TRANSLATION - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
www.kent.edu/mcls

Examples of Possible Careers*
Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary
• 5.7% faster than the average
• 30,600 number of jobs
• $69,920 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators
• 20.0% much faster than the average
• 77,400 number of jobs
• $52,330 potential earnings

Contact Information
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• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
• Delivery:  
  • Fully online
  • In person
• Location:  
  • Kent Campus

Admission Terms
• Fall

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Master of Arts degree in Translation prepares students for careers in translation, language project management, international business and government.

The Translation major comprises the following concentrations:
• Arabic
• French
• German
• Japanese
• Russian
• Spanish

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
• Official transcript(s)
• Goal statement
• A CD or MP3/wav file with a five-minute oral sample in the applicant’s first and second languages (conversational, not read from a script)
• Writing sample(s) in applicant’s second language,¹ which should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the sample is original work and that the applicant received no help in its preparation
• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

¹ International applicants should also submit a writing sample in English.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Translate authentic, industry-relevant content, both general and domain-specific, using appropriate tools and approaches
2. Define and describe the roles and responsibilities of various language industry stakeholders and various forms of language service provision, and demonstrate an understanding of the basics of entrepreneurship and translation as a business
3. Engage in effective research and information retrieval for a variety of language industry-relevant tasks
4. Utilize a range of computer-assisted technologies, including machine translation, for language industry-relevant tasks and demonstrate an understanding of the place, benefits and limitations of those technologies in a given project scenario
5. Demonstrate an understanding of professional and ethical considerations in various project scenarios
6. Successfully communicate and mediate communication across languages and cultures in multilingual, multicultural contexts
7. Apply theory to inform and justify their decision-making
8. Critically reflect on their work and that of others

Program Requirements

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TRST 60010 THEORY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING 2
TRST 60011 TERMINOLOGY AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN TRANSLATION 3
TRST 60012 SOFTWARE LOCALIZATION 3

Major Electives or Second Concentration 12-14

Concentrations
Choose from the following: 11
Arabic
French
German
Japanese
Russian
Spanish

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36

1 Students may declare a second concentration or choose any graduate-level translation-related course in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies or other departments as appropriate and with prior approval from the graduate coordinator or from an advisor. Recommended electives include TRST 60013, TRST 60092 and TRST 60099.

Arabic Concentration Requirements

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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ARAB 67010 | THE PRACTICE OF ARABIC TRANSLATION | 2
ARAB 67240 | LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION | 3
ARAB 67250 | COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION | 3
ARAB 67251 | SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION | 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 11

French Concentration Requirements

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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FR 63010 | THE PRACTICE OF FRENCH TRANSLATION | 2
FR 63240 | LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION | 3
FR 63250 | COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION | 3
FR 63251 | SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION | 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 11

German Concentration Requirements

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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GER 61010 | THE PRACTICE OF GERMAN TRANSLATION | 2
GER 61240 | LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION | 3
GER 61250 | COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION | 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 11

Japanese Concentration Requirements

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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JAPN 65010 | THE PRACTICE OF JAPANESE TRANSLATION | 2
JAPN 65240 | LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION | 3
JAPN 65250 | COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION | 3
JAPN 65251 | SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION | 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 11

Russian Concentration Requirements

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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RUSS 62010 | THE PRACTICE OF RUSSIAN TRANSLATION | 2
RUSS 62240 | LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION | 3
RUSS 62250 | COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION | 3
RUSS 62251 | SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION | 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 11

Spanish Concentration Requirements

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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SPAN 68010 | THE PRACTICE OF SPANISH TRANSLATION | 2
SPAN 68240 | LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION | 3
SPAN 68250 | COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION | 3
SPAN 68251 | SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION | 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 11

Dual Degree with M.B.A. degree in Business Administration

Students have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.A. degree in Translation and the M.B.A. degree in Business Administration. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The Dual Degree with a M.B.A. degree in Business Administration and the M.A. degree in Translation is for students with a sufficient level of proficiency in a foreign language who wish to integrate a graduate business education with advanced translation training. This program is suitable for those whose career goals include assuming middle or executive management positions in international business or language industry enterprises or those interested in starting their own business in the language services industry.
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**Case Study in Translation, choose from the following:**
- FR 63979 CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION
- GER 61979 CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION
- JAPN 65979 CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION
- RUSS 62979 CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION
- SPAN 68979 CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION

**Additional Business or Translation Electives, choose from the following:**
- MIS 64042 GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY
- TRST 60012 SOFTWARE LOCALIZATION
- MIS 64271 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- TRST 60013 LANGUAGE PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- MCLS elective

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 61

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### Graduation Requirements

- Students in the M.A. Translation and M.B.A dual degree program must earn a total of 61-64 credit hours. There is a minimum requirement of 31-33 credit hours from the M.B.A. program and 30-33 credit hours from the M.A. in Translation. A minimum GPA of 3.0 must be maintained.
- The M.B.A. program should be initiated before 12 credit hours in the M.A. Translation program have been completed. The M.A. in Translation is awarded upon completion of the requirements of that degree. The M.B.A. is awarded upon completion of the joint M.B.A./M.A. Translation degree program.
- Actual offerings and schedules vary from year to year and MCLS and COBA jointly provide a pre-approved recommended course of study. Students who wish to take a different course of study need to obtain separate approvals from the MCLS and COBA graduate coordinators.