Linguistics and Communication Sciences

Radboud University and Tilburg University welcome you to the Research Master's programme Linguistics and Communication Sciences! In this Study Start guide we highlight the information that is of importance while preparing yourself for a smooth start. If after reading the information below you are still left with any questions, please contact our student advisor.

Information about studying LCS in Nijmegen

Tutor

In the course of the first semester every student may be linked to a tutor. A tutor is an experienced researcher who can help you with all study-related questions, such as making up for deficiencies in your training so far, choosing the elective courses that are best suited for your specialization, and any other questions you might have regarding opportunities in your area of interest. Tutors mostly are principal investigators, senior researchers, or postdocs. Check the websites of the Centre for Language Studies in Nijmegen or the Tilburg Center for Cognition and Communication to see what research is going on and who might be appropriate for you to act as tutor. Your ideal tutor is specialized in your topic of interest and is based at your own university.

RU email

Please make sure to activate your RU email, as all important information from the university and the study programme will be sent to you via your Radboud email address as soon as your student account becomes active. Because of privacy regulations staff members have been instructed only to reply to student's emails using their RU student email address.

Programme and courses 2024-2025

For an overview of the programme and the courses offered by Radboud University in 2024-2025 see

Appendix A.

First semester: Mandatory courses

In the first semester there are three courses that are mandatory for all students enrolled in the programme:

- *Foundations of Language and Communication* (period 1; course starts on Friday 6 September)
- *Statistics and Experimental Methods I* (period 2; course starts on Wednesday 6 November)
- *Research Orientation* (period 2; course starts on Friday 8 November)

These courses are joint Nijmegen-Tilburg courses for which students enrolled in Nijmegen are expected to travel to Tilburg on those occasions when classes are scheduled to take place in Tilburg, just like Tilburg students should travel to Nijmegen when a class are to take place in Nijmegen. Please carefully check the personal schedule and information on Brightspace to keep yourself updated about when to be where for lectures.

Financial support travelling costs

For international students who do not have a student season ticket for the public transport or for Dutch students who don't have the possibility to use the student OV product anymore, you can have your travel costs to and from Tilburg reimbursed. This is only applicable in case of compulsory courses. More information can be found in the study guide > about the programme > Travel to and from Tilburg.

Course registration

Signing up for the first semester mandatory courses will be taken care of for you by Manon Evers (secretary for the programme).
N.B. Grant Proposal Writing and Societal Impact are second year courses. Please don't register for those courses in your first year of studies.

First semester: specialization courses

Through the selection of elective courses in your area of interest, along with your choice of a topic of your *Term Paper* and the Lab Rotations you do later on in the programme you can specialize in one of the research areas in linguistics or communication. In the course of two years you choose five specialization courses in total.

In your first semester you are expected to choose two courses with a combined study load of 12 EC. Please consult the online study guide to see what courses are available and check out the course descriptions. **Please make sure to enter Linguistics and Communication Sciences in the search bar to find the full study programme.**

Make sure that you choose courses that fit your schedule. In case courses overlap we expect you to give priority to core courses and select another elective. To give you an easier start, we created this overview

below.

Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences

Week 36 (2 Sept 2024 - 8 Sept 2024)				
Monday 02/09	**Tuesday 03/09**	**Wednesday 04/09**	**Thursday 05/09**	**Friday 06/09**

08:00

09:00
- LET-REMA-LCEX06 PER1 — Text and Multimedia Mining — TvA 1.0.35 — 08:30 - 10:15 (Monday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX06 PER1 — Text and Multimedia Mining — TvA 1.0.35 — 08:30 - 10:15 (Wednesday)
- LET-REMA-LC1902 PER1 — Text and Multimedia Research Project — E 3.09 — 08:30 - 10:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Larson, M.A. (Thursday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX36 P1 — Cognitive and social asp(...) of language assessment — E 1.15 — 08:30 - 10:15 (Thursday/Friday)

10:00
- LET-REMA-LC1401 PER1 — Foundations of Language and Communication — locatie Nijmegen of Tilburg — E 2.21 — 09:30 - 12:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences (Friday)

