

The pencil has
a sharp **point.**

It is not polite
to **point** at people.

Do you get
the **point?**

Research Master's in Linguistics

Linguistics and
Communication (Research)



'We can't make decisions without arguing internally with ourselves because we have language to organise our thoughts, weigh them, and sometimes impact our interlocutors. Join us in this selective Linguistics' programme, embedded in the Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication.'

This Research Master's brings together theory and empirical data (from experimental or corpus studies), with a strong emphasis on methodology. You will study language and communication from various theoretical perspectives, and will be taught to understand the value of these different theoretical approaches in analysing linguistic problems. This happens in an open, constructive atmosphere, which trains you to look beyond your own particular field of expertise. The emphasis on a multi-disciplinary, multi-theoretical, complementary approach is unique to this Research Master's at the University of Amsterdam.

This Research Master's is coordinated by the Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication (ACLC), the large and thriving linguistics community at the University of Amsterdam. It has been ranking highest in continental Europe in the QS World University Rankings by Subject since 2012.

Career prospects

You will acquire transferable skills needed for job applications (i.e., CV composition, letter writing, interview skills) and for future academic and non-academic careers (i.e., abstract and paper writing, presentation and publishing skills, statistical methods, data management).

Our former graduates obtained

- PhD positions in the Netherlands and abroad;
- research-related jobs that require soft skills such as dealing with changing knowledge and writing publishable reports (e.g. research advisor);
- jobs in higher education and in the IT industry (e.g. data analyst);
- jobs in the speech and language therapy sector (e.g. clinical linguist).

Spotlight on a course

Perspectives on Language and Communication (12 ECTS)

Utterances are the interface where the systems of language and discourse meet, interact, and influence each other. In this course you will learn how to set your goals for a syntactic and discourse analysis of utterances, how you need to decide which theories and methods you need for a specific research question, and how you can keep an eye on the relation between language and communication. You will read about state of the art research and choose a sub-discipline to do more focused research on the utterance.

Entry requirements

The Research Master's programme in Linguistics and Communication is open for application to students with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in:

- the humanities or social sciences with a minimum of 30 ECTS (equivalent to a full-time semester of academic studies) taken in the field of Linguistics, Communication and Information Science or a language.

Although a background in the aforementioned fields is recommended and preferred, students with a Bachelor's in other disciplines requiring strong analytical skills, such as psychology or mathematics, are encouraged to apply as well. In this case, a personal interview may be part of the selection process, which will help us establish your capacity to successfully participate in the programme. For more information, please check:

uva.nl/rma-linguistics

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Key data

Degree

Research Master's in Linguistics

Duration

2 years / 120 ECTS

Mode

Full-time

Start

1 September

Language of instruction

English

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