Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research)
Faculty of Arts

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The power of Linguistics and Communication Sciences
Linguistics and Communication Sciences at Radboud University

- Two-year (fulltime) English-taught programme offered by Radboud University in collaboration with Tilburg University; starting each year in September

- Two-year programme
  - As opposed to e.g. one-year MA programme in Linguistics

- Taught in English
  - English proficiency is a must

- Offered by RU in collaboration with TiU
  - Not a joint degree
  - One diploma
  - Core courses: joint classes in Nijmegen and/or Tilburg
  - Other courses ((electives, skills/methods): different offerings in Nijmegen and Tilburg; Tilburg courses open to RU students and vice versa
Selective programme

• Selective programme for highly talented students who wish to pursue a career in research (academic or otherwise) or any other position requiring analytic thinking, experimental skills, advanced linguistics knowhow, etc.

• Selective, meaning that
  o Prospective students may apply to be admitted to the programme if they meet the admission requirements
  o The admissions committee decides on admission
Quality of the programme

• Each student is paired off with a tutor whose task it is to put the student wise in the research environment in Nijmegen and Tilburg.

• Nijmegen RMA students participate in activities of the Nijmegen Graduate School for the Humanities (GSH).

• In Nijmegen, the research master’s programme is offered by the RU Centre for Language Studies (CLS) which collaborates intensively with the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics (MPI), the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour, and the Baby Research Centre.

• There are excellent lab facilities for all types of experimental and empirical research.

• Lab rotations/Internships are possible in academia, governmental and non-governmental organizations and industry.
Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research): Curriculum and courses
Curriculum and courses

- Theory and Methodology – 12 EC
  - Foundations
  - Statistics and Experimental Methods I and II
- Research – 48 EC
  - Research Orientation
  - Lab Rotation I and II
  - Master thesis
- Research-associated – 18 EC
  - Term paper
  - Grant proposal writing
  - Valorisation
- Specialisation – 30 EC
- Skills/methods – 12 EC
## Curriculum and courses

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Specialisation

- Students are expected to take (a coherent set of) courses (electives and skills/methods) and do lab rotations that contribute towards their specific specialised profile

- Nijmegen focus areas:
  - Psycholinguistics
  - Language acquisition
  - Language and speech technology
  - Language and society
  - Communication
Electives offered: RMA L&CS Nijmegen

For example,

• Communication and Persuasion
• Speech Production and Comprehension
• Non-Nativeness in Communication
• Psychology of Language and Cultural Cognition
• Multimodal Context of Language: Gesture and Sign
• Text and Multimedia Mining

Online prospectus:

https://www.ru.nl/courseguides/arts/master/master/research-master-linguistics-communication-sciences/
Electives offered

Other offerings by

- RU RMA Cognitive NeuroScience (CNS)
- RU MA Linguistics
- RU MA Communication Studies
- Tilburg University RMA L&CS
- National Research Schools, e.g. LOT, SIKS, ASCOR ...
Linguistics and Communication Sciences:
Career prospects
Career opportunities

• PhD positions
  ○ Most of our graduates hold or have held a position at one of the Dutch Universities or the MPI for Psycholinguistics
  ○ Some graduates have taken up positions at universities abroad

• Other positions within but also outside academia, e.g.
  ○ research assistant
  ○ assistant professor
  ○ project manager translation agency
  ○ scientific programmer
  ○ consultant ABN/AMRO
  ○ senior associate PWC
Linguistics and Communication Sciences: Admission and application
Admission requirements

- You hold the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field
  - If you want to be admitted for the academic year 2020-2021, you have to finish your Bachelor’s before 1 September 2020
- You maintained a 7.5 (out of 10) grade average during the second and third years of your bachelor’s degree studies. Your BA thesis was awarded a grade no lower than 8.0 (out of 10)
- You are proficient in English; for non-native speakers we require
  - a TOEFL score of >600 (paper based) or >100 (internet based)
  - an IELTS score of >7.0
  - a Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) or Proficiency in English (CPE), with a mark of at least C

NB For Dutch students the following applies: All Dutch students except for those who have obtained a Bachelor's degree from a English-taught programme at a Dutch University are urgently advised to take an online placement test after their application has been approved; they will be informed about the time and place.

- You have a strong motivation
  - You are able to demonstrate your motivation for and affinity with (inter)national academic research
Application procedure

- The application procedure differs depending on the country in which you achieved your previous education
  - Students with a Dutch previous education
  - Students with an international previous education
  - Student who achieved their previous education partially in the Netherlands and partially outside the Netherlands
Students with a Dutch previous education

Submit the following documents in English language and preferably in one pdf file to the student advisor Nol Vermeulen: studentadvisor-lcs@ru.nl

1. A letter stating your motivation (approx. 500 words). In this letter you describe your relevant skills, your motivation to applying to the programme, and your own intended prospects for the future

2. Your curriculum vitae

3. Certified copies of relevant diplomas (BA/MA), including an official summary of courses and grades

4. The results of your English proficiency test: All Dutch students except for those who have obtained a Bachelor's degree from a English-taught programme at a Dutch University are urgently advised to take an online placement test after their application has been approved; they will be informed about the time and place.

5. A copy of your BA thesis (or, if applicable, your MA thesis)

6. A letter of recommendation from your BA thesis supervisor (or another teacher) should be sent by her/him or presented in a sealed envelope

An interview may be part of the selection procedure

Once you have been admitted to the programme, you have to formally enroll yourself at the Radboud University via Studielink.
Students with an international previous education

• Start your application in Studielink: the Dutch national online registration system for universities

• Finalise your application in OSIRIS Application: Radboud University’s application system for international students and upload the application documents as stated on the previous page

• An interview might be part of the selection procedure
Students who achieved their previous education partially in the Netherlands and partly outside the Netherlands

- Please send a detailed email to the Admission Office, stating clearly which diplomas you have achieved and in which country you have achieved them. We will then advise you which procedure to follow in your specific situation.
Deadlines

**1 June:** Students with a Dutch university Bachelor’s degree* and EU/EEA students**

* Please submit your application before 1 June, even when you’re still finishing your Bachelor’s programme

** You can still apply; however, we can no longer of assistance with finding accommodation

**1 March:** Non-EU/EEA students who wish to apply for a scholarship

**1 April:** Non-EU/EEA students who do not wish to apply for a scholarship

**1 May:** EU/EEA students who wish to have assistance with finding accommodation
How do you go from here?

- Student advisor: Nol Vermeulen (Studentadvisor-lcs@ru.nl)
- Students: Information market and Unibuddy (www.ru.nl/ask-our-students)

Do you have any other questions?
Please feel free to ask them right now.