University of Zadar
Department of Linguistics

BA PROGRAMME
Language and Communication in a Multilingual Society

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MA PROGRAMME
Linguistics
WHAT IS LINGUISTICS?
Linguistics is the study of language as the core of being human. Human language has a number of properties that render it unique among all known communication systems. Linguists analyse different aspects of language and language-related behaviour. By identifying commonalities and differences in the languages of the world, by analysing language structure, and by gaining insight into language acquisition and language use in society, linguists contribute to our understanding of how the mind works and of the driving forces behind cultural and wider social processes.

WHY STUDY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS?
- Most jobs today require the ability to engage in interactions with a foreign business partner, a colleague abroad, a customer from another country, and the success of such communication largely depends on an individual’s multilingual and multicultural competence.
- The BA programme Language and Communication in a Multilingual Society is the only study programme in applied linguistics in Croatia, taught in English, the language nowadays used as a lingua franca. The study programme is interdisciplinary, oriented on applicable aspects of linguistics, and geared towards business and industry.
- After completing the study programmes at the Department of Linguistics, students become experts ready to face challenges posed by the present multilingual society, able to work in international multilingual contexts, with developed communicative skills in English, speaking also additional foreign languages, possessing interdisciplinary competences and skills in the field of language and communication.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THE BA PROGRAMME LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION IN A MULTILINGUAL SOCIETY?
Students acquire competences in the applied fields of linguistics taught through courses on: language diversity — intercultural communication, — multilingual development.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THE MA PROGRAMME?
Students gain an insight into different aspects of linguistic reality and broaden their theoretical knowledge in different fields of linguistics by attending a choice of the following courses: phonology — morphology — syntax — semantics — psycholinguistics — sociolinguistics — pragmatics — dialectology — educational linguistics — corpus linguistics — language and identity — language policy and planning — linguistic geography — linguistic anthropology — cognitive linguistics, etc.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT STUDYING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS IN ZADAR?
At the Department of Linguistics, we offer:
- Innovative ways of learning (an individualized approach and emphasis on doing research and gaining practical experience),
- A motivating environment where students are monitored, guided, and encouraged to develop their own scholarly interests,
- An opportunity to participate in mobility and exchange programmes abroad (Erasmus, CEEPUS, etc.)

WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS OFFER APART FROM THE STUDY PROGRAMME?
- An opportunity to gain experience in (international) research projects, experiments and fieldwork
- Lectures by Croatian and international experts in the monthly public colloquium Linguistic Wednesday/Center
- Participation in the Zadar Linguistic Forum, an annual linguistic event organized by the Department in the form of an international conference, school or workshop on specific topics in linguistics

WHAT TO DO AFTER COMPLETING THE STUDY?
There are possibilities of employment in contexts which require a high level of language-related analytic skills as well as profound and interdisciplinary understanding of language such as in:
- Language documentation, description, and preservation
- Conducting research (in institutes, faculties and in the form of fieldwork)
- Compiling dictionaries and linguistic corpora

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