General information

Start: Winter and Summer semester
Duration: 4 semesters
Degree: Master of Arts

Application and enrolment

Admission requirements
The admission requirement for a Master’s degree programme is usually an undergraduate degree in linguistics or in a language/philo-logy (with a specialization in linguistics) or equivalent qualification in the same or a closely related study programme. English language knowledge at B2 level is required and an additional language at A2 level.
Non-native speakers of German should have competence at C1 level.

For further information regarding admission requirements (e.g. German language requirements) and the admission application, please refer to the Admission Regulations.

Application
Applicants with German university entrance qualification:
Submit an online application via the University of Oldenburg.
EU and international applicants:
Submit an application via uni-assist e.V.

For more detailed information and deadlines, refer to:
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/application-and-enrolment

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Further Information

Homepage
www.uni-oldenburg.de/fk3/studium/ma-sprachdynamik

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Funding
www.uni-oldenburg.de/studium/finanzierung

Language Dynamics: Acquisition, Variation, Change (M.A.)

Duration:
Start:

Master of Education
PhD

Application procedures / Entry requirements
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How are languages acquired? How do new languages develop from older ones and why do languages become extinct? How do languages adapt throughout society, time and space? The School of Linguistics at the University of Oldenburg is particularly concerned with research issues that focus on the variability of language – essentially, the dynamics of language.

The Language Dynamics Master’s programme focuses on acquisition, variation and change in three main areas of linguistic research: psycholinguistics, language contact and language change. We offer students the opportunity to participate in ongoing research projects within these disciplines, making this Master’s programme truly one of a kind in Germany. The subject languages focused on are provided by the four philologies at the University of Oldenburg: English, German, Dutch and Slavic, but we also welcome students with a different linguistic background. Also included in the programme is a professionalization module of 15 ECTS, meant for individual profiling. Within this module, students can choose courses from related disciplines, depending on their professional interests (for example auditory research, history, special needs education, German as a foreign language, sociology, etc.). Other possibilities include internships, language courses or personal research projects. The fourth semester is reserved for the completion and defence of the Master’s thesis (30 ECTS in total).

A number of collaborations between the participating institutes of German Studies, English/American Studies, Dutch Studies and Slavic Studies at universities abroad make the organization of a semester abroad particularly easy.

▶ Potential career paths

Graduates of the Language Dynamics Master’s programme are prepared for a career in the field of language research. Most students continue down an academic PhD path, and this programme ideally prepares students for this with its specialized character. Depending on the kind of specialization students choose, various other career paths are also possible, such as language teaching or migration research.