11:00
- SOW-DGCN43 SEM1 — Neurobiology of Language — GR 1.170 — 10:30 - 12:15 — Student set(s): Master CNS: Language & Communication — Piai, V. (Wednesday)

12:00

13:00

14:00
- LET-REMA-LCEX19 PER1 — Introduction to Language and Speech Technology — E 1.17 — 13:30 - 15:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences (Monday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX33 PER1 — Conversational AI — E TP1 (PC-zaal) — 13:30 - 15:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Hendrickx, I.H.E., Liesenfeld, A.M. (Tuesday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX40 PER1 — Diversity in Communication — E 2.12 — 13:30 - 15:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Levshina, N.G., Mena Montes, N. (Wednesday)
- LET-REMA-LC2401 PER1 — Python 1 — E 3.29 — 13:30 - 15:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Tejedor Garcia, C. (Thursday)
- LET-REMA-LC2301 PER1 — Introduction in R Statistics — E 2.16 (Friday)

15:00

16:00
- LET-REMA-LCEX40 PER1 — Diversity in Communication — E 3.14 — 15:30 - 17:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Levshina, N.G., Mena Montes, N. (Monday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX37 P1 / LET-REMA-LC2401 PER1 — Python 1 (Tuesday)
- SOW-DGCN16 SEM1 — Words in speaking and listening — TvA 1.0.35 — 15:30 - 17:15 — Student set(s): Master CNS: Language & Communication (Tuesday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX37 P1 — Research Topics in Second Language Acquisition — E 2.16 — 15:30 - 17:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences (Wednesday)
- LET-REMA-LCEX38 P1 — Perspectives on language variation — E 1.15 — 15:30 - 17:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Arvaniti, A., Koeneman, O.N.C.J. (Thursday)
- LET-REMA-LC2301 PER1 — Introduction in R Statistics — E 2.16 — 15:30 - 17:15 — Student set(s): Research Master in Linguistics and Communication Sciences — Brouwer, S.M. (Friday)

17:00

In order to take part in a course you need to sign up for courses via Osiris.* For new Radboud students this instruction might come in handy. If you need assistance, you can contact Manon Evers or go to the Student Information Point Arts.

* If you wish to register for one of the courses offered in the Cognitive Neuroscience programme, please send an email to studentadvisor-lcs@ru.nl before 20 August with your name, student number and course name/code. The student advisor will handle the CNS registrations later that week. Note that you do need to meet the entrance requirements if applicable. For courses that are not included in the LCS study guide standard list, you will also need to ask for approval via a request to the Faculty Examination Board.

First semester: Skills/methods course

Students who were admitted on the condition that they take the course *Introduction in R Statistics*, will be signed up for this course by Manon Evers. The course will be taught in Nijmegen during the first semester and replaces the first skills/methods course.

All other student are free to register for a skills/methods course from what is on offer. This includes the aforementioned *Introduction in R Statistics* course. We do strongly recommend to take this course if you did not have official education in R before or if you'd like a more solid basis. Taking this course will be beneficial

through the rest of your master's programme. If you are not planning to take this skills elective, you can register for one of the other semester 1 options.

Information about taking courses at Tilburg University

Step 1: Registration as a subsidiary student in Tilburg

As you will follow courses both in Nijmegen and Tilburg you need to register at both universities. There are various reasons for this: receiving timely information on courses and exams, prevention of double payment of tuition fees, access to course pages on Canvas (Tilburg equivalent for Brightspace) and allowing credits to be transferred to Radboud University. At Tilburg University, you will be regarded as a subsidiary student. This registration is free of charge.

As a student with a main registration in Nijmegen you should register as a subsidiary student in Tilburg. To do so you will need to do two things as soon as possible:

1. Request for a Proof of Paid Tuition Fees (in Dutch: Bewijs Betaald Collegegeld, BBC) by filling out and submitting the online web form.
2. Send an e-mail to Susanne Warmerdam (student advisor at Tilburg University) (s.warmerdam@tilburguniversity.edu) from your RU email account to inform her that you would like to register yourself as a subsidiary student at Tilburg University and include a copy of your valid passport or ID (both sides) and your address details (street, house number, postal code, city).

