

European Master in Lexicography

EMLex

International Master's degree programme in cooperation with

Université de Lorraine Nancy

Károli Gáspár Református Egyetem Budapest

Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

Institut für Deutsche Sprache Mannheim

University of Stellenbosch

Universität Hildesheim

Universidade do Minho Braga

Uniwersytet Śląski Kattowitz

Università degli Studi Roma Tre



General aims of the programme

The EMLex [i: em'leks]

- provides international and interdisciplinary professional training as a lexicographer
- conveys lexicographical theories at a high academic level
- comprises a strong link to practical lexicography and dictionary writing
- brings together students from many European countries

Our graduates are qualified to work in a wide range of dictionary-related fields, from editorial lexicographical work for a dictionary publisher to academic lexicographical research. This may comprise the design of electronic or print dictionaries, concrete lexicographical work or the technical implementation of lexicographical products.

EMLex students undergo intense training in analytic-theoretical aspects of modern lexicography as a preparation for a professional career in academic research or as advisors in the publishing business or in further education. In view of the European design of the programme, our graduates have good job prospects not only in Germany but also abroad.

Target group

The Master programme is directed at committed students interested in working with and compiling dictionaries.

Qualification requirements for admission to the **EMLex** programme are an above-average first degree and a successful aptitude test. A good working knowledge of German and English is mandatory, since these will be the languages of instruction during the semester abroad. Language skills can be refined in a basic module during the first semester.

Since all students of the programme will be taught together during one summer semester, the venue alternating annually between the participating universities, the annual number of places available for **EMLex** at the participating universities is limited. This joint summer semester is the most international feature of **EMLex**. Its aim is to enhance inter-European communication and to support networking and cooperation among the participants.

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Programme structure

The **EMLex** is a four-semester programme (120 ECTS) which covers all the central areas of lexicography and dictionary research. Its structure ensures that all students at the beginning of the second semester have attained a comparably good level of basic knowledge regarding lexicography.

1st semester:

Basic modules conveying the basics of lexicography and linguistics as well as various soft skills.

2nd semester:

Advanced modules (usually taught as compact courses) covering metalexicography, the history of lexicography, learner lexicography, dictionary use, specialised lexicography and terminology, computational lexicography, the use of dictionaries in translating, lexicology and etymology, dictionary design and dictionary writing.

3rd semester:

Specialised modules. During this stage, students select a topic for their Master's thesis and spend several weeks undertaking a placement.

4. Preparation of the Master's thesis

What to expect

Graduates will be top specialists throughout Europe, since a Master's degree in lexicography – especially with such an international organizational structure – is unique in Germany and in Europe. Students are offered a high-quality education, for which the best researchers in lexicography from all over the world have been recruited for teaching. In addition to the regular Master's degree of the respective universities, students will earn a certificate documenting the international character of the programme's content. The modules are either e-learning modules, specific lexicography modules or modules imported from other programmes. The amount of self-study required will be substantial, as a high degree of intrinsic motivation is expected from **EMLex** students.

Application

The programme starts each winter term and the deadline for applications is in August.

Applications for admission are to be directed at the FAU's Master's Office, which also provides information about specific dates relevant for the application process.

Additional information concerning application requirements and the programme itself are available on the **EMLex** homepage at:

www.emlex.phil.fau.de

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