



UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM
Geesteswetenschappen

UvA Open House

Research Master in Linguistics and Communication

Josje Verhagen, 6 November 2024





Outline

1. Presentation
2. Student representatives:
 - Pouneh Mahmoudi Kouch
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3. Q&A



Introduction



Silke Hamann

Coordinator of all MAs Linguistics



Josje Verhagen

Coordinator rMA + tutor

Why this programme?

- 2019: 15th in *QS World University Ranking by Subject* (= highest ranking in continental Europe)
- Amsterdam: multilingual city, great environment for field work / data collection
- International group of students
- Most sub-disciplines of linguistics and many languages are covered
- Different theoretical approaches meet each other
- Excellent research facilities (e.g. speech lab, eye tracking, EEG)





Academic year at the University of Amsterdam

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Block 1	September & October	Block 1	February & March
Block 2	November & December	Block 2	April & May
Block 3	January	Block 3	June



rMA in Linguistics and Communication: Year 1

Semester 1		Block	Semester 2		Block
Perspectives on Language and Communication 1 (12 ECTS)	<i>Elective</i> (6 ECTS)	1	Perspectives on Language and Communication 2 (12 ECTS)	Statistics (6 ECTS)	1
	<i>Elective</i> (6 ECTS)	2		Tutorial or Internship (9 ECTS)	2
LOT-winter school (methodology course) or other national research school (6 ECTS)		3	LOT-summer school or other national research school (3 ECTS)		3



rMA in Linguistics and Communication: Year 2

Semester 1		Block	Semester 2		Block
Life after Graduation (6 ECTS)	<i>Elective</i> (6 ECTS)	1	Research Project (12 ECTS)	Master Thesis (18 ECTS)	1
	<i>Elective</i> (6 ECTS)	2			2
Tutorial or Internship (12 ECTS)		3	3		

Examples of electives

Linguistic typology (MA General Linguistics):

- Phonetics-Phonology Interface 1
- Syntax-Semantics Interface 1
- Language Acquisition and Disorders 1
- Sign Linguistics 1

Communication and rhetoric (MA Communication and Information):

- Introduction to Argumentative Discourse across Domains
- Argumentation and Communication in Health
- Argumentation and Communication in Law
- Argumentation and Communication in Politics





Examples of electives - continued

Sociolinguistics (courses of MA Language & Society):

- Spanish/Hispanic Sociolinguistics and Pragmatics
- Language in Use: Acquisition & Variation
- Contact, Conflict & the Media
- Topics in Sociolinguistics

Language and cognition

- Higher Cognitive Functions (rMA Brain & Cognitive Sciences):
- Cognition and Language Development (rMA Brain & Cognitive Sciences)
- Semantics and Cognition (MA Logic)





Examples of theses

- Does language influence the way we learn numbers? How Russian children acquire ordinal and cardinal numbers
- Vowel insertion in the Italian adaptation of English loanwords
- Language development of preterm born children - An analysis of narrative skills using the *Renfrew Bus*-story
- European Commission's legitimation strategies: An argumentative analysis of European Commission press releases
- The use of statistics in policy-making: the case of the gender pay gap in Germany



Future jobs (Alumni survey data, January 2021)

Research

- PhD student (and later Post-doc)

Education

- Teacher of Dutch as a second language
- English teacher
- Language consultant

Media

- Editor
- Text writer

Government

- Trainee / policy maker at ministry of Education and Culture

Non-profit organizations

- Charity fund raiser
- Project coordinator public library

Technology

- Team manager of software company
- Recruiter in gaming industry



Admission requirements

- BA in Linguistics, Communication and Information Science or in a one or more languages.
- Or: other disciplines + strong motivation letter
- Average grade of 7.5 or higher (or equivalent)
- Proof of appropriate level of English

Not required if you have:

- a BA from an accredited Dutch academic university
- a BA from the USA, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand
- an International Baccalaureate diploma taught in English

Specific questions about application and admission?

AdmissionsMA-fgw@uva.nl





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Deadline for applications

1 March 2025

How to apply?

<https://gsh.uva.nl/application-and-admission/application.html>

