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Objectives
The EM LCT program strives to meet the demands of industry and research in the rapidly growing area of language technology. It offers education and training opportunities for the next generations of leaders in research and innovation. Graduates of the program find attractive jobs in both academia and industry.

Modules, topics and applications
The EM LCT curriculum consists of introductory and advanced, compulsory and optional courses grouped into Language Technology and Computer Science modules, complemented by a project and a Masters thesis, for a total of 120 ECTS credits.

Some of the topics and applications covered in the course are:
- Statistical and symbolic processing methods
- Finite state techniques
- Computational morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics
- Data structures and organisation
- Formal languages, algorithms
- Logic, computability, complexity
- Machine translation, cross-lingual information retrieval, speech recognition, question answering, semantic web, multi-modal interfaces and computational psycholinguistics

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