

Linguistics

Programme

Introductory day 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Linguistics MA program!

We are more like a professional club than just a study program

Picture 1 The classic whiteboard in Lingoland

Welcome on board to Lingoland of Linguistics Department, Aarhus University!

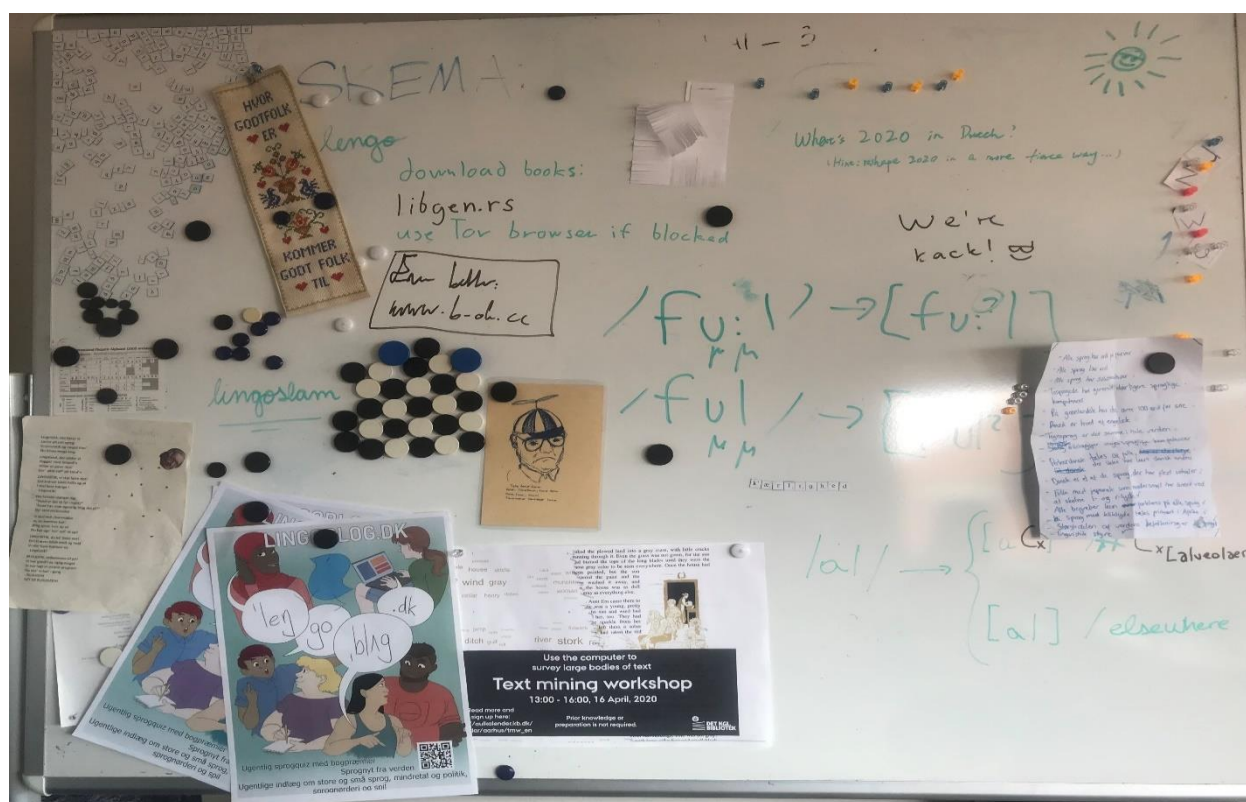


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Welcome to the 2021 Linguistics MA program!

Dear students,

Welcome to Aarhus University and welcome to the master's program of Linguistics 🎉!

On the 31st of August, I will try to get you prepared for new life in Aarhus University and this program. From your side, you will meet your classmates, your first impression of life in AU, students from the Cognitive Semiotics program, and the teachers in our department of Linguistics, Cognitive Science and Cognitive Semiotics.

