All undergraduate students at the university will complete a final-year project

For students on language degrees in our department: LAXXX-5/6-FY Language Project

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You can do the Language Project in three different areas of language study covered by the department
PURPOSE OF THE FINAL-YEAR PROJECT

- Have the opportunity to demonstrate and apply knowledge and skills built up throughout your course
- Develop (further) a number of skills that are useful both during your studies and in the future, e.g. at work:
  - Work independently on an extended project relevant to your major language
- Develop the following skills:
  - time management skills
  - bibliographical and internet-based research skills
  - empirical research skills including data collection and analysis
  - the interpretation and contextualisation of results
  - the selection and synthesis of information
  - report clearly and concisely and in different formats (text, visuals, etc.)
You will be provided with a list of topic options
You choose a topic from the list that you are interested in
You will prepare and submit a project proposal
You will then undertake your research project with advice and guidance provided by your supervisor
You will submit a specified portion of two drafts which will be assessed
You will prepare and submit a final 8,000-word project
TIMELINE: WHAT YOU NEED TO DO THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

- Summer Term: Choose a topic from the given list; you will be allocated a supervisor
- Prepare and submit a proposal
- → One meeting with supervisor
- Start of Week 30 – Topic list is made available
- Weeks 31 – 33 – All students allocated to supervisors
- Weeks 33 – 35 – Students meet supervisors
- Weeks 31- 37 – Development of full project proposal
- Week 38 – Submission of project proposal
- Summer vacation: Start reading about your topic
TIMELINE: WHAT YOU WILL DO IN YOUR FINAL YEAR

- Autumn Term: Write literature review, finalise research questions and collect data
  - Minimum of two meetings with supervisor: Students report on progress, discuss any questions, get advice on methodology, etc.

- Spring Term: Analyse data and write report
  - Minimum of two meetings with supervisor: Students report on progress, present an outline of their report, get advice on writing up, etc.

- Easter vacation: Finalise project report

- Summer Term: Submit final project
# ASSESSMENT

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<th>Project proposal</th>
<th>Length</th>
<th>Submission date</th>
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<td>400 words (English)</td>
<td>Week 38 (2nd year)</td>
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WHO NEEDS TO DO THE PROJECT IN OUR DEPARTMENT?

- All students on the following courses:
  - BA Language Studies
  - BA Modern Languages
  - BA French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish Studies and Modern Languages
  - BA Spanish, Portuguese and Brazilian Studies
- Students on joint degrees will undertake the Capstone Project on a topic relating to the joint discipline (including Linguistics students)