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To prospective Master students

**European Masters Program in Language and Communication Technologies
(LCT)**

<https://lct-master.org/>

invites applications from both European and non-European students for start in fall 2021.

Key facts:

- + duration 2 years (120 ECTS credits)
- + double degree
- + Erasmus Mundus scholarships
- + in-depth instruction in computational linguistics methods and technologies
- + three specialization tracks
- + study one year each at two different partner universities in Europe
- + courses and academic and administrative support in English

Application deadline: 01.02.2021

Erasmus Mundus Scholarships:

Scholarships are available for both European and non-European applicants. The maximum amount of the scholarship for **non-European awardees** is Euro 48,000.

The maximum amount of the scholarship for **European awardees** is Euro 39,500.

The **number of scholarships awarded per year:** approximately 17 for non-European students, and approximately 5 for European students.

Dedicated regional scholarship funds available for the following regions: Western Balkans, Neighboring European Countries East and South (European Neighborhood Policy), Asia, Latin America, South Africa, Gulf Countries, and ACP Countries (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States).

Program fees: 4250 Euro for students from the EU; 8500 Euro for non-EU students (per academic year). For scholarship awardees: the program fees are covered as part of the Erasmus Mundus scholarship.

Accepted students who are not awarded the scholarship may enroll on a self-funding basis.

The LCT program is offered by the following consortium of Universities:

European partners:

1. Saarland University in Saarbruecken, Germany (coordinator)
2. University of Trento, Trento, Italy
3. University of Malta, Malta
4. University of Lorraine, Nancy, France
5. Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
6. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands
7. The University of the Basque Country / Euskal Herriko University, San Sebastian, Spain

The LCT Program in Brief

The European Masters Program in Language and Communication Technologies (LCT) program is an international distributed Master course. It is designed to meet the demands of industry and research in the rapidly growing field of language technology. It offers education and training opportunities for the next generations of leaders in research and innovation. It provides students with profound knowledge and insight into the various disciplines that contribute to the methods of language and communication technologies a.k.a computational linguistics a.k.a. natural language processing; strengthens their ability to work according to scientific methods and allows them to acquire practice-oriented knowledge.

LCT offers three specialization tracks:

- Digital Language resources
- Natural Language Algorithms and Applications
- Language Data Science

The curriculum consists of core and specialized modules, free choice courses; soft skills training; internship and a Master Thesis.

The program involves studying one year each at two of the European partner universities. After completing all study requirements, the students obtain two Master of Science/Arts degrees: one from each European university where they studied.

The LCT Masters program has been successfully implemented since 2006, being funded by the Erasmus Mundus Programme from 2007 to 2011 and from 2013 to 2017. Intakes 2018 and 2019 were implemented on a self-funding basis. Erasmus Mundus funding became available again beginning with intake 2020.

Application is made online.

All applicants must satisfy the following prerequisites:

1. Degree: a Bachelor degree or equivalent in the area of (Computational) Linguistics, Language Technology, Cognitive Sciences, Computer Science, Mathematics, Artificial Intelligence, or other relevant disciplines. The degree must be completed before the course starts.
2. Language proficiency: Proof of proficiency in English is required for applicants whose native language is other than English.

Further information about the program and application instructions:
<https://lct-master.org/>

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