We advise you to register yourself as soon as possible, without this enrollment you cannot register yourself for Tilburg courses, cannot access TiU study materials, cannot attend TiU exams etcetera.

This message applies not only to new Research Master students, but also to those who were already enrolled last year. It is necessary to re-register as a subsidiary student each academic year.

Step 2: Search for courses + registration

As mentioned earlier you are also welcome to select electives and skills and method courses from Tilburg University. You can use this website to read the course descriptions. At this moment the new course catalogue and schedule has not been published yet. Tilburg uses MyTimetable to inform you about the schedules (instruction video).

In case you'd like to register for a course at Tilburg University, you need to do that via OSIRIS (instructions). Note that Tilburg University has its own calendar. Here you can find more information about registration dates and how to register. For block 1 and 2 you can register around mid August. This study programme is part of TSHD (Tilburg School of Humanities and Digital Sciences). Note that Tilburg lectures start from 26 august on!

- [Student Portal](#)
- Instructions on how to use [Canvas](#), the digital learning environment.
- [Academic calendar Tilburg](#) (department Humanities and Digital Sciences, TSHD)
- [Campus map Tilburg](#)
- [FAQ for Radboud University students about Tilburg University (Appendix B)](#)

Checklist (summary)

1. Complete your <u>registration at Radboud University</u> via Studielink.
2. Arrange your registration as a subsidiary student in Tilburg as soon as possible. This can be done as soon as your registration process at Radboud University is completed.
3. Register for Nijmegen elective and skills/methods courses through (Nijmegen's) Osiris.
4. Register for Tilburg elective and skill/methods courses through (Tilburg's) Osiris.
5. Register for the Master Welcome Day: faculty programme on 31 August for new Radboud students.
6. <u>Register</u> for the programme introduction on 1 September.

Contact information

- Kim Oyen, student advisor (RU): studentadvisor-lcs@ru.nl
- Manon Evers, executive secretary (RU): via stip@let.ru.nl
- Mirjam Ernestus, programme coordinator (RU): Mirjam.ernestus@ru.nl
- Susanne Warmerdam, student advisor (TiU): S.Warmerdam@tilburguniversity.edu
- [Student Desk Tilburg University](#)
- Tessa van Leeuwen, programme coordinator (TiU): T.M.vanLeeuwen@tilburguniversity.edu

Appendix A

Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research) 2024-2025

For more detailed information about the programme and the courses, see the online course guide (please make sure to enter Linguistics and Communication Sciences in the search bar)

YEAR 1 – PERIOD 1	YEAR 1 – PERIOD 2	YEAR 1 – PERIOD 3	YEAR 1 – PERIOD 4
Foundations of Language and Communication 6 EC	Statistics and experimental methods I 3 EC	Statistics and experimental methods II 3 EC	
	Research Orientation 3 EC	Lab rotation I 3 EC	Lab rotation I (cont.) 3 EC
		Term paper 3 EC	Term paper (cont.) 3 EC
Specialisation 1 6 EC	Specialisation 2 6 EC	Specialisation 3 6 EC	Specialisation 4 6 EC
Skills/methods 3 EC	Skills/methods 3 EC		Skills/methods 3 EC
Total **15 EC**	**Total** **15 EC**	**Total** **15 EC**	**Total** **15 EC**
YEAR 2 – PERIOD 1	YEAR 2 – PERIOD 2	YEAR 2 – PERIOD 3	YEAR 2 – PERIOD 4
Lab rotation II 3 EC	Lab rotation II (cont.) 6 EC	Thesis 15 EC	Thesis (cont). 15 EC
Grant proposal writing 3 EC	Grant proposal writing (cont.) 3 EC		
Societal impact 3 EC	Societal impact (cont.) 3 EC		
Specialisation 5 6 EC	Skills/methods 3 EC		
Total **15 EC**	**Total** **15 EC**	**Total** **15 EC**	**Total** **15 EC**

