

Multilingual Technologies

Master's Degree Program

Multilingual Technologies

- > Interdisciplinary, joint study program of the University of Vienna (Center for Translation Studies) and FH Campus Vienna (Faculty of Computer Science)
- > Program focuses on equipping students with technical, linguistic, and cultural skills necessary for developing and deploying multilingual communication technologies
- > Future-oriented professional field
 - > E.g. language technology or machine translation
- > Unique in Austria
- > Combination of theoretical depth and practical orientation

Key Facts

Study places (new admissions): 30 per year

FH Campus Vienna:

- Mandatory attendance

- Repetition of one academic year possible

University of Vienna:

- Enrollment in the program

- Attendance required only for courses with continuous assessment

- Four examination dates for lectures

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master's degree program Multilingual Technologies requires a **Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject** (e.g. Computer Science and Digital Communications of FH Campus Wien or Transcultural Communication of the University of Vienna) as well as the following subject-specific knowledge:

- a. **Basic knowledge of language technologies and technical communication:** is fulfilled by the Bachelor's degree program Transcultural Communication or the completion of the **extension curriculum** Language Technologies and Technical Communication at the Center for Translation Studies.
- b. **Basics of computer science, basic methods and tools of software engineering:** is fulfilled by the Bachelor's degree program Computer Science and Digital Communications or the completion of the **extension curriculum** Computer Science (for students of the University of Vienna) at FH Campus Wien.

Courses Master Degree Program MLT

Blue: University of Vienna
Orange: FH Campus Wien
White: both institutions possible

Introduction to Computational Linguistics
ILV 6

Basics in Machine Translation
ILV 5

Multilingual and Crosslingual Methods and Language Resources
ILV 6

Information Design for Language Data
ILV 4

Academic Writing
ILV 5

Data Protection and Privacy for Computational Linguists
ILV 2

Multilingual and Crosslingual Methods and Language Resources
VO 4

Information Extraction and Retrieval for Multilingual Natural Language Data
ILV 6

Advanced Machine Translation
ILV 5

IT Project Management for Computational Linguists
ILV 2

Programming and Algorithms for Language Technologies
VO+UE 6

Machine Learning Methods for Language Processing
VO+UE 6

Human-Computer Interaction for Computational Linguists
ILV 4

Master Colloquium
SE 4

Statistical Methods for Language Processing
ILV 4

Speech Technologies
ILV 6

Software Engineering for Language Technologies
ILV 6

Master's Finals
AP 2

Translation Technologies
VO 4

Transcultural Communication
VO 3

Internship
PR 10

Master's Thesis
MT 20

Career Opportunities

>The interdisciplinary character of the program qualifies students for various working areas, for example:

- ✓ language, translation and localization industry
- ✓ language technology in the sense of language and text processing and translation technology
- ✓ transcultural knowledge organization
- ✓ language resource management
- ✓ machine translation
- ✓ multilingual product management
- ✓ multilingual information processing
- ✓ multilingual human-computer interaction
- ✓ usability and data science

Challenges

- > **Admission to study:** Requires knowledge in two very different domains
- > **Broad Curriculum:** Wide range of topics, danger of limited depth in some courses
- > **Administrative Complexity:** Collaboration between University of Vienna & FH Campus Wien complicates administrative processes
- > **Logistical Challenges:** Different systems, calendars, and requirements make course registration and access to resources more complex
- > **Time Management:** Traveling between campuses, scheduling conflicts, and a divided academic identity

Similar Programs in Europe (Selection)

- > University of Stuttgart – Master's in Computational Linguistics
- > University of Amsterdam – Master's in Artificial Intelligence with specializations in Natural Language Processing and Computational Linguistics
- > University of Edinburgh – Master's in Speech and Language Processing
- > University of Cambridge – Master's in Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence
- > Université Paris-Saclay – Master's in Language Science and Technology

Key Differences to Similar Programs

Multilingual Technologies	Other programs
Emphasis on multilingual NLP and translation technology	Often focused on monolingual (primarily English) NLP
Human-centered and ethical approaches to tech design	More focus on technical and algorithmic development
Interdisciplinary (linguistics, translation, digital humanities, computer science, software engineering)	Often computer science-driven with some linguistics
Career paths in translation, localization, multilingual data management	Career paths in NLP, AI, computational linguistics research

Conclusion

- > Innovative, interdisciplinary study program
- > Unique in Austria, several comparable programs in Europe, each of them offered by a single institution
- > Cross institutional collaboration leads to administrative challenges, but also to collaboration in research:
 - > One joint research project, several publications
- > Study program was awarded with Ars Docendi Anerkennungspreis in 2024

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