

Regulations for the English Language Masters Programme “M.Sc. European Masters in Clinical Linguistics” offered by the EMCL University Consortium coordinated by the University of Potsdam

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Based on §67 par. 1 n° 1 of the Brandenburg university legislation (BbgHG) of July 6, 2004 (GVBl. I p. 394), the faculty meeting of the faculty of human sciences of the university of Potsdam has issued the following regulations of studies and examinations in the English language Masters programme “Erasmus Mundus European Masters in Clinical Linguistics”.¹

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§1 Validity

These regulations lay down the entry requirements, the course contents and structure and the successful completion of the *European Masters of Clinical Linguistics (EMCL)* programme as an ERASMUS MUNDUS Masters Programme executed by a consortium of four European universities (Groningen, NL; Milano-Bicocca, IT; Joensuu, FI and Potsdam, DE) coordinated by the university of Potsdam.

§ 2 Aim of the Programme, Masters Degree

(1) The general aim of the 15-months Masters Programme is to impart comprehensive knowledge in neuro- and psycholinguistics as well as on theories and methods of language assessment and therapy.

¹ Approved by the Rector of the University of Potsdam on #####

(2) The Masters Programme extends and deepens the knowledge students have acquired in a Bachelor

or equivalent programme. The students will acquire theoretically motivated knowledge about speech and language disorders as well as experimental and methodological skills. These are the essential prerequisites for the development of diagnostic, therapeutic and experimental materials for speech and language disorders.

(3) At the end of the programme, the students receive a joint M.Sc.-degree issued by the University of Potsdam on behalf of the Consortium.

§3 Entry requirements

(1) Applicants must have at least a Bachelors degree or an equivalent degree in speech and language therapy, linguistics, psychology, special education or biomedical sciences. Information about the programme and application procedures can be retrieved in the English language on the website www.emcl-mundus.com. The application forms have to be completed in the English language and submitted both in electronic and paper form by January 1 to the consortium coordinator of the EMCL-programme at the university of Potsdam. Applications should contain a personal and academic curriculum vitae, a description of the motivation for studying the programme, a copy of the certificates and of the academic records, reference letters of two scientists, a proof of sufficient English language knowledge generally by relevant test results (TOEFL: 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based or 80 internet-based) or equivalent, a copy of the identification papers or travel passport.

(2) The European Board of Studies decides upon the admission of the applicants at the end of January and ranks successful applicants into main and reserve lists. These lists are confirmed by the EU. The Board of Studies consists of one professor from each of the participating universities (Groningen, NL, Joensuu, FI, Milan-Bicocca, IT, and Potsdam, DE) and two professors of consulting universities (Newcastle, GB; Oslo, NO). The admission to the programme requires that students study at least in two of the consortium universities (“mobility plan”).

§4 Examination Board

(1) The Board of Studies appoints an Examination Board consisting of one representative professor of each partner university and one scientific staff member of the University of Potsdam. The Examination Board is responsible for:

- the information and advice of prospective and current students
- the organization of the programme
- the organization of the examinations

(2) Study and test results are certified by the lecturers.

(3) The lecturers are appointed by the Examination Board.

§5 Standard period of study, certification of study and examination

(1) The regular study period is 15 months. It consists of 4 trimesters, 3 teaching trimesters and a fourth trimester to finish the masters thesis. The Masters Thesis is written during a maximum of six months from June 1 until the end of November. A student has to obtain a total of 90 credit points (ECTS). All obligatory courses are graded.

(2) Studies are organised according to the following general "Mobility Plan". The particular mobility plan for an individual student is elaborated in consultation with the coordinator and is communicated together with the written notification about admission to the programme. The mobility plan can only be changed in well-motivated cases by the board of studies in consultation with the student.

Mobility plan

University	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Groningen	X	X	---	X
Joensuu	X	X	---	X
Milano-Bicocca	X	---	---	X
Potsdam	---	---	X	X

(3) The students spend the first trimester at one of three participating universities (Groningen, Joensuu, Milano-Bicocca) (see Mobility Plan). The curriculum (see appendix) during this trimester, contains so-called core courses which are similar at all participating universities.

(4) In the second trimester the students usually stay at another participating university (Groningen, Joensuu) and attend specialised, theoretically oriented courses.

(5) In the third trimester all students attend specialised practical and research oriented courses at the University of Potsdam.

(6) Tests and examinations are performed in the English language. All obligatory courses are graded. Courses take the form of lectures, seminars, exercises, practical courses and colloquia.

(7) A student has to obtain at least 90 credit points (ECTS), 15 credit points in core courses during the first trimester, 30 credit points each in the special-

ised courses in the second and third trimester and 15 credit points for the Masters Thesis.

