

TRANSLATION - M.A.

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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

Fully Offered At:

- Online
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- 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)
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 77 MELAB score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies 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. Critically examine translations based on objective and subjective criteria.
2. Translate text types of moderate difficulty in various domains from the source language into English.
3. Copy/edit their own work and that of others.
4. Articulate and defend translation choices based on a basic understanding of translation studies.
5. Identify distinguishing features of different text types that are meaningful for the translation act.
6. Research the subject matter of a text in appropriate resources.
7. Perform tasks at Intermediate High and Advanced Low levels of proficiency using the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Proficiency in ACTFL terms is understood to describe a range of qualities rather than an absolute norm and will vary according to task type, language function, topic and skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing).
8. Demonstrate knowledge of how to vary the register (formality level) of their speech.
9. Read somewhat longer and more complex prose that have been written for native speakers and not edited or adapted for students. They will be able to read a wide variety of text types such as poems, plays, novels, magazine articles, newspaper articles, brochures, pamphlets, menus and letters. Some texts they will understand completely; for others, they will be able to grasp the main idea and some or most details.
10. Compose routine social correspondence, take notes, write cohesive summaries and resumes, as well as narratives and descriptions in the target language.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
TRST 60001	GRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING IN TRANSLATION STUDIES	3
TRST 60009	DOCUMENTS IN MULTILINGUAL CONTEXTS	2
TRST 60010	THEORY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING	2
TRST 60011	TERMINOLOGY AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN TRANSLATION	3
TRST 60012	SOFTWARE LOCALIZATION	3
Major Electives ¹		9
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		14
Arabic		
French		
German		
Japanese		
Russian		

Spanish	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	36

¹ Students may 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.

Arabic Concentration Requirements

[MA-TRNS-ARAB]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
ARAB 67010	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
ARAB 67979	TRANSLATION CASE STUDY	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		14

French Concentration Requirements

[MA-TRNS-FR]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
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
FR 63979	CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		14

German Concentration Requirements

[MA-TRNS-GER]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
GER 61010	THE PRACTICE OF GERMAN TRANSLATION	2
GER 61240	LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION	3
GER 61250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	3
GER 61251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	3
GER 61979	CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		14

Japanese Concentration