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# Language Testing at Lancaster (LTL)



*Linguistics at Lancaster is consistently ranked in the top 10 in the UK*



*Lancaster University is the Times and Sunday Times University of the Year 2018*



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## What is Language Testing at Lancaster?

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### Course dates 2018

Weeks 1 and 2: 16 - 27 July

Classical Test Theory: 30 July - 3 August

Introduction to Modern Test Theory: 6-10 August

### What will you study?

Weeks 1 and 2 of LTL will help participants build on their knowledge of language testing by providing theoretical input on issues central to language testing hands-on opportunities to develop test items.

In addition, two further 1-week courses focus on the analysis of test data. Week 1 focuses on the role of inferential statistics in classical test theory while week 2 offers an introduction to modern test theory.

### Weeks 1 & 2 Theory and Practice in Language Test Development

This two-week course will help participants build on their knowledge of language testing by providing theoretical input on issues central to language testing and hands-on opportunities to develop test items / tasks.

The sessions usually include input on:

- the principles of language testing (validity, reliability and practicality)
- the testing of reading, listening, writing and speaking
- standard setting
- statistics for language testing

### Week 3: Classical Test Theory (using SPSS)

This one-week course:

- introduces participants to the role of descriptive and inferential statistics in language testing
- familiarises participants with running and interpreting analyses such as item reliability, t-tests and ANOVA.
- Note that participants are expected to be familiar with the mechanics of SPSS (data entry) and have an understanding of descriptive statistics.

### Week 4: Introduction to Modern Test Theory (using Winsteps/Facets)

This one-week course in applied statistics:

- introduces participants to item response theory
- familiarises participants with the mechanics of Winsteps and Facets
- offers participants the opportunity to explore and discuss such aspects as convergence tables, variable maps/vertical ruler, item and person statistics (degree of fit, error), distractor analysis, rater measurements etc.



### How do I apply?

The deadline for applications is **15 June 2018**.

To apply for the course please download and complete the application form on the website

For further details, please contact the course director, Dr Rita Green.

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### Accommodation & Facilities

Accommodation can be arranged on campus or alternative accommodation can be found in Lancaster itself or at the hotel situated on the Lancaster University campus.

Lancaster University is set in a parkland campus amidst beautiful countryside, within easy reach of the historic city of Lancaster. Students can make use of all the general resources of the University, including the Library, the extensive Sports Centre, and the public computer laboratories.

### Further details

For information on cost, accommodation and other facilities see the website:

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/linguistics/study/language-testing-summer-school/>

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