



Facts and figures

Start: Winter and summer semesters

Duration: 4 semesters

Degree: Master of Arts

Language: German

Admission not restricted

Application and enrolment



Admission requirements

General admission requirements:

www.uol.de/stud/556en

Language skills:

German native speaker or level C1

English native speaker or level B2

Further foreign language as native language or level A2

Application

Application deadline: 30 September or 31 March

German university degree:

Online application

www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

EU or international applicants:

www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Contact

For questions about the subject/degree programme

Academic counselling for Language Dynamics

www.uol.de/en/subject-specific-student-advice

For questions about your studies

Study and Career Counselling Service

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Basic questions about application and enrolment

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Further information

Language Dynamics website

www.uol.de/en/fk3/studium-und-lehre/studiengaenge/ma-sprachdynamik

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies

www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad

www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

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Language Dyna- mics: Acquisition, Variation, Change

Master's degree



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

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 place?

The School of Linguistics at the University of Oldenburg is particularly concerned with research questions that focus on the variability (dynamics) of language. The Language Dynamics: Acquisition, Variation, Change Master's programme focuses in particular on psycholinguistics, language contact and language change. Students have the opportunity to participate in ongoing research projects which combine these disciplines, making this programme truly one of a kind in Germany.

The languages focused on as examples are those taught at the University of Oldenburg (English, German, Dutch and Slavic languages). However, the degree programme is explicitly also suitable for students with a different linguistic background.

The programme also offers an area of specialisation in which students can choose courses from related disciplines, depending on their professional interests (auditory research, history, special needs education, etc.). Other possibilities include internships, language courses and personal research projects.

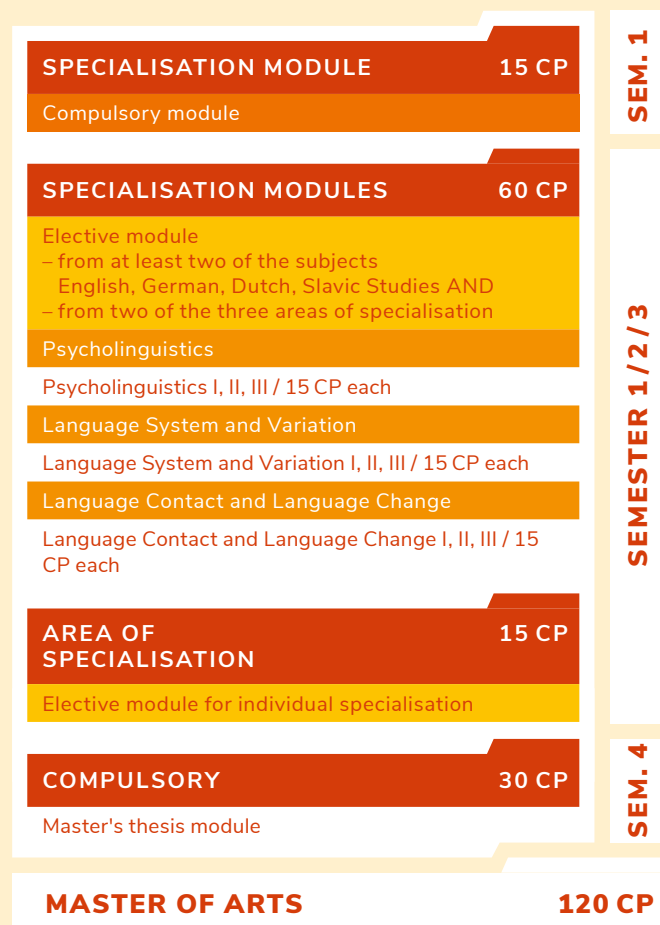
The Master's programme is a research-oriented programme that prepares students for an academic career.

Career opportunities

Depending on the specialisation students choose, they can work in the following areas:

- Linguistic research, usually via a PhD
- Language teaching
- Migration research

Structure and contents



Specialisations

The term language dynamics indicates an approach that tackles language as a constantly changing system. It examines the whole system, from language acquisition by the individual to change phenomena in society, and over place and time. With this focus, the Master's programme also has a direct reference to the life experience of many students in Oldenburg whose native language is not German or who are studying to become language teachers.

In a specialisation module, students gain an initial overview of the research focuses of linguistics in Oldenburg. These consist of the following three fields:

- (1) **Psycholinguistics** above all examines first and second-language acquisition and language processing.
- (2) **Language system research** looks at questions of language change, both from a general perspective and also focused on individual linguistic structural levels.
- (3) **Language contact research** examines the phenomenon of the development of mixed speech forms, with an emphasis on the mixture of genetically closely related varieties. This field is directly related to specialisations (1) and (2).

Students must select modules in such a way that over the course of the degree programme they cover at least two areas of specialisation and choose at least two of the philologies English/American Studies, German Studies, Dutch Studies and Slavic Studies.

Additionally, students select an individual specialisation which gives them a further personal profile. Depending on their career plans, students can study certain focus areas in more depth (e.g. by taking corresponding modules or by co-working on a research project), or by taking modules from related disciplines such as auditory research, sociology, history or (special needs) education. Other options that support further specialisation are internships, language courses, journalism etc.).

Stay abroad

Thanks to the many cooperation schemes between the participating Institutes for German Studies, English Studies, Dutch Studies and Slavic Studies and foreign universities, organising a semester abroad is easy.