



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM



Master's in Linguistics

Language and Society

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'The programme offers students a deeper understanding of the role of variation in language use and acquisition as it is applied to their mother tongue and their language of specialisation.'

In this programme, you will study language variation and use within its societal context(s), specialising in English, French, German, Italian, Scandinavian, Slavonic languages or Spanish.

You will both deepen and widen your knowledge of linguistics and develop valuable analytical skills while expanding your proficiency in the target language. In addition, you will gain insight into the sociocultural factors affecting language variation and use. Building on this foundation, you will learn to collect and analyse linguistic data from various sources and to communicate your results effectively in both the target language and English. The thorough training in analytical and communication skills (in both the target language and in English) are essential in (international) professional environments.

## Career prospects

As a graduate of this programme, you will be able to investigate contemporary issues within a broader social context and to effectively communicate your ideas in both the target language and English. This will put you in a strong position to pursue the following careers:

- (intercultural) communications specialists;
- advisors, commentators or researchers for European and (inter)national affairs in national governments, (inter)national companies or EU institutions;
- researcher, instructor or professor in academia or in education.



## Spotlight on a course

### Language in use: Acquisition and Variation (6 ECTS)

We examine real world manifestations of core areas of linguistics and address the theory behind them. You gain insights into how various levels of language, such as phonology, morphology and syntax, might vary within a particular society or speech community and also in language acquisition. You work in a group to formulate a research project based on the issues treated in the course in order to present it and to work it out in a final group research project.

## Entry requirements

The Master's in Language and Society is open for application to all students holding a Bachelor's degree from the UvA or from another accredited university, in:

- One of the languages in which the candidate wishes to specialise (target language) with preferably 15-20 credits in linguistics.
- European Studies, with at least 30 credits of coursework in the target language.
- Linguistics, with at least 30 credits of coursework in the target language.

If you do not meet the entry requirements above, for example if you have a degree from a Dutch University of Applied Sciences (hbo) or an equivalent thereof, you may be eligible for admission after completing the pre-Master's programme Linguistics. Please check:

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### Key data

#### Degree

Master of Arts  
in Linguistics

#### Duration

1 year / 60 ECTS

#### Mode

Full-time / Part-time

#### Start

1 September

#### Language of instruction

English and the  
language of your  
specialisation

#### CROHO

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