As you can see in [the intro program timetable](#), it is planned in the case of current Corona situation when this document is written. If there are any changes in rules and regulations because the changes of Corona situation, for no doubt I will keep you updated before we finish the intro day.

Parts of the intro program may not necessary for you who are already familiar with Aarhus University, but I recommend you to participate as much as you can 😊.

We meet **Tuesday the 31st of August at 10.00 am, at room 139 in building 5008.**

Besides greeting and do ice-breaking with your classmates, you will be introduced to the overview of the 2-year study at Linguistics including internship and career kick-starting by me, your project coordinator Andreas Højlund, your student counselor Kristina Duun, counselors from Arts Career, and representatives from Student Council, etc.

Then I will walk you through the IT systems you need in your study, including internal email system, grade checking and course registration system, and learning platform where you can download course contents and hand in assignments, etc.

Thereafter, it is finally the time to move around and socialize outside Linguistics. Your library information specialist Sofie Hansen and/or her colleagues will show you around in our Nobel Park Library, which is the closet library to our department and where you usually have your classes.

The last session on that day will be that we hang out with Head Tutor of Cognitive Semiotics

and Cognitive Semiotics students in the University Park ☺ (with quizzes and outdoor games)! Since the 2 majors will have many classes or even research work together, it will be a great start to know each other from the first day.

There may also be a special time for you and students from Cognitive Science and Cognitive Semiotics students to have fun (talk and board games!) at Broca's Bodega (the Friday bar). I will give you an update about the exact time once it's set.

In week 35, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are reserved for the first lessons, as you can see on the last page of this booklet. **Important: Lessons might change or be different from the rest of the semester. Be sure to check your [Timetables](#) or ask if in doubt, or pay attention to the posts in your Facebook group [MA Linguistics 2021](#), and the emails from your teachers.**

Specially notifying for international students: you need to sign in at [the International Centre](#). You must attend the signing in if you wish to attend the CPR registration to have the university do your CPR registration for you, since you will get the forms that you need to bring to the CPR registration session. The [online welcome event for full-degree arts faculty students](#) which includes Q&A about CPR registration will be held at 10.00 am (Q&A about CPR registration from 14.30 pm), August 23rd.

I look forward to meeting you all in Aarhus in August, and I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer ☀!

Best regards,

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Practical information

- **Checklist**

Make sure to walk through this list before your arrival in Denmark and at Aarhus to be 100% sure that you are ready for your new life as a student at Aarhus University. It includes access card to the buildings, receiving the right emails from the university, access to the wireless network eduroam, money and banking, corona information, and much more. Find all the information you need, including the checklist [here](#).

- **Lost?**

Download the [AU Find](#) app which can help you find your way around campus!
Can't find your classes? Check your [Timetables](#) for the autumn semester 2021.
Don't know how to take public transport? The fastest way may be downloading [Midtrafik](#) app to buy tickets before you get the coins for ticket machines.

- **Money issues**

We won't charge you any within any planned events except your brunch as shown in [the intro program timetable](#), including pizzas and beverages consumed in the hanging out with Cognitive Semiotic.

However, if you wish to continue your socialization with other students outside the intro day program, you need to pay the cost yourself. Most shops/cafes/restaurants ish. in Denmark accept international credit card/Mobilepay, so do those in campus, so you don't have to bring cash.

- **Hungry?**

There are 5 [canteens](#) which you can reach on foot in 1-20 mins from Nobel Park where our department lies in. They all serve diverse food and drinks per day. Beside buying your lunch in the closest canteen, you are also more than welcome to bring a packed lunch and eat it on campus.

- **Get your backpack ready for the intro day**

Since we are going to walk through the IT systems, you are welcomed to bring your laptop if you want to try along. But if you are a pen and paper fan, you also

welcomed to bring them to note down key points.

