Changes ISCL Exam Regulations 2016
Bachelor of Arts & Minor
Overview

• Why new exam regulations?
• Module changes:
  - Computational Linguistics
  - General Linguistics
• Changes in the exam regulations
• Transition to the new exam regulations
Why new exam regulations?
Why?

• Every BA/MA program is evaluated every six years.
• This ‘accreditation’ involves:
  - Evaluation of the performance of a program in the previous period.
  - Making changes in the exam regulations, where necessary.
  - Making changes in the modules, where necessary.
Gist of the changes (general)

• Clear distinction between:
  - Ungraded ‘Stüdienleistungen’: homework/programming assignments, etc.
  - Graded ‘Prüfungsleistungen’: written exam, term paper, etc.
• Only one Prüfungsleistung for the whole module.
ISCL-specific

• Very few changes in the Computational Linguistics modules.
• Large changes in the General Linguistics modules.
Module changes
Computational Linguistics Modules - Major

Symbolic Computational Linguistics
- Text Technology
- Parsing

Symbolic Computational Linguistics: Text Technology

Symbolic Computational Linguistics: Parsing

Mathematic deepening and application
- Statistical NLP
- Grammar formalisms

Statistical Methods in Computational Linguistics

Grammar Formalisms
Computational Linguistics Modules - Major

- Two Hauptseminare (as before), however:
  - 6 CP Hauptseminar without exam (only ‘Studienleistungen’)
  - 9 CP Hauptseminar with exam (20%) plus paper (80%)
Computational Linguistics Modules - Minor

Symbolic Computational Linguistics
- Text Technology
- Parsing

Symbolic Computational Linguistics: Text Technology

Symbolic Computational Linguistics: Parsing & Grammar Formalisms
- Parsing
- Grammar Formalisms ‘Light’ (3 CP)
Computational Linguistics Modules - Major

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General Linguistics - Major

• The General Linguistics modules have been overhauled.
• We will look at the new modules and courses first and discuss the transition later.
General Linguistics Modules - Major

• Linguistic Fundamentals:
  - Introduction to Linguistics (3 CP)
  - Current Trends in Linguistics (3 CP)
• Methods 1:
  - Mathematical Methods: Logic (3 CP)
  - Philosophy of Language (3 CP)
• Methods 2:
  - Mathematical Methods: Statistics (3 CP)
  - Programming and Data Analysis (3 CP)
• Wahlpflichtbereich (39 CP)
General Linguistics Modules - Wahlpflichtbereich

• Complete 39 CP in the following courses:
  - Phonetics and Phonology* (9 CP)
  - Syntax and Semantics* (9 CP)
  - Psycholinguistics (9 CP)
  - Semantics and Pragmatics* (9 CP)
  - Language & Cognition (12 CP)
  - Variation, Evolution & Change (12 CP)
  - Language Use (9 CP)

• At least two of: Phonetics and Phonology/Syntax and Semantics/Semantics and Pragmatics
General Linguistics Modules - Minor

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  - Introduction to Linguistics (3 CP)
  - Current Trends in Linguistics (3 CP)

• Methods 1:
  - Mathematical Methods: Logic (3 CP)
  - Philosophy of Language (3 CP)
Changes in the exam regulations
Changes BA Major

- **Module Changes:** see above

- **Orientierungsprüfung**

  - Introduction Module CL CLI-BA-02
  - Introduction Module GenLing CLI-BA-01
  - Basic module Programming CLI-BA-04
  - Linguistic Fundamentals ASW-BA-01
  - Methods 1 ASW-BA-02
  - Methods 2 ASW-BA-03
  - Introduction Module CL ISCL-BA-01
  - Basic module Programming ISCL-BA-04

  - One retake of ‘Prüfungsleistungen’ in the next semester

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Changes BA Major

• Zwischenprüfung

Symbolic Computational Ling. CLI-BA-10
Basic Module Advanced Programming CLI-BA-11
Basic Module Gen Ling Core Area 1 CLI-BA-03
Basic Module Gen Ling Core Area 2 CLI-BA-04
Mathematic deepening and application CLI-BA-12

Symbolic CL: Text technology ISCL-BA-05
Symbolic CL: Parsing ISCL-BA-06
Advanced Programming ISCL-BA-07
Basic module Statistical Methods in CL ISCL-BA-08
Basic module Grammar formalisms ISCL-BA-09
18 ECTS from:
Phonetics and Phonology ASW-BA-04
Syntax and Semantics ASW-BA-05
Psycholinguistics ASW-BA-06
Semantics and Pragmatics ASW-BA-07
Changes BA Major

- Zwischenprüfung

final grade: average of the ECTS weighted grades of the Prüfungsleistungen

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Changes BA Major

• **Precondition BA examination**

  - successful participation in the courses of the 1\textsuperscript{st} – 5\textsuperscript{t} semester including Spezialisierungsmodul CLI-BA-14