(8) Any study and test achievements which were used for the fulfilment of the entry conditions in accordance with §3 cannot be accredited again for the masters programme.

§6 Grading system

(1) The Joint Grade Record lists the individual study and test achievements obtained during the first three trimesters and for the masters thesis as follows:

A, B, C, D, E, F

The letter grades are obtained as follows:

a number grade up to 1.3= (excellent)=A

a number grade over 1.3 up to 2.0= (very good)=B

a number grade over 2.0 up to 2.7= (good)=C

a number grade over 2.7 up to 3.5= (satisfactory)=D

a number grade over 3.5 up to 4.0= (sufficient)=E

The joint grade record is issued together with the joint degree (see §9).

(2) If a test/examination is failed (F) or the student does not show up on a fixed date or withdraws without an acceptable reason, the test/examination has to be repeated before the beginning of the next trimester.

(3) If the student fails in the re-examination or fails to repeat the examination, a second repetition of the examination can take place before the completion of the Masters Thesis. If a student fails the same examination thrice, he will be excluded from the programme.

§7 Registration for Masters Thesis

(1) Registration for the Masters Thesis is done with the Examination Board. as a rule during the third trimester, at the latest by June 1, The following documents must be enclosed:

a. Study and examination results of at least 45 ECTS for the 1st and 2nd trimester,

b. The proposal of a topic for the Masters Thesis with agreement of the proposed supervisor.

(2) The Examination Board decides on the registration for the Masters Thesis and the completion of the programme. The Examination Board can allow late submission of some study and test results until the completion of the Masters Thesis. The Examination Board specifies the topic and the expected duration (maximally six months) for the Masters Thesis.

§8 Masters Thesis

(1) The English language Masters Thesis should demonstrate that the student is able to competently and scientifically deal with a problem in psycho-, neuro-, or clinical linguistics within a fixed period of time.

(2) In well-founded cases, the subject of the Masters Thesis can be changed only once and only within the first 2 months. Upon motivated request of the student (e.g. incapacitation), the Examination Board can extend the time period for up to three months.

(3) The student has to assure that (s)he wrote his/her Masters Thesis independently and that (s)he used no other sources and facilities than those indicated.

§9 Certification and documents

(1) The programme is completed if the minimal amount of credit points according to §5 paragraph 7 is reached.

(2) The final grade in the joint degree consists of the arithmetic mean and is expressed according to the following system:

A=excellent
B=very good
C= good
D= satisfactory
E= sufficient

(3) A joint degree is issued by the University of Potsdam as the Consortium Coordinator on behalf of the participating universities. The documents in the English language include a joint degree, a joint grade record, and a Diploma Supplement. They are signed by the chairman of the Examination Board and carry the seal of the University of Potsdam.

§10 Further regulations

During the study stay at the partner universities the regulations of these universities or institutes apply in addition to these regulations.

§11 Validation

(1) These regulations are valid starting from the day following the publication in the official reports of the University of Potsdam.

(2) These regulations replace the provisional regulations approved by the Faculty of Human Sciences on March 22, 2001 (AmBek.UP 2002 p. 13)

Curriculum “M.Sc.-Erasmus Mundus European Masters in Clinical Linguistics”

1st trimester: (Sep 1-Dec 31) : Core courses

Obligatory courses (15 ECTS) Milano-Bicocca, Joensuu, Groningen	Optional courses
Linguistics (Phonetics/Phonology, Syntax, Semantics and Experimental Linguistics Neurolinguistics and Aphasiology Psycholinguistics Language acquisition and SLI Statistics and statistical methods	Milano-Bicocca: Foundations of Neurosciences Italian for foreigners (September) Joensuu: experimental phonetics Groningen: cultural courses

2nd trimester (Jan 1-March 31): Theory

Groningen (30 ECTS)	Joensuu (30 ECTS)
Research Class: Cross-linguistic aspects of aphasia Research Class: Cross-linguistic aspects of developmental disorders Research Class: Cross-linguistic aspects of developmental disorders Language processing and neuro-imaging	Acoustic assessment of speech disorders Speech synthesis Automatic speech recognition Speech development in autistic children Compilation, annotation and evaluation of digital speech corpora

3rd trimester (Apr 1 – July 15): Theory – Practise Interface

Potsdam (30 ECTS)
Assessment and rehabilitation of acquired and developmental language disorders Acquired and developmental dyslexia and dysgraphia Morphological and semantic impairments in aphasia Language development Language processing Neuro-imaging Regional and cultural studies (obligatory; first week of 3rd trimester)

4th trimester (July 16-Nov 30): M.Sc.-thesis

Groningen, Joensuu, Milano-Bicocca, Potsdam (15 ECTS)
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