

## Admission Requirements

- completed first degree in a linguistics subject relevant to the master's program, such as linguistics, general / theoretical linguistics, clinical / patholinguistics, computational linguistics, linguistics of an individual language with 180 CP or in another course with a linguistic component of at least 90 CP (or 50% of the respective total number of points)
- language skills in English that are at least equivalent to level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages

You can read more about the subject-specific admission requirements in the admission regulations:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legalfoundations/zulassungsordnungen-fuer-master](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legalfoundations/zulassungsordnungen-fuer-master)

## Application and Enrollment

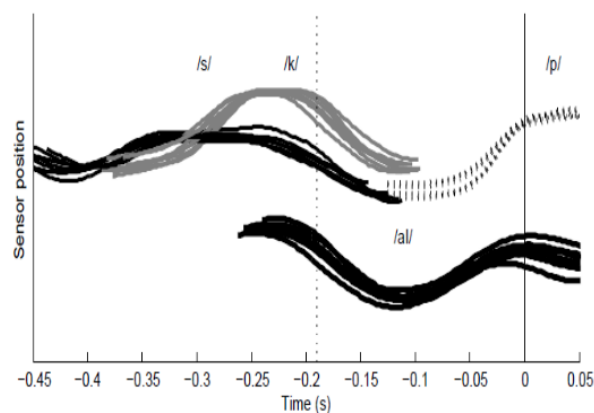
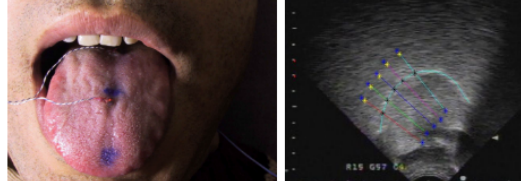
All information about the current application and enrollment procedure can be found at the application website:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master)

## Further Information

For more information, please read the Subject-Specific Rules and Regulations:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/konkret/rechtsgrundlagen/studienordnungen/linguistik](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/konkret/rechtsgrundlagen/studienordnungen/linguistik)



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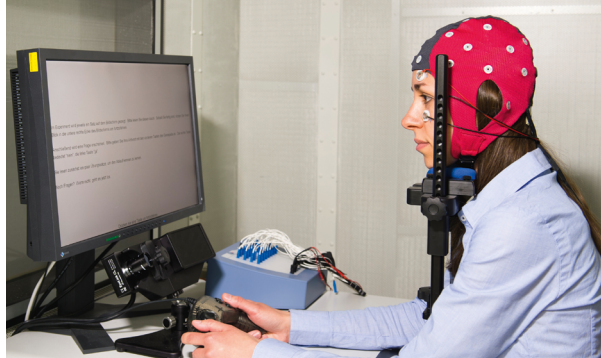
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Universität Potsdam

**LINGUISTICS: EMPIRICAL  
AND THEORETICAL  
FOUNDATIONS**

Master of Science



Mabaan (Nilotic, Sudan): agreement markers

	O	1sg	2sg	3	1pi	1pe	2pl
S							
1sg		—	-ên	-Á	—	—	-ên
2sg		-á	—	-é	—	-ón	—
3sg		-à	-è	-è	-èn	-òn	-è
1pi		—	—	-én	—	—	—
1pe		—	-kè	-ón	—	—	-kè
2pl		átó	—	-é	—	—	—
3pl		-kà	-kè	-kón	-kèn	-kón	—

## Programm Structure & Curriculum

As part of the four-semester degree program, you will earn a total of 120 credit points from the following English-language modules and your thesis.

## Program Content

The master's program Linguistics: Empirical and Theoretical Foundation (language of instruction: English) is an interdisciplinary course of studies. It deepens the subject-specific knowledge, methods, and skills acquired in the field of empirical and theoretical linguistics during bachelor's studies. The degree program combines the formal implementation of findings in modern grammar models for all core areas (phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics) with experimental investigation methods and field research. The program provides comprehensive, detailed, and specialized knowledge in formal and experimental linguistics. Students will be taught to recognize and analyze current research trends, to critically reflect on them, and to develop their own research questions as well as the methods to answer them.

## Program Objective and Future Career Options

The master's program aims to provide its graduates with a thorough command of the methods of linguistics and with the specialized knowledge that will enable them to make their own scientific contribution in the research focus of their choice, which also qualifies them to continue their academic studies (doctorate).

The program is research-oriented and imparts personal and decision-making skills in the context of project work and research-related internships, which open up career opportunities for the graduates as executives in research, innovation, and development. Graduates will acquire technical and conceptual skills to solve strategic problems, are able to weigh alternatives (even with incomplete information), develop new processes, and apply appropriate assessment standards. English as a teaching language enables them to work scientifically and professionally in an English-speaking environment. Their outstanding expertise of the language system as well as basic statistical and programming skills qualify them for the primary fields of work science, research, and innovation, but also for starting a career outside of academia with a focus on language (such as language teaching, documentation, specialist journalism, editorial work, advising on development of user-oriented tools, e.g. for communication).

Through close relations with Potsdam's research institutions, you can also establish contacts with research groups and companies at an early stage and take advantage of them for your further training.

Modules	
<b>I. Introductory phase (compulsory)</b> In the introductory modules, students acquire knowledge in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, statistics, and programming required for further study. All three modules have to be completed.	<b>30 CP</b>
Introduction to phonology and morphology	9 CP
Introduction to syntax and semantics	9 CP
Statistics and programming	12 CP
<b>II. Specialization phase (elective)</b> The compulsory elective modules expand the students' level of knowledge acquired in the introductory modules and familiarize them in detail with the current state of research and research methods used in the core areas of linguistics. Three modules have to be completed.	<b>36 CP</b>
Phonology	12 CP
Morphology	12 CP
Syntax	12 CP
Semantics	12 CP
Psycholinguistics	12 CP
<b>III. Empirical Methods (elective)</b> The compulsory elective modules impart in-depth methodological knowledge in empirical research / field research. A module with 12 credit points must be completed.	<b>30 CP</b>
Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	12 CP
Field Research	12 CP
<b>IV. Advanced Phase (elective)</b> In the compulsory elective modules, students expand the knowledge they have acquired so far and concentrate on a selected field of linguistics. A module with 12 credit points must be completed.	<b>36 CP</b>
MPL Psycholinguistics	12 CP
MTL Theoretical linguistics	12 CP
<b>Master thesis</b>	<b>30 CP</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120 CP</b>