  - Orienterungsprüfung
  - Zwischenprüfung
  - 39 ECTS from Wahlpflichtbereich
  - the ECTS of Module ISCL-BA-02, ISCL-BA-03, ISCL-BA-10 und ISCL-BA-11
Changes BA Minor

• Modules

Introduction Module CLI-BANF-01 15 ECTS
Introduction Module GenLing CLI-BANF-02 12 ECTS
Symbolic CL CLI-BANF-03 12 ECTS
Basic module Programming CLI-BANF-04 12 ECTS
Mathematic deepening and application CLI-BANF-05 9 ECTS

Introduction Module ISCL-BA-01 12 ECTS
Linguistic Fundamentals ASW-BA-01 6 ECTS
Methods 1 ASW-BA-02 6 ECTS
Basic module Programming ISCL-BA-04 12 ECTS
Symbolic CL Text technology ISCL-BA-05 6 ECTS
Symbolic CL Parsing & Grammar ISCL-BANF-01 9 ECTS
Specialization module ISCL-BANF-02 9 ECTS
Changes BA Minor

- Orientierungsprüfung

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Methods 1 ASW-BA-02 6 ECTS
Symbolic CL Text technology ISCL-BA-05 6 ECTS
Symbolic CL Parsing & Grammar ISCL-BANF-01 9 ECTS
Transition to the new exam regulations
Old Introduction to General Linguistics

- *Introduction to General Linguistics* (12 CP) will count as:
  - Philosophy of Language (3 CP)
  - Introduction to Linguistics (3 CP)
  - Current Trends in Linguistics (3 CP)
- *Logic* will count as *Mathematical Methods: Logic*
- *Statistics* will count as *Mathematical Methods: Statistics*

- **Minor**: *Intro GL + Logic* covers *Linguistic Fundamentals + Methods 1*
- **Major**: *Intro GL + Logic* covers *Linguistic Fundamentals + Methods 1*. To complete *Methods 2*, you would have to do *Programming & Data Analysis* as well.
Core area courses General Linguistics

• Old regulations, pick two out of:
  - Phonetics & Phonology I
  - Syntax I
  - Semantics
  - Pragmatics I

• New regulations: These courses map to the following courses of the new ‘Wahlpflichtbereich’:
  - Phonetics and Phonology
  - Syntax and Semantics
  - Semantics and Pragmatics
Academic writing and free choice in HS/PS

• In the old regulations there are two general linguistics modules with a free choice:
  - CLI-BA-05:
    ▪ Academic writing (3 CP)
    ▪ Free choice in Proseminar (3 CP)
  - CLI-BA-06
    ▪ 4 times free choice in Proseminare or Hauptseminare (12 CP).

• Of these, 12 CP can be used toward a 12 CP course in the Wahlpflichtbereich.
• For the remaining 9 CP, you would have to do a 9 CP course.
• Academic writing cannot be used: can be counted towards the key qualification courses.
What if I stay in the old regulation

• The new courses can be counted towards the 15 CP of free choice in General Linguistics.
• It is uncertain if Academic Writing will be offered after this year. If not, the study advisors of General Linguistics will choose another Academic Writing course in the university that can be used as a substitute.
• Languages of the World will probably not be offered after this year.
Pros/Cons of the new regulations (major)

• Pros:
  - You will be mainstream.
  - The courses of the old regulations will disappear.
  - One grade/exam per module.
  - New, more modern General Linguistics modules.

• Cons:
  - You have to do an extra first year’s course *Programming and Data Analysis*. This can also have repercussions for finishing the Orientierungsprüfung timely.
  - You may have to do extra courses to complete the new Wahlpflichtbereich.
Advise (major)

• 3rd semester: seriously consider switching:
  - Requires that you do Programming and Data Analysis
  - You have all the advantages of the new regulations
• >= 5th semester: stay in the old regulations. You would have to do quite many extra courses to get the same degree.
Pros/Cons of the new regulations (minor)

• Pros:
  - You will be mainstream.
  - The courses of the old regulations may disappear at some point.
  - One grade/exam per module.
  - Grammar Formalisms

• Cons:
  - You have to do an extra course, Grammar Formalisms.
Advise (minor)

• Switch if you like to do Grammar Formalisms as part of your minor.
• Especially interesting if you are in your 3rd semester: you are in the mainstream.
Opt-in / opt-out

• Are you a major that started before WS16/17?
  - You stay in the old regulation if you do nothing.
  - On request, you can move to the new exam regulations (opt-in).

• Are you a minor student that started before WS16/17?
  - You are moved to the new regulations if you do nothing.
  - On request, you can stay in your current exam regulations (opt-out).

• To opt-in/opt-out, you have to formally inform the examination office the latest on March 31, 2017.

• However, to streamline this, we will provide forms that you can fill in sign and submit to the institute secretary (Lisa Becker) before March 15. She will transfer these to the examination office.
Contact information

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