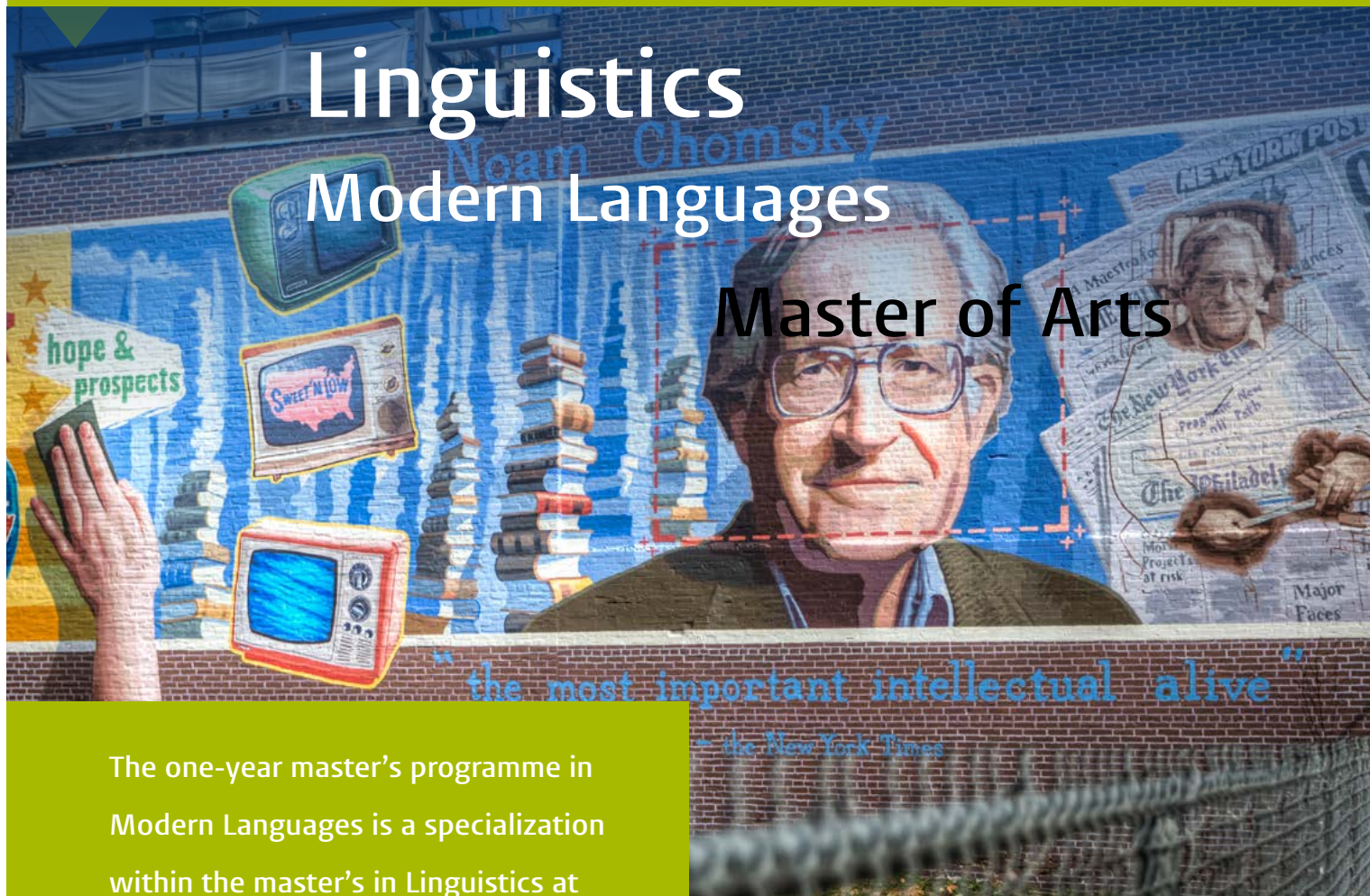


Linguistics

Modern Languages

Master of Arts



The one-year master's programme in Modern Languages is a specialization within the master's in Linguistics at Leiden University. You will be able to focus on one of five modern languages: Chinese, English, French, German or Italian. After completion of the programme you will have acquired unique insights and skills relevant to a career in academia, teaching, writing and communication.