First year mandatory courses (Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research), RU Nijmegen and TiU)

Course code	Course title	EC	Period	Staff
LET-REMA-LC1401	Foundations of Language and Communication	6	1	Mirjam Broersma / David Peeters
LET-REMA-LC1505	Research Orientation	3	2	Luis Miguel Berscia Rojas/ Nadine Bol
LET-REMA-LC1801	Statistics and Experimental Methods I	3	2	Sara Bögels
LET-REMA-LC1802	Statistics and Experimental Methods II	3	3	Martijn Goudbeek
LET-REMA-LC1506	Lab Rotation I	6	3-4	Mirjam Ernestus / Ad Backus & Martijn Goudbeek
LET-REMA-LC1404	Term Paper	6	3-4	Aurora Troncoso Ruiz/Odile Heynders

Second year mandatory courses (Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research), RU Nijmegen and TiU)

Course code	Course title	EC	Period	Staff
LET-REMA-LC1507	Lab Rotation II	9	1-2	Mirjam Ernestus / Ad Backus
LET-REMA-LC1508	Grant Proposal Writing	6	1-2	Lotte Hogeweg / Ad Backus
LET-REMA-LC2001	Societal Impact	3	1-2	Sharon Unsworth/ Jos Swanenberg
LET-REMA-LC1407	Research Master Thesis	30	3-4	Lotte Hogeweg / Tessa van Leeuwen

Specialisation courses (Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research), RU Nijmegen)

Note: Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are offered in alternate years. If a course is not offered in the current academic year, this is indicated under 'Staff' as 'Not offered in 2024-2025'.

Course code	Course title	EC	Period	Staff
LET-REMA-LCEX06	Text and Multimedia Mining	6	1-2	Martha Larson & Iris Hendrickx
LET-REMA-LCEX10	(Automatic) Speech Recognition	6	3-4	Cristian Tejedor Garcia
LET-REMA-LCEX14	Non-Nativeness in Communication	6	3-4	Marianne Starren
*LET-REMA-LCEX17	Speech Production and Comprehension	6	1-2	Not offered in 2024-2025
LET-REMA-LCEX19	Introduction to Language and Speech Technology	6	1-2	Cristian Tejedor Garcia & Andreas Liesenfeld
LET-REMA-LCEX21	Multimodal Language and Cognition: Gesture and Sign	6	3-4	Asli Ozyurek & Judith Holler
LET-REMA-LCEX26	Technology-enhanced Language Learning	6	3	Cristian Tejedor & Ferdy Hubers
LET-REMA-LCEX27	Child Bilingualism	6	3-4	Sharon Unsworth
LET-REMA-LCEX28	Computational Psycholinguistics	6	3-4	Stefan Frank
*LET-REMA-LCEX32	Syntax in the Lab	6	3-4	Not offered in 2024-2025
LET-REMA-LCEX33	Conversational AI	6	1-2	Andreas Liesenfeld & Iris Hendrickx
LET-REMA-LCEX35	Interactional Sociolinguistics: Global Perspectives	6	3-4	Sandy Barasa & Mark Dingemanse & Saskia van Putten
LET-REMA-LCEX36	Cognitive and Social Aspects of Language Assessment	6	1-2	Rob Schoonen
LET-REMA-LCEX37	Research Topics in Second Language Acquisition	6	1-2	Sybrine Bultena
LET-REMA-LCEX38	Perspectives on Language Variation	6	1-2	Olaf Koeneman & Amalia Arvaniti
LET-REMA-LCEX39	Aspects of Intercultural Competence	6	3	Andreu van Hooft & Warda Neijari & Brigitte Planken
LET-REMA-LCEX40	Diversity in Communication	6	1	Natalia Levshina & Noemi Mena Montes
LET-REMA-LCEX41	Internet Outrage	6	3-4	Margot van Mulken