- **Alcohol policy**

In order to make sure that everybody can enjoy the intro day events in their own comfortable ways, **you are not allowed to start consuming alcohol in any events before 16.00 o'clock**, and I will keep an eye on that. So please be alcohol free and don't try to show friendship by offering alcohol to others before 16.00.

- **Questions?**

You can find a lot of information regarding study/program on the [Study Portal-Arts](#).

- **Contact**

If you can't find your answers in the Study Portal, you can contact the followings:

International Centre

Questions regarding your status as an international student and CPR registration.

Student Counselors

Questions regarding specially for your study program or more personal study issues as exam anxiety or if you fail an exam.

Study Centre Arts

Questions regarding administrative matters, for example rules and formalities, and rights and obligations.


Arts Career

Questions regarding career and job market, and supports your career development.

And don't forget the Facebook group [MA Linguistics 2021](#) where you may get answers faster from your classmates who are already familiar with AU and its Linguistics!

Intro day program

Table 1 Intro-day program

Tuesday 31st August, Building 5008 Room 139	
Time	Event
10.00-11.00 am	Meet 'n' greet in program and internship and career talk with your coordinator Andreas Højlund
11.00 am-13.00 pm	Master's introduction workshop with your intro coordinator and student counselor Kristina Duun
13.00-13.15	BREAK
13.15-13.45	Research opportunities digging in computational and data driven areas with Kristoffer Laigaard Nielbo from Center for Humanities Computing Aarhus
13.45-14.15	More resources for career? –meet Art's career counselors
14.15-14.45	Support from Student Council? –meet a representative from Student Council
14.45-15.00	BREAK
15.00-15.30	IT walking through – a guide to important websites and AU systems
15.30-16.00	Nobel Park library tour
16.00-	Hanging out with Cognitive Semiotics friends in the university park 

The life of a student

First week lessons

Table 2 Timetable for first week's lessons

First lessons, week		
Course	Time and place	Teacher
Experimental Psycholinguistics	Wednesday, 8.00 am-16.00 pm, 1485(building number)-226(room number)	Ethan Weed
Experimental Psycholinguistics	Thursday, 8.00 am-16.00 pm, 1584-116	Ethan Weed
Experimental Psycholinguistics	Friday, 8.00 am-16.00 pm, 1481-264	Ethan Weed

Wanna know more about your courses? Check out the [Academic Regulation](#).

- **Syllabus and buying books**

Reading Materials?

Usually your teachers will contact you all via AU emails about materials to read before their first lessons. If they don't, just feel free to have a representative student to send emails to them to ask.

For lessons thereafter, most teachers will upload the reading lists to AU's learning platform [Brightspace](#), where you can download the reading materials yourself.

Buy books?

If you book beforehand in good time, it is possible to just loan some text books from Nobel Park library. If you worry that others can't get access to these books because of limited numbers of copies, you can scan them, or take pictures of them and make the pictures into a pdf, and return them asap.

If you prefer to own the books, you can also buy second-hand copies of them from your linguist fellows in [Lingvistisk forum](#) on Facebook. The bookshop [Stakbogladden](#) also has

various new or used linguistic books which you can buy at student discounts.

- **The library**

Besides the [physical libraries](#), you can directly search in [AU Library database](#) to access online resources and book paper copies. There are also some [library resources specially prepared for linguists](#).

- **Study areas**

Apart from the university libraries, there are study areas on the 0-1 floor of building 1481. As a university city, Aarhus community also provides you study areas in [Dokk1](#), [local libraries near dormitories](#), or even in [the salon of Aros arts museum](#).

Also Linguistics has its own space **Lingoland** (5th floor, building 1485, [see its corona-safe version here](#)) for seminars, study, lunch and social events!

- **Study groups**

Study group is an important academic culture in AU and even Denmark. No matter you prefer joining a study group or study yourself, you will hear the solution you want from your student counselor Kristina.

