

# EUROPEAN MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LINGUISTICS

PROGRAMME JOINTLY OFFERED BY GHEENT UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND, UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

120 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

The European Master in Clinical Linguistics (EMCL) is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree (EMJMD) that has been running for over twenty years. The newest edition is offered by Ghent University Ghent (Belgium), the University of Groningen (The Netherlands) and the University of Eastern Finland (Finland). We also collaborate with twenty-six excellent associated partners.

At the **University of Groningen** the emphasis is on crosslinguistic studies of language-impaired children and adults, language testing in neurosurgical settings, and the usage of neurotechnology and IT for the diagnosis and treatment of language impairments. At **Ghent University** students are familiarised with advanced topics in statistics and psycholinguistics, including bilingualism, dyslexia, and eye tracking. Finally, at the **University of Eastern Finland**, the main focus is on speech technology and programming with Python, including both fundamental theory and methods, as well as their application to the assessment of, and adaptive solutions for, speech impairments.

In addition, we have the support of twenty-six associated partners, of which twelve are in the academic sector, five in R&D/neurotechnology, and nine in the clinical sector - for further details, take a look at [this overview](#).

In every cohort, we welcome about twenty students from all over the world. Staggered across two years, our students receive training at each of the academic partners, do a mandatory work placement at one of the associated partners, and write an original Master's dissertation. After graduation, 70% of our students continue to do research in PhD programmes. Since 2017, we have furthermore seen an increasing number of our alumni pursue R&D and clinical careers, making our programme competitive on the international market.

## STRUCTURE

The curriculum consists of eight modules, most of which are covered in multiple terms. These are (Dutch and Finnish) Language and Culture, Methods, Clinical Linguistics and Neurolinguistics, Neurotechnology and IT for clinical linguistics. The curriculum also contains a work placement and a Master's dissertation. Finally, we offer refresher classes prior to the first term (e.g., to refresh knowledge of linguistics or statistics) and additional research activities throughout the programme (research colloquia, a conference).

There is a strong emphasis on student mobility. Students take their first term at the University of Groningen, where the focus is on language impairment, language testing, and neurotechnology. The second term is organised at Ghent University and focuses on psycholinguistics and research methods. The third term takes place at the University of

Eastern Finland, with a focus on speech technology and IT. This term also includes the mandatory work placement at one of our twenty-six associated partners. In their last term, students write their Master's dissertation at one of the three partners.

## LABOUR MARKET

The programme is strongly geared towards scientific research. Indeed, a majority (70%) of our students continue to do research in PhD programmes. Since 2017, we have furthermore seen an increasing number of our alumni pursue R&D and clinical careers, making our programme competitive on the international market. An interesting element in the programme is the Job Fair in the second term, where students can meet potential future employers.

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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### 1 Na onderzoek van de bekwaamheid van de student om de opleiding te volgen:

- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het academisch onderwijs binnen één van de volgende studiegebieden (of een combinatie ervan):
  - Biomedische Wetenschappen
  - Geneeskunde
  - Psychologie en Pedagogische Wetenschappen
  - Sociale Gezondheidswetenschappen
  - Taal- en Letterkunde

#### Additional Information on Admission (Flemish Degree)

Holders of one of the above-mentioned degrees who wish to follow the programme must apply to the coordinating institution, the University of Groningen, before 15 December prior to the academic year in which the student wishes to commence the study. After this date, it is no longer possible to apply for enrolment, unless the Selection Board announces a second deadline of 15 February on the website in January, which is only the case if there are insufficient students after the first selection round. Before 15 April (this is after the registration of the selected scholarship students with EACEA) the students receive an admission letter from the University of Groningen, and they are also informed whether or not they have been selected as Erasmus Mundus scholarship students. All practical information concerning the application for registration can be found on the following website: <https://emcl.eu/admission/>.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Candidates should have at least three years of higher education (BA, BSc, or equivalent) with an emphasis on one or more of the following:

- Speech and language pathology
- Linguistics
- Biomedical sciences
- Psychology
- Special education

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: [www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration](http://www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration).

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements

**English:** a proof of sufficient English language knowledge by relevant test results:

- TOEFL at least 600 paper-based, 250 computer-based, 100 internet-based
- IELTS of at least 7 or equivalent

- Cambridge C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency Certificate  
The proof of English skills may not be older than 2 years. Only native speakers (UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA) do not need to hand in such proof.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/european-master-of-science-in-clinical-linguistics-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/european-master-of-science-in-clinical-linguistics-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies](http://afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies)

### Enrolling institution

Ghent University, University of Groningen, University of Eastern Finland

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

### Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

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