Specialisation courses (eligible for Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research),
offered by Cognitive NeuroScience (research), RU Nijmegen)

Course code	Course title	EC	Period	Staff
SOW-DGCN16	Words in Speaking and Listening	6	1-2	James McQueen & Ardy Roelofs
SOW-DGCN18	First Language Acquisition	6	3	Paula Fikkert
SOW-DGCN19	Using and Acquiring Multiple Languages	6	2	James McQueen & Kristin Lemhöfer
SOW-DGCN43	Neurobiology of Language	6	1-2	Vittoria Piai
SOW-DGCN54	Socially Contextualised Language	6	3-4	Judith Holler & Asli Ozyurek

Skills/methods courses (Linguistics and Communication Sciences (research), RU Nijmegen)

Note: Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are offered in alternate years. If a course is not offered in the current academic year, this is indicated under 'Staff' as 'Not offered in 2024-2025.

Course code	Course title	EC	Period	Staff
LET-REMA-LC1406	Academic Writing	3	3+4	Myrte van Hilten
LET-REMA-LC1901	Apprenticeship Research Methods	3	4	Martha Larson
LET-REMA-LC1902	Text and Multimedia Research Project	3	1	Martha Larson
*LET-REMA-LC1903	Eye tracking	3	4	Not offered in 2024-2025
LET-REMA-LC2301	Introduction in R Statistics	3	1	Susanne Brouwer
LET-REMA-LC2302	Transformer-based Models	3	2	Cristian Tejedor Garcia
LET-REMA-LC2401	Python 1	3	1	Cristian Tejedor Garcia
LET-REMA-LC2402	Python 2	3	2	Cristian Tejedor Garcia
*LET-REMA-LC2403	EEG	3	4	Sara Bögels
LET-REMA-LC2404	Mixed Models in Practice	3	4	Natalia Levshina

Distribution of specialisation courses over different focus areas

(1) Language processing and acquisition, (2) Language and speech technology, (3) Communication and language behaviour

Course code	Course title	EC	Period	Focus area 1	2	3
LET-REMA-LCEX06	Text and Multimedia Mining	6	1-2		x	x
LET-REMA-LCEX10	(Automatic) Speech Recognition	6	3-4		x	
LET-REMA-LCEX14	Non-Nativeness in Communication	6	3-4			x
*LET-REMA-LCEX17	Speech Production and Comprehension	6	1-2	x		
LET-REMA-LCEX19	Introduction to Language and Speech Technology	6	1-2		x	
LET-REMA-LCEX21	Multimodal Language and Cognition: Gesture and Sign	6	3-4	x		
LET-REMA-LCEX26	Technology-enhanced Language Learning	6	3	x	x	x
LET-REMA-LCEX27	Child Bilingualism	6	3-4	x		x
LET-REMA-LCEX28	Computational Psycholinguistics	6	3-4	x	x	
LET-REMA-LCEX32	Syntax in the Lab	6	3-4	x		
LET-REMA-LCEX33	Conversational AI	6	1-2	x	x	x
LET-REMA-LCEX35	Interactional Sociolinguistics: Global Perspectives	6	3-4	x		x
LET-REMA-LCEX36	Cognitive and Social Aspects of Language Assessment	6	1-2	x		
LET-REMA-LCEX37	Research Topics in Second Language Acquisition	6	1-2	x		
LET-REMA-LCEX38	Perspectives on Variation	6	1-2	x		
LET-REMA-LCEX39	Aspects of Intercultural Competerence	6	3			x
LET-REMA-LCEX40	Diversity in Communication	6	1			x
LET-REMA-LCEX41	Internet Outrage	6	3-4			x
SOW-DGCN16	Words in Speaking and Listening	6	1-2	x		
SOW-DGCN18	First Language Acquisition	6	3	x		
SOW-DGCN19	Using and Acquiring Multiple Languages	6	2	x		x
SOW-DGCN43	Neurobiology of Language	6	3-4	x		
SOW-DGCN54	Socially Contextualised Language	6	3-4	x		

Appendix B

FAQ Tilburg University for RU students LCS 2024

Q: How do I register as a subsidiary student at TiU?