Why study Modern Languages at Leiden University?

- Focus on the language of your interest: Chinese, English, French, German or Italian.
- Choose one of the ready-made thematic or disciplinary routes, or create your own route to match your specific interests.
- Get your training from highly renowned experts in the field.
- You have the possibility to do an individual research project with a staff member, or an internship as part of the programme.
- Become part of the linguistics community at Leiden University. Attend events such as the MA Linguistics colloquium, Linguistic Movie Nights, or join the T.W.I.S.T. study association.



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Study programme

Core courses (20 EC)	Electives (20 EC)
Chinese: › Chinese Linguistics: The State of the Art › Sinographics: Chinese writing and writing Chinese	Language learning Choose from: › Bilingual language acquisition › Second language acquisition › Qualitative Methods in Linguistics › Statistics in Linguistics
English, options include: › English Word Formation › English Historical Linguistics › Sociolinguistics	Language & Literature Choose courses from the MA Literary Studies. Options include: › European Modernism › Nature et littérature › Dichtung und Wahrheit: Goethes Autobiographie › Tales of Terror and Wonder: Gothic, Horror and Science Fiction in Sociopolitical Contexts
French, options include: › Doutes, on-dits, et certitudes: les sources du savoir dans le langage › Masterlanguage: Communication Interculturelle › Masterlanguage: Le défi de la traduction	Free choice Options include: › Courses from the Linguistics specialisation › Individual project or internship › Masterlanguage courses
German, options include: › Die Welt auf Papier: Schrift und Schriftsysteme › Die Psychologie der Sprache	
Italian, options include: › Introduzione alla filologia italiana › Aspetti dell'italiano contemporaneo › Italiano L2 e metodi per l'apprendimento dell'italiano come L2	
MA thesis (20 EC including a 5 EC methods course)	

Tailor your programme to your interests

This specialization is designed for students who are interested in not only developing their knowledge about one language centered to modern societies, but also in gaining expertise in a related relevant field such as multilingualism, literature studies or second language learning. Moreover, students can extend and apply their academic skills in a research project or internship.

Internship

The MA Linguistics offers students the possibility to exchange one elective for an internship at an organization in the field of language and linguistics, for instance a publisher or the editorial office of a newspaper. An internship abroad is an excellent way of experiencing working and living in one of the countries where the language you study is spoken. You learn how to participate in a project and you acquire practical skills that will be of great value to your future career.

Career prospects

A Linguistics master's degree from Leiden University is an excellent preparation for a wide variety of jobs.

Our alumni can be found working in a range of professions, including:

- Junior advisor at an institute focussing on linguistic research and language teaching
- Author of digital educational materials
- Research assistant, teaching assistant at a university in Canada
- Project manager at a translation agency
- Teacher at a secondary school
- Consular officer at a ministry of foreign affairs
- Technical writer at a company specializing in automation in health care
- PhD candidate at a Dutch university
- Consular officer at a ministry of foreign affairs
- Technical writer
- Content manager, editor, translator at NGO's

Facts and figures

Degree

Linguistics (MA)

Duration

1 year

Start

September, February

Language

English

Application deadlines

For September entry:

- › 1 April (students from non-EU countries)
- › 15 June (students from EU countries)

For February entry:

- › 15 October (students from non-EU countries)
- › 1 December (students from EU countries)

Tuition fee

€2,060 EU / €16,800 non-EU per year

Entry requirements

Information about the entry requirements and admission is available on the [website](#).

More information

For more information about the programme, please visit our [website](#), or get in touch with the Coordinator of Studies:

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A word from our programme director

“Studying linguistics always involves critical assessment: do the data confirm my hypothesis, what kind of data are necessary to distinguish between competing theories, what is the best way to set up an experiment that will provide informative data? How solid are the arguments presented in the existing literature? It really sharpens the mind!”



Claartje Levelt, Professor in first language acquisition

Alumni testimonial

“During my bachelor’s programme in English Language and Culture, I became interested in second language learning and teaching and I wanted to specialise myself in this field of interest. The master’s programme in English Language and Linguistics offered relevant courses with regard to my interests and provided me with an opportunity to learn from and work with excellent researchers that are specialised in this field.”



Inge Hindriks, graduated in Linguistics