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# Master's degree



## Master's Programme in Language Science and Technology (LST)

Saarland University • Saarbrücken

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	All courses are held in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	15 February (for October of the same year)
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	Since October 2004, Saarland University Saarbrücken (Germany) has been offering an international Master's programme in Language Science and Technology leading to the degree Master of Science (MSc). The programme has a duration of four semesters. Saarbrücken is one of the world's leading centres for language science and technology, with faculty and students coming from many countries. An active programme of basic, applied and cognitive research is combined with state-of-the-art facilities to provide students with a rich and stimulating environment for their research.

### Course Details

Course organisation	The four-semester consecutive Master's programme in "Language Science and Technology" builds on the foundations established in a BSc programme in Computational Linguistics or a closely related subject such as Computer Science or (Theoretical) Linguistics. Students select at least four core or foundations lectures (24 CP) from the following categories:
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- Foundations
- Computational Linguistics
- Machine Translation
- Linguistics
- Computational Psycholinguistics
- Speech Science and Speech Technology

The subsequent advanced study stage offers a range of seminars and lectures from the categories listed above. It also includes the compulsory Master's seminar (12 CP) that prepares students for the Master's thesis (30 CP). In addition, students also need to attain between six and 18 CP from courses in the fields of informatics or cognitive psychology.

<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> </ul>
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	318.50 EUR
<b>Costs of living</b>	Please visit our <a href="#">Welcome Center</a> for more information on topics such as financing your stay or finding accommodation in Saarbrücken.
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	Applicants must hold the German "Abitur", "Fachabitur", or an equivalent foreign high school graduation certificate attesting to the qualification for higher education. Applicants must also hold a Bachelor's degree (BSc) or equivalent in (Computational) Linguistics, Language Technology, Cognitive Sciences, Computer Science, or another relevant discipline.
<b>Language requirements</b>	For non-native speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL (at least 70 iBT, 213 CBT, 550 PBT)</li> <li>• IELTS (at least 6.5)</li> <li>• Cambridge CAE Advanced (A or B)</li> <li>• Cambridge Proficiency Exam (pass)</li> </ul>

- For graduates from German schools: Certification of at least five years of English at school with an average mark of at least 3.5 in the German marking system from the two final years will also fulfil the language requirement.

**Application deadline** 15 February (for October of the same year)

**Submit application to** Please refer to <https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/master/lst.html> for more information.

## Services

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**Possibility of finding part-time employment** The department hosts a number of research projects offering students the opportunity to work as student assistants.

**Accommodation** Places in student halls of residence on campus are severely limited, but there are several conveniently located private apartments. Students entering the programme will be informed by staff about the various forms of accommodation available.

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

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## Fraser Bowen MSc

I was lucky to discover the Language Science and Technology Master's programme, as it offered the perfect path from my linguistic background to the career I really wanted: working on software! What makes this degree special is that it allows people like me, with little to no experience in computer science, to get their foot into the door to the world of language technology. Now I work full-time as a software developer with language data, and it would not have been possible without this degree.



## Insight into the study programme

This video gives a brief insight into the Language Science and Technology (MSc) programme.

» more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-QEmyvMLOtl>

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# Saarland University

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Saarland University, founded in 1948, is a campus university offering an extensive range of courses and internationally networked state-of-the-art research, giving it an early multinational orientation. International students receive excellent supervision and can enjoy a comprehensive range of sport and leisure activities while studying at Saarland University.

The Department of Language Science and Technology at Saarland University was established in 2016 from the former departments of "Applied Linguistics, Translation and Interpreting" and "Computational Linguistics and Phonetics," which together have a history of more than 70 years. With a total of eight professorships, six degree programmes, and 120 research and teaching staff, the department combines a broad spectrum of linguistic disciplines (computational linguistics, language technology, psycholinguistics, phonetics, corpus linguistics, and translation studies). The department cooperates closely with the neighbouring departments of computer science, psychology and the philologies as well as with non-university research institutions such as the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI). It is also a member of the "Saarland Informatics Campus."



## 📍 University location

Saarbrücken is one of the world's leading centres for language science and technology, featuring a unique aggregation of basic and applied research projects and information services. The excellent research atmosphere, with faculty and students coming from all over the world, is strengthened by close ties that are maintained with other leading centres worldwide. Among the other institutes of international standing that are located directly on campus are the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) and the Max Planck Institute for Computer Science.

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