

After Graduating

Linguistics majors are well equipped for both an academic career, and a variety of non-academic professional programmes and careers linked to language.

Since the programme is taught in English, graduates of General Linguistics at Bamberg are well-prepared for the international labour market.

Linguists may find employment in the following areas:

- the publishing industry
- archives, libraries or museums
- as technical writers, or as journalists
- education
- as translators or interpreters
- the computer industry (e.g. speech recognition and translation software)
- forensic linguistics
- at universities, in teaching and research

A Master's degree is also the prerequisite for enrolment in most PhD programs. Bamberg offers a structured PhD programme within the Bamberg Graduate School of Linguistics (BaGL). www.uni-bamberg.de/bagl/



Entry Requirements

- At least 30 ECTS in linguistics-focused modules in your previous degree
- English language skills C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Please consult the website for further details of entry requirements: www.uni-bamberg.de/en/ma-gen-ling/application-and-requirements/



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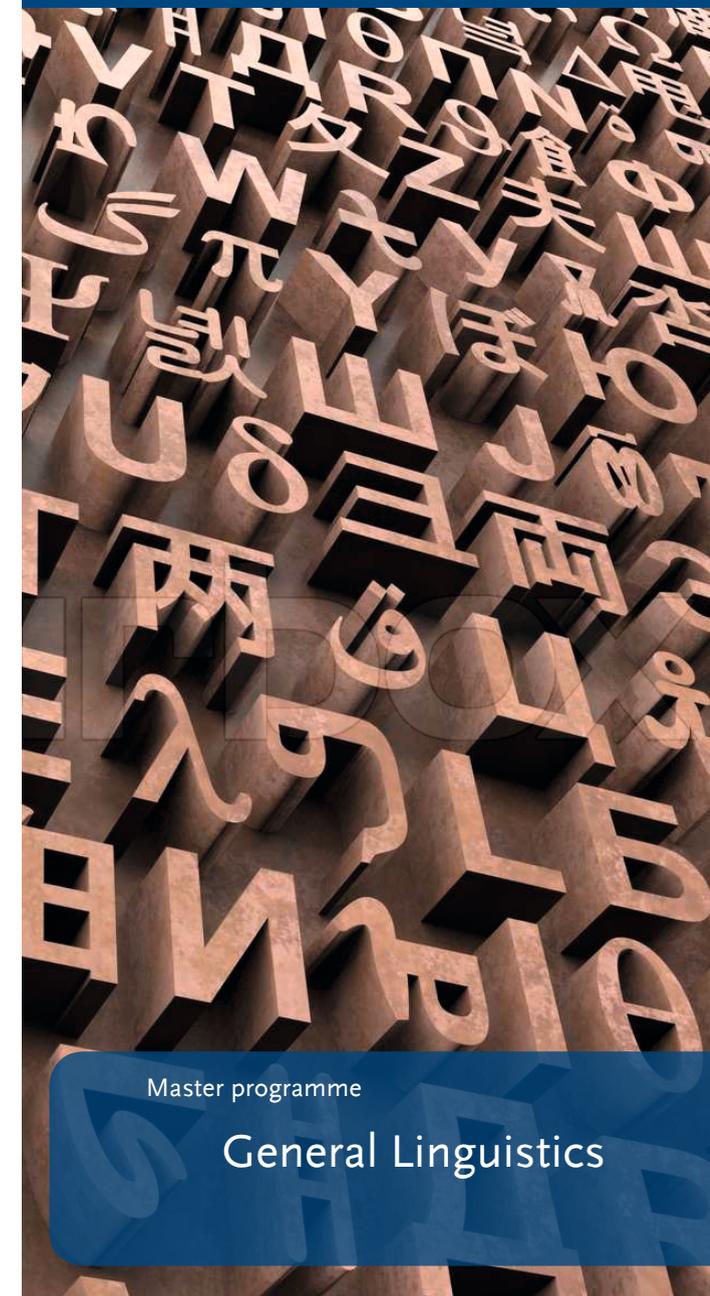
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General Linguistics in Bamberg

The discipline of linguistics is concerned with the scientific study of language, in all its facets.

The main research areas pursued at the General Linguistics department include linguistic typology, areal linguistics, documentation of endangered languages, language contact, and regional and minority languages.

Research at the department is concentrated on languages of the Middle East and the Caucasus, with a particular

focus on Kurdish. The methods and theories that are relevant for these research areas can be transferred to other languages and regions all over the world.

General Linguistics at Bamberg offers a broad focus on empirical linguistics while allowing students to pursue an interest in a specific language or language group.

In Bamberg, students work with natural spoken language data from a variety of different languages, and further develop their knowledge and skills in compiling their own data (recording, annotation, analysis). The focus in Bamberg is thus on the hands-on practice of language description and analysis, rather than theoretical linguistics.

Master • 4 Semester • 120 ECTS-Points

During the programme, students acquire a theoretical foundation, are introduced to the techniques of linguistic data collection and analysis in hands-on courses, and have the opportunity to do independent research.

Students in the MA programme 'General Linguistics' can either choose among four regional focus areas, or complete the degree without a specific focus:

- Slavonic Languages
- Romance Languages
- Variation and Change in English
- Languages of the Middle East and the Caucasus

Language courses are an integral part of the MA programme. International students may gain credits for the language modules from German courses, acquiring the local language at the same time.

„The intensive academic guidance and opportunity to gain hands-on experience in language description and analysis definitely made the MA General Linguistics a good choice for me.“

Maria Vollmer



Why Bamberg?

Excellent learning conditions

Small groups foster an intensive exchange between students and instructors

Course content adaptable to individual student's profiles

Strong research orientation

Strong research profile with international cooperation partners

Students gain the opportunity to work with data from ongoing projects and gain first-hand experience in academic research

Highly international character

All core courses are taught in English, and can be completed without knowledge of German (though students are definitely encouraged to learn German)

Easy accreditation of credits gained abroad

Core Modules

- Theoretical Foundations of Linguistics
- Language Variation and Change
- Sociolinguistics of Minority Languages
- Linguistic Research Methods
- Research Colloquium

40 ECTS-Punkte

Language Modules

20 ECTS-Points

Elective Modules

30 ECTS-Points

Master's Thesis

30 ECTS-Punkte