Study environment

There are several unique clubs/societies related to Linguistics, such as [DanTIN](#) which works on describing Danish grammatical phenomena as they occur in conversational data, [Sounds of Language and Speech](#) where people are interested in sounds of language(s) and speech gather, and [ViGør](#) which holds seminars, student speeches and language classes.

IT systems

As students in AU, you need to cope with various IT platforms for different purposes. It may sound confusing first. But don't worry – everyone has experienced/will experience the it and you will quickly get familiar with them. And I will give you an IT walking through during the intro day. Here's a brief list of the most important systems:

- mystudies.au.dk
This is your main point of access to information about your degree programme and teaching, and to the self-service systems. It's where you will find your weekly timetable, your AU email, important messages, links to sites and systems, and much more. In fact, once you have logged onto mystudies.au.dk, you can access everything you need.
- [Brightspace](#)
This is an e-learning platform to which your teachers upload materials and other relevant information for your teaching.
- **Student self-service system (STADS)**
This is where you can see your exam results and order exam transcripts, etc. It's also where you register for courses and exams during your degree programme. [Check out the guide on how to use STADS.](#)
- [Study portal Arts](#)
This is where all the relevant information about teaching, exams, rules and supervision is collected.
- [AU Studypedia](#)
A study tool which you will be using throughout your degree programme. You'll find a lot of good advice and useful tools here, including good study habits, note-taking techniques and the formalities involved in writing assignments. AU Studypedia has devoted a whole section to new students, where you'll find exercises and good advice to help you get off to a good start: [AU Studypedia for new students.](#)
- [Eduroam](#)
The wireless network at AU is called Eduroam. Before you can use Eduroam, you need to install it.

- **Zoom at AU**
This is the main technical system used by AU to conduct digital teaching and exams. You must always use the official AU Zoom version, not the free version. Use AU's [guidelines for Zoom video meetings](#).
- **[Software for students](#)**
Please note that a range of free or discounted software is available for AU students.
- **[IT Support](#)**
If you have any technical problems, Arts IT Support can help. They are often quite busy during the first few weeks of the semester, so please be patient. 😊

Guidance and advice

Students at Aarhus University have a wide range of options when it comes to finding help, support, inspiration and guidance – no matter how long you have been a student here:

- **[Student Counsellors' Office](#)**
All our degree programmes have their own student counsellors. These counsellors are fellow students who are employed to help and advise other students. The student counsellors are bound by a duty of confidentiality, and you are welcome to come and talk to them about the rules and formalities of your degree programme, any doubts about your course, any personal challenges you are facing and much else besides. You will meet your student counsellor during the introductory week, and in the weeks that follow he/she will be talking to you about a variety of topics – for instance about working in study groups.
- **[The university chaplains](#)**
The university chaplains in Aarhus are happy to discuss various issues with you – either alone or in a group – no matter what your faith or religious conviction might be. They also have a quiet room at Aarhus University where you can pray, meditate, or just find a bit of peace and quiet. The university chaplains also arrange a variety of lectures and debates.
- **[The Student Counselling Service](#)**
are experts in offering short-term therapy for students on courses of higher education. For instance, they can help you with issues such as exam anxiety, perfectionism and stress.
- **[Student telephone helpline](#)**
This is an anonymous helpline offering support for students by students.
- **[The Danish Students' Grants and Loans Scheme Office](#)**
This is where you can get advice about your personal grant/loan situation.
- **[Arts Karriere](#)**
This is a careers advice centre for students at the Faculty of Arts. They provide an individual advisory service and arrange a wide variety of events all year round.

- [AU Elite Sport](#)
offers help for students involved in elite sports while they study.
- [AU Entrepreneurs](#)
offer help to all students who dream of being entrepreneurs and want to develop their own company while they study.

Special support

The [Special Educational Support Team \(SPS\)](#) provide information and guidelines for students who need special support owing to dyslexia, mental health issues, ADHD, chronic pain, hearing or visual impairments and other issues.

You are welcome to contact SPS straightaway – for instance if you are in doubt about whether you belong to the target group.
