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# Master's degree



## International Experimental and Clinical Linguistics (IECL)

University of Potsdam • Potsdam

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science PhD
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%).
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	Lectures start in October.
Application deadline	<p>The application period for the winter semester <b>starts on 1 April</b> and officially <b>ends on 15 August</b> in the year of enrolment.</p> <p>We highly recommend to <b>apply earlier (1 July)</b> in order to have sufficient time to prepare for your stay and deal with visa regulations before the start of the semester.</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The IECL provides an advanced academic training in <b>research methodology</b> in a flexible format and prepares you for a <b>scientific career in the area of cognitive science in psycho- and neurolinguistics</b>.</p> <p>The IECL has a <b>specific focus</b> on understanding the <b>neurocognitive mechanisms</b> involved in <b>language processing</b> and <b>language acquisition</b> as well as <b>related disorders</b> and <b>their rehabilitation</b>. This field of study consistently requires <b>expertise in statistics</b>.</p> <p>You can develop your own area of interest within a <b>research framework</b> of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>first language acquisition,</li><li>speech and language processing,</li><li>evidence-based practice in speech and language disorders, and</li><li>multilingual language acquisition and processing.</li></ul>

The programme provides an intensive, research-based education in experimental and clinical linguistics, in which students can deepen and expand the knowledge, skills, and proficiencies gained in their Bachelor's studies. This includes the theoretical, methodological, and experimental foundations for scientific work, and it promotes the ability to work in fields related to applied science, research, and teaching. The IECL programme has a special focus on statistics. See some examples of our statistic classes [here](#).

**Note: The IECL programme does not provide basic training for working as a speech and language therapist.**

## Course Details

Course organisation	<p>The Master's degree in IECL consists of experimental and clinical training in participating research laboratories, combined with in-depth lectures, tutorials, and seminars to provide students with a theoretical background. During the four semesters of the Master's programme, a total of <b>120 credit points</b> (CP) will be earned in the following areas via mandatory and elective classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introductory modules</b> (Methods and Statistics)</li> <li>• <b>Foundation and advanced modules</b> (First Language Acquisition, Speech and Language Processing, Evidence-Based Practice in Speech and Language Disorders, Multilingual Language Acquisition and Processing)</li> <li>• <b>Internship</b> in laboratories</li> <li>• <b>Individual research modules</b> (Scientific Writing, Individual Research)</li> </ul> <p>Students admitted to the Master's segment of the programme will start a thesis project based on experimental research. The Master's thesis (written in English) must be finished within a six-month period. Moreover, each student will present his/her project in a Master's colloquium.</p> <p>Students who have successfully completed the Master's degree with a very good grade will be admitted to the doctoral programme if they so desire.</p> <p><a href="#">» PDF Download</a></p>
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
Integrated internships	<p>An <b>internship</b> serves to develop and deepen your laboratory skills and methods. (For an overview, see: <a href="#">laboratories and research groups</a> at the <a href="#">Linguistics Department of Potsdam University</a>.)</p> <p>In the internship, students will be supervised as they take on the independent preparation, evaluation, and execution of empirical research tasks. Activities can range from materials production to study design, execution of experiments, and the statistical analysis of data.</p>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
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Semester contribution	No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee of currently 316 EUR. This semester contribution includes a semester ticket entitling you to free use of public transport all over Brandenburg and Berlin.
Costs of living	Living in Germany is rather cheap compared to other countries in Northern and Western Europe. Monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam vary between 870 and 1,200 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
Funding opportunities within the university	No

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>The general prerequisites for enrolling in the Master's programme are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must have earned a <b>first academic degree</b> (i.e. a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent) in a subject essential to the degree programme in experimental cognitive sciences, an academic degree in speech and language treatment, or an experiment-based degree programme closely related to the field (e.g. <b>Linguistics, Psychology</b>). The applicant must have completed <b>at least 180 CP</b> of coursework in this degree programme.</li> <li>The applicant must have acquired <b>knowledge of experimental-empirical competencies</b> evidenced by at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>six credit points</b> in <b>statistics</b> and/or <b>quantitative research methods</b> and</li> <li><b>12 credit points</b> in the <b>field of experimental cognitive science</b> (psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, cognitive psychology, neuropsychology, developmental psychology, biopsychology)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Language requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>English language skills</b> (if English is not your first language) at least at <b>C1 level</b> (CEFR, Common European Framework of Reference), as evidenced by one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">UNlcert® III or IV certificate</a></li> <li><a href="#">TOEFL® Internet-Based Test (iBT) or TOEFL iBT Home Edition with at least 95 points</a></li> <li><a href="#">Cambridge English C1 Advanced (CAE) with at least 180 points</a></li> <li><a href="#">IELTS "Academic" with at least 7 points in every test component</a></li> <li>A degree certificate indicating the completion of an English language degree programme at a recognised institution of higher education</li> <li>Higher education entrance qualification certificate obtained for an English language course of study in a country where English is an official language</li> <li><a href="#">Pearson Test of English – PTE Academic with at least 76 points</a></li> <li><a href="#">Cambridge English C2 Proficiency (CPE)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition of university entrance qualifications at a school in which <b>more than 50% of the coursework</b> was completed in English, a <b>completed university degree in English / American Studies</b>, an <b>English-language teaching certificate</b>, the <b>completion of a university degree in which more than 50% of coursework was conducted in English</b>, or comparable proof. In this case, applicants need to attach an <b>official statement</b> (signed by an official of the college or university, e.g. the dean's or registrar's office) indicating that English was the language of instruction in the programme of study.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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**Submit application to**

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## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

Job opportunities for students alongside their studies are numerous. Depending on personal and professional skills, students can find jobs in the service sector (e.g. in restaurants, supermarkets, cinemas, museums, theatres, etc.) or work as student assistants at the University of Potsdam or at one of the many non-university research institutions located in the area. The German capital, Berlin, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there. Please see [this website](#) for further information.

**Accommodation**

There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally, there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply. However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with fellow students. The housing market is tight, so please start looking for an accommodation as early as possible.

For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click [this link](#).

**Career advisory service**

The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Buddy programme
- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters
- Cultural and linguistic preparation

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

The International Office at the University of Potsdam  
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/contact/io>

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