

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Educational Programme	CURRENT TRENDS IN LINGUISTICS
Degree Awarded	Master of Arts
Standard Length of Studies (Number of ECTS Credits)	2 years – 4 semesters; ECTS: 120 + 20 (MA thesis)
Type of Study	Full time
Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
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Profile of the Degree Programme	Linguistics and language studies
Target Group / Addressees	<p>Graduates with a BA degree in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - languages and literatures (majors or minors in Romanian, Hungarian, English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, comparative literature, classical languages, etc.); - applied modern languages; - philosophy; - logic; - psychology
Entrance Conditions	<p>Prerequisite for registration in the entrance exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BA degree in the fields from above <p>Entrance exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - candidates shall submit a documented research project (3-5pp.) in English, French or Romanian to prove their interest in linguistic theory and language related studies, as well as their ability to undertake research in these areas. - Interview based on the research project and on the candidates' future intensions <p>Admission on the basis of the entrance exam score</p>
Further Education Possibilities	Doctoral studies in philology or linguistics
Description of Study	<p><i>Current Trends in Linguistics</i> is an MA program with an interdisciplinary profile, taught by staff from three departments of the Faculty of Letters: The Department of English, the Department of Romance languages and Literatures, and the Department of Romanian Language and General Linguistics. The program builds on recent developments in the fields of logic, philosophy, cognitive sciences, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, or semiotics, which have had a great impact on linguistics and the theory of language. As a result, the problematics of the word and the sentence has been reassessed, linguistics has expanded to cover the utterance and the discourse, the nature of grammatical relations has been reconsidered, formalism has</p>

	<p>been applied to the description of syntactic structure and meaning, and the cognitive import of human language has been revalued. At the same time, the relations between language and the contexts of its use have been highlighted by laying stress on the speaker, the speaker's intent, the hearer, or the context of situation.</p> <p>Following these developments, new trends appeared in linguistics, with frameworks and methodologies different from the traditional ones: the generative enterprise, cognitive semantics, formal semantics, possible world semantics, theory of speech acts, sociolinguistics, discourse theory and analysis, language typology. <i>Current trends in linguistics</i> proposes to offer a synthetic view of these trends and of their methodologies.</p>
Purposes of the Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to offer a synthetic view of the prevailing trends in contemporary linguistics (generative syntax, formal semantics and possible world semantics, cognitive semantics, language typology, integralist linguistics, linguistic pragmatics, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, textual semiotics); - to familiarize the students with the methodological frameworks and applications of these theories; - to enable the students to use the theories in question for the analysis of linguistic data, and thus train them to carry out research in linguistics or language related areas.
Specialization / Area of Expertise	Linguistics, syntax, semantics, linguistic pragmatics, discourse analysis, conversational analysis, sociolinguistics
Extra Peculiarities	The scholarly papers presented by the students at the yearly graduate students' conferences are published in volumes released by an accredited publishing house (Echinox)
Practical Training	Seminars on research methodology and research based complementary seminars are organized; the students participate in the research seminars of the Group of Linguistics and Semiotics of the Faculty of Letters and in the activities of Babes-Bolyai University's Institute of Pragmatics for Communication, where they make presentations and write research papers; they also make presentations in yearly graduate students' conferences – these papers are published in volumes released by an accredited publishing house (Echinox)
Final Examinations	MA thesis – 20 ECTS
Gained Abilities and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of the nature of contemporary linguistic theories, hypotheses and explanations - Understanding of the nature of language - Understanding of the nature of meaning, ability to distinguish between linguistic and non-linguistic (pragmatic) meaning - Knowledge of speech acts, speech events, and ability to apply them - Ability to examine the relationship between language and social context

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to use linguistic concepts and terminology pertaining to the different types of linguistic conceptions and to different levels of linguistic analysis (word, phrase, sentence, utterance, discourse) - Ability to use the methodologies of contemporary linguistic theories in linguistic research - Ability to gather data and interpret them - Ability to identify different types of languages and use tools of language typology
Job Placement, Potential Field of Professional Activity	linguists, researchers, language teachers, specialized editors, terminologists, lexicographers, documentarists

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