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Doctorate



Graduate School Empirical and Applied Linguistics

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Overview

Degree	Dr phil
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English
Languages	Courses are held in German (40%) and English (60%). PhD students can choose to write the dissertation in either language.
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	31 May (winter semester) 30 November (summer semester)
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Graduate School Empirical and Applied Linguistics offers promising young researchers an interdisciplinary PhD programme with a focus on linguistics. Professors are drawn from the following broad range of subjects, thus ensuring multidisciplinary collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Linguistics (Typology, Language Documentation and Description, Theoretical Linguistics)• Second Language Acquisition / Applied Linguistics• German Linguistics• English Philology• Romance Linguistics (French)• Romance Linguistics (Italian)• Romance Linguistics (Spanish)• Dutch Philology• Scandinavian Studies• Slavic Studies• Indo-European Studies• Greek Philology• Byzantine Studies• Latin Philology• Medieval and Modern Latin Philology• Psychology (Psycholinguistics)

- Anthropology

Doctoral students in the PhD programme Empirical and Applied Linguistics can write their dissertation on any linguistic subject area, including applied linguistics, second language acquisition, and a linguistic topic within the framework of a specific philology. Students can choose whether to focus on a more theoretical or a more practical topic, provided that the dissertation has a solid empirical basis. The goal of the PhD programme is to ensure that the doctoral student is proficient in various methods of linguistic data collection and analysis and can therefore use these methods in a critical and reflective way.

All doctoral students will receive individual supervision from two faculty members. In order to enable a well supervised and efficiently completed PhD programme, a written supervision agreement detailing the student's goals and time frame will be drawn up before the doctoral student takes up her or his studies.

Studying at the Graduate School thus involves a constant exchange of ideas with the other doctoral students and exposure to the everyday workings of scientific enquiry. Because of its flexibility, the programme can accommodate each student's individual interests and plans for the future.

Course Details

Course organisation

All doctoral students will meet on a regular basis in an informal type of colloquium or workshop in order to discuss methodological and theoretical issues. On three different occasions, they also have to attend the more formal Colloquium of the Doctoral Students where they have to report on the progress of their dissertation research and preparation:

- Proposal defence, usually at the end of the first semester
- Mid-term review, usually towards the end of the third semester
- Thesis defence at the end of the fifth semester

In addition to these obligatory courses, the programme comprises elements that can be tailored to meet each student's individual preferences and needs:

- An individually planned obligatory study programme covering 10 ECTS points
- An elective course from the element Teaching, Lecturing, Publishing that comprises at least 8 ECTS points
- An elective course from the element Organisation of Scientific Activities and Supplementary Studies equalling at least 12 ECTS points

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International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided

Description of other international elements

All PhD students will attend German language courses if they do not have enough proficiency in this language. Although English suffices for their PhD programme, it is better to be able to speak German in their everyday life in Münster.

As part of the research forum, the Graduate School invites national and international guest lecturers on a regular basis. The guests do their research in fields connected to the students' PhD topics. This ensures that students get external input for their research and that they establish international contacts in their domain.

Course-specific, integrated

No

German language courses

Course-specific, integrated English language courses No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR None

Semester contribution Students must pay a semester contribution fee of 317.48 EUR per semester. This includes a "semester ticket" covering public transportation in the greater Münster area and throughout Germany.

You can find more information here:
<https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/einschreibung/semesterbeitrag.shtml>

Costs of living We recommend that students budget at least 900 EUR per month to cover personal expenses (accommodation, living expenses, health insurance).

Funding opportunities within the university Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university The Graduate School Empirical and Applied Linguistics does not offer scholarships for the entire duration of the doctoral studies. However, there is the possibility to receive financial support for international conferences and stays abroad.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements University degree: Master's or Magister or an equivalent degree (Diplom, Staatsexamen, Maîtrise) For details regarding applications, see: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Promotionskolleg-Sprachwissenschaft/en/Bewerbung/index.shtml>.

Language requirements All students should at least understand written and spoken German and English well enough to be able to follow lectures and to read scientific papers. Should these language skills be missing, intensive language courses should be taken in order to meet these minimum requirements as quickly as possible.

Being able to actively speak German and English is not mandatory because you can meet all of the course and study requirements, including writing the dissertation, with just one language. However, without some basic communicative skills in spoken German, life in Münster will not really be fun.

Application deadline 31 May (winter semester)
30 November (summer semester)

Submit application to E-mail: linguistics.phd@uni-muenster.de

Services

Accommodation

As in all popular university cities in Germany, accommodation is in high demand and is not easy to find in Münster – but it's not impossible either!

Please contact the International Office (Bachelor's and Master's students) or the CERes (doctoral candidates) of the university for advice. Please also note that the University of Münster (like most German public universities) does not have its own student halls of residence.

Structured research and supervision

Yes

Research training / discussion

Yes

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Students can get help from the International Office of the university and from the Münster Centre for Emerging Researchers (CERes). They help with all administrative issues concerning life in Germany and organise networking events for the students.

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