A:

1. Request for a Proof of Paid Tuition Fees (in Dutch: Bewijs Betaald Collegegeld, BBC) by filling out and submitting the [online web form](#).
2. Send an e-mail to Susanne Warmerdam (student advisor at Tilburg University) (s.warmerdam@tilburguniversity.edu) from your RU e-mail account that you would like to register yourself as a subsidiary student at Tilburg University and include a copy of your valid passport or ID (both sides) and your address details (street, house number, postal code, city).

We advise you to register yourself as soon as possible after your enrolment at RU is complete. Without this subsidiary enrollment you cannot register yourself for Tilburg courses, cannot access TiU study materials, cannot attend TiU exams etcetera.

This message does not only apply to new Research Master students, but also to those who were already enrolled last year. It is necessary to re-register as a subsidiary student each academic year.

Q: How do I get login credentials for Osiris Tilburg and Canvas?

A: You will get access to Osiris Tilburg and [Canvas](#) (Tilburg equivalent for Brightspace) if you are successfully registered as a subsidiary student at Tilburg University. See previously communicated procedure on Study start. It is recommended that you register as a subsidiary student as soon as possible so that you do not have to wait for access to the courses.

Q: How does course registration at Tilburg University work?

A: Registration for exams goes via Osiris Tilburg. For more information and assistance, see [this website](#). Registration for block 1 and block 2 (semester 1) courses opens mid August. For courses taught in block 3 and 4 (semester 2), registration opens later in the academic year. Keep an eye on the registration dates of Tilburg School of Humanities and Digital Sciences (TSHD) on the webpage above.

Q: The course I want to take is taught by both universities (RU and TiU), where should I register?

A: The advice is to register for the course at both universities via Osiris. That way you can be sure that you have access to all course materials (both in Brightspace and on Canvas). Also, pay close attention to which university is hosting the exam and register in time.

Q: How does exam registration work at Tilburg University?

A: In addition to registering to take the course, you need to register separately for the exam. You register for the exam through Osiris Tilburg. See [this webpage](#) for registration deadlines and more information.

Q: As a Nijmegen Research Master student, do I also need to apply for a student pass at Tilburg University?

A: Yes, you can do so. Please find the procedure on [the website](). However, you do not have to in order to take part in the exams. For exams, a valid ID is sufficient.

Q: Can the university financially support me by funding my travel from and to Tilburg University?

A: If you as a Nijmegen student do not have a student season ticket, you can have your travel costs to and from Tilburg reimbursed. This only holds for travel costs incurred for attending classes and exams for the following compulsory courses: Foundations of language and communication, Term paper, Statistics I, Statistics II, Research orientation, Grant proposal writing and Societal Impact. You have to complete an expense claim form and attach the original tickets. More information can be found in the Nijmegen stuy guide. Please send your completed claim form to STIP attn Manon Evers (stip@let.ru.nl). She will add the cost heading and submit your form afterwards at the financial department.

Q: I passed a course at Tilburg University. How does this grade show up in the records at RU?

A: The grade is not automatically sent to RU. As a student, you can request your own [transcript of grades]() from the Student Desk or online. Please send this document to STIP attn Manon Evers (stip@let.ru.nl) with a request to include this result in Osiris Nijmegen. It is recommended that you arrange this immediately after obtaining a satisfactory result.

Q: I have been granted special examination facilities at RU. Now I want to take an exam at TiU. Will I get these facilities at TiU as well?

A: This is not automatically arranged. A separate application must be made for TiU. To avoid a lot of extra work for you, we advise you to contact both your study advisor (Kim Oyen, Studentadvisor-lcs@ru.nl) and the study advisor of TiU (Susanne Warmerdam, s.warmerdam@tilburguniversity.edu). We advise you to report this directly at the beginning of the academic year so that your request can be processed in time. Please note that you will first need to arrange a [guidance agreement]() by making an appointment with the student counsellor.