory order

The examinations for the course units listed below may not be taken before the examinations for the associated course units have been passed:

Language and Cognition

No.	Course unit	No.	After passing course unit
14	Research Internship in Linguistics	1 2 3	Basic Statistics, Corpus Linguistics, Linguistic Theory
15	Research Master Thesis in Linguistics, including Thesis Class	1 2 3	Basic Statistics, Corpus Linguistics, Linguistic Theory

Language and Communication Technologies

No.	Course unit	No.	After passing course unit
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30	Research Master Thesis in Language and Communication Technologies	1 2 3	Basic Statistics, Corpus Linguistics, Linguistic Theory
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Section 5 Transitional and final provisions

Article 5.1 – Amendments

1. Any amendments to part A of these Regulations will, after discussion with and where necessary approval from the Faculty Council, be confirmed by the Faculty Board in a separate decree.
2. Any amendments to part B of these Regulations will, after the Departmental Board has put its case and after discussion with and where necessary approval from the Faculty Council, be confirmed by the Faculty Board in a separate decree.
3. Any amendments to these Regulations will not apply to the current academic year, unless it may reasonably be assumed that the amendment in question will not harm the interests of students.
4. In addition, an amendment may not influence any other decision concerning a student taken by the Board of Examiners under these Regulations to the disadvantage of students.

Article 5.2 – Publication

1. The Faculty Board shall duly publish these Regulations, any rules and guidelines formulated by the Board of Examiners, and any amendments to these documents.
2. Copies of the documents referred to in Article 5.2.1 are available from the Faculty Office. These documents can also be found on the Faculty website via the Student Portal.

Article 5.3 – Date of commencement

These Regulations shall take effect on 1 September 2016.
As decreed by the Faculty Board on 28 June 2016.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Matrix of realized learning outcomes / course units in the degree programme

Appendix 2: Regulations for Master thesis

Matrix of realized learning outcomes / course units in the degree programme

		1. Kennis en inzicht		2. Toepassen kennis en inzicht			3.Oordeelsvorming		4. Communicatie			5. Leervaardigheden	
		1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2
JAAR 1 semester 1													
vaktitel	vakcode												
Basic Statistics	LTR013M05	x	x				x	x					
Corpus Linguistics	LTR014M05	x	x				x	x					
Linguistic Theory	LTR017M10	x	x				x						
Discourse and Pragmatics	LTR009M10		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
JAAR 1 semester 2													
vaktitel	vakcode												
Designing your Research Project	LTR021M05			x		x	x						x
Language, Brain and Cognition	LTR008M10		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Methodology & Statistics Ling. Research	LTR002M10		x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x
LOT Course 1	LTR015M05	x	x				x				x	x	x
Summer School/Winter School/Tutorial	LTR016M05 of LTR012M10	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x

		1. Kennis en inzicht		2. Toepassen kennis en inzicht			3.Oordeelsvorming		4. Communicatie			5. Leervaardigheden	
		1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2
JAAR 2 semester 1													
vaktitel	vakcode												
Research Internship in Linguistics	LTR011M20		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
LOT Course 2	LTR016M05	x	x				x				x	x	x
Summer School/Winter School/Tutorial	LTR012M10 of LTR016M05	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
JAAR 2 semester 2													
vaktitel	vakcode												
Research Master's Thesis in Linguistics, Thesis Class	LTR999M30	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x