

LINGUISTICS MA

Information and program

Intro days 29-30 August 2022



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Introduction

Congratulations on being accepted to the MA in Linguistics at Aarhus University!

My name is Thea, I am in my third semester of the MA and I am responsible for the two intro days that we offer you to give you a nice start at this master's program. I am very excited to meet you and tell you about linguistics at Aarhus University, AU, and what you can look forward to in the coming years. In this letter, you will find all the information you need before the intro days and some tips for both new and old students at AU.

On these pages, you will find practical information about where to meet, what to bring for the different days and a program of the days. You will also find information about the IT systems you will be using, contact info on services like student counseling, as well as information about special offers and activities for linguistics students.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch! You can catch me here:

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Best regards,

Thea Nørgaard





Practical information

Location

Linguistics is located in Nobelparken on Jens Chr. Skous Vej along with many other humanities studies (ARTS). Nobelparken is the large red buildings located at the intersection of Randersvej/Nørrebrogade and Nordre Ringgade. The room where we will meet on the first day for breakfast is marked on the map above. So is Lingoland, the student room for all linguistics students at AU.

Food

We will provide breakfast on both Monday and Tuesday and pizza for lunch on Tuesday (vegetarian and vegan options will be available). You will need to provide your own lunch on Monday and possibly some snacks for Tuesday - there will be an option to buy some at AU or in a supermarket. Please let Thea know if you have any allergies or food preferences!

What to bring

You don't need to bring a computer, as all PowerPoint slides shown during the intro days will be sent out afterwards. On Tuesday, there will be activities outdoors, so please bring clothes appropriate for the weather.

Alcohol policy

We follow the university's alcohol policy, which means that consumption of alcohol before 16:00 is not allowed. After 16:00, consumption of alcohol is optional.

Contact

If you want, you can join the facebook group for this year of the MA here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1290407408152274>. In this group, last-minute changes to the program and other relevant information may be posted. Please let Thea know if you are not on Facebook, then you will receive the info otherwise. Also, you can get in touch with Thea through Facebook, email or phone – see the contact info above. Don't hesitate to get in touch 😊

Cognitive Semiotics

This is another Master's programme at AU. The MA in Linguistics and the MA in Cognitive Science share around two thirds of their courses. Therefore, we will also be spending some time of the intro days with the students from this MA in order to get to know them as well as your fellow linguists 😊

Program

Program may be subject to changes.

Monday 29/8	Tuesday 30/8 (most of this day is shared with Cognitive Semiotics)
<u>10:00-10:30</u> Breakfast in room 1467-515	<u>10:00-10:30 (only for Linguistics)</u> Short introduction of the lecturers of the fall semester Room: 1485-642
<u>10:30 – 11:00</u> Intro from Thea and meet your fellow students	<u>10:30-11:00</u> Breakfast for Cognitive Semiotics and Linguistics and their teachers Room: 1485-218
<u>11:00-11.30</u> Visit from the student organizations ViGør and Kommabar, and a student from the MA year 2021	<u>11:00-12:00</u> Presentation on coding
<u>11:30-12:30</u> Lunch	<u>12:00-14:00</u> Secret activity
<u>12:30-14:30</u> Visit from the student counselor	<u>14:00-?</u> Pizza and quiz
<u>14:30-??</u> Tour around AU, especially for those who are new to AU	
Break	
<u>18:00-22:00</u> Evening hang-out and hygge	

IT systems

As a new (and old) student at AU, you will encounter a lot of different IT platforms for different purposes. At first, you might find it difficult to navigate. That's okay, and you'll get the hang of the systems during your first time on the programme. After the intro days, there will also be an IT workshop where the real experts will guide you through it all! Below we've put together a quick overview of the main systems:

mitstudie.au.dk

MitStudie is the single entry point to tuition, study information, and self-service systems. Here you will find the weekly timetable, your AU e-mail, important messages, links to sites and systems and much more. In fact, you only need to log in to mitstudie.au.dk, because from here you can access everything you need as a student.

[Brightspace](#)

Brightspace is an e-learning platform where your lecturers upload materials and other relevant information for your teaching.

[Student Self Service \(STADS\)](#)

STADS is the place where you can view your exam results, order exam transcripts, etc. It is also where you register for courses and exams when needed during your studies. See guide on using STADS.

[Studyportal Arts](#)

These are the websites where all relevant information about tuition, exams, rules, guidance, etc. is gathered.

[Eduroam](#)

The wireless network at AU is called Eduroam. Before you can use it, you need to install the network on your devices.

