

MA in Modern Languages – Empirical Linguistics and Language Documentation

Faculty of Modern Languages and Literatures, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

Duration	2 years (four semesters)
Start	planned for the academic year 2016/2017, which starts 1 October 2016
ECTS points	120
Language	The language of instruction is English.
Degree	MA (<i>magister</i> in philology according to the Polish system)
Requirements	BA, MA, or other diploma, preferably in Linguistics, Modern Languages (Philology) or related programmes. Graduates of other programmes may also apply. Very good knowledge of English (level B2/C1 according to the European Framework).
Tuition	Students from Poland and EU: free Non-EU students: 2 500 Euro per year
Application	Information will be available in May 2016; please consult the University's web page at https://international.amu.edu.pl/

Programme description

The MA programme in Empirical Linguistics and Language Documentation is intended for students with a genuine interest in languages and linguistics. It provides knowledge and skills necessary for documenting languages according to 21st century standards as well as access to research methods in empirical linguistics and their application in various fields of practice.

Overview of modules

Module	semester	contact hours ¹⁾	exams	ECTS credits
Documentary linguistics	I, II	60	1	9
Spoken language analysis	I, II	60	1	7
Methods and applications	I, III, IV	120	3	21
Statistics for linguistic analyses	II	30	1	6
Language typology and descriptive linguistics	I	30	0	3
Additional lectures (module of choice)	II, III, IV	120	2	12
MA seminary	I, II, III, IV	120	1	28
Foreign language	I, II, III, IV	240	1	24
English for academic purposes	I, II, III	90	1	10
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¹⁾ 30 contact hours = weekly lecture of 90 minutes during one semester

Short description of modules

- *Documentary Linguistics* introduces principles of language documentation and archiving and teaches techniques and tools for gathering, annotating, storing, and managing linguistic data;
- *Spoken Language Analysis* focuses first on theoretical and technical aspects of speech analysis (phonetics), and in the second term on the grammar of spoken discourse, the structure of conversations and oral narratives;
- *Language Typology and Descriptive Linguistics* explains how to capture cross-linguistic similarities and differences and how to describe structurally diverse languages;
- *Statistics for Linguistic Analysis* makes students understand the role of statistical analyses in a variety of linguistic disciplines and enables them to use the proper methods and tools in their own research;
- *Methods and Applications* is a module comprising classes which introduce methods of empirical research in various subfields of linguistics (especially: sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, corpus linguistics), and classes teaching applications of linguistics, for example, in lexicography, preparing of teaching materials, language planning and language revitalization.
- *Additional lectures* provide further possibilities to acquire knowledge and skills in topics chosen by the student;
- A *Foreign Language* other than English is taught over the whole cycle and can be chosen from the offer at the Institute of Linguistics (in some cases it will be possible to take the language classes in other departments). Students are especially encouraged to study a lesser taught language.
- Classes in *English for Academic Purposes* help students better understand academic texts in English and provide them with the necessary skills to present their own research in speaking and writing.
- The *MA Seminar* accompanies the students through the process of doing research and writing a thesis. In the first semester students are introduced to research methods in linguistics and learn how to design a study and find a topic for their thesis. After that, students will develop their research in small groups with a supervisor.

More information

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