[Zoom on AU](#)

This is the primary technical solution AU uses to deliver teaching and exams digitally. You should always use the official AU Zoom instance and not the free version. Use the AU video conferencing guide in Zoom.

Software for students

Please note that as a student at AU you can get some free or discounted software.

IT support

If you have technical problems, you can get help from [AU IT Support](#) or [Arts IT Support](#). Support can be a bit busy in the first weeks of the semester, so please be patient ☺

[AU Studypedia](#)

AU Studypedia is an academic study tool that you can use throughout your studies. Here you can find a lot of good advice and tools for being a university student, including study habits, note-taking techniques, formalities in assignments, etc. AU Studypedia has a whole section aimed at new students, with exercises and advice on how to get started as a university student, see AU Studypedia for new students.

Guidance and advising

As a student at Aarhus University, you have a wide range of opportunities to find help, support, inspiration, and guidance, regardless of where you are in your studies:

[Student counseling](#)

All study programs have their own student counselor. This is a fellow student who is employed to help and guide other students. Student counselling is confidential and you can come and talk about the rules and formalities of your studies, doubts about your study, personal challenges, and much more. The student counselor will visit us during the intro days, and in the following weeks, he/she will give you various presentations with information relevant to the MA program.

[Studenterpræsterne](#) (the student chaplains)

The student chaplains in Aarhus offer talks and discussion groups for students of all faiths and religious beliefs. They also have a quiet room at Aarhus University where you can pray, meditate or just find peace. The student chaplains also organise various lectures and debates.

[Studenterrådgivningen](#)

Studenterrådgivningen are experts in short-term therapy for students in higher education. They can help you, for example, if you have challenges with exam anxiety, perfectionism, stress, etc.

[Stunderlinjen](#)

Stunderlinjen is an anonymous telephone support service for students. Stunderlinjen is run by volunteers who themselves are students and who have received training in communication and topics like stress, depression, anxiety, and loneliness.

[SU-kontoret på AU](#)

Here you can get advice on your personal SU situation.

[Arts Career](#)

Arts Career is your career centre as a student at Arts. Here you can get individual career guidance and attend career related workshops.

[The Kitchen](#)

The Kitchen is Aarhus University's startup hub dedicated to help entrepreneurs and innovators grow.

Do you have a disability?

At [Special Educational Support \(SPS\)](#) at Aarhus University, you can get information and guidance on support for students with disabilities.

You can contact SPS now - even if you have doubts about whether you are in the target group.

Initiatives at Linguistics at AU

Linguistics at AU has a great tradition of arranging events that bring students together across semesters and create a great community. Here you can read about some of the organisations at Linguistics.

Lingoland is a student space for linguists in building 1485, room 515. All students have free access to this room. The room is used daily for group work, workshops, meetings, general "hygge". As a linguistics student, you will spend a lot of time in Lingoland.

[ViGør](#) is Linguistic's activity committee and they organize linguistics-related activities with coffee and cake every Friday afternoon. These activities include student talks, where students talk about their assignments and projects or master's students talk about their thesis, and Friday lectures, where lecturers, researchers, and Ph.D. students talk about their work. Sometimes we also watch a film that has linguistic relevance, play games, or do other fun stuff. All events are voluntary to attend, but there is always a great turnout and it provides a great opportunity to get to know students from other years - also it's great fun! You can find ViGør on Facebook and see some of the events that have taken place.

[KOMMAbar](#) is a joint Friday bar for Linguistics, Scandinavian Studies, and several other subjects. It

is located in 1485-137 and is usually open every Friday. During the day, the room of KOMMAbar is used for group meetings, workspace, study space, etc.

[Lingoblog](#): Linguistics at Aarhus University has launched a blog that regularly blogs about language. The blog posts are written by both teachers and students.

Uddannelsesnævnet (UN), the Board of Studies (UN), together with the Uddannelsesnævnet (SN), is the voice of the students in the department and faculty. It includes student representatives from all programmes, lecturers, heads of department, student counsellors and the student administration. Linguistics is in the Education Board together with Cognitive Semiotics, and Cognitive Science under the name LICS. Above this, LICS is represented in the IKK study committee by a student representative and a lecturer. The primary task of LICS and IKK is to ensure the quality of our programs. UN and SN is where we look at evaluations, decide which courses to offer, change exam forms, and a lot of other things. In LICS, everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings, which are announced on our Facebook page Education Board LICS.

The newsletter (NHB) is published every Monday and is the place to keep up to date with all the professional and social activities going on. The newsletter includes important information about exams, year-end meetings, guest lectures, job postings, conferences, quizzes with prizes and much, much more. The newsletter will be sent to your AU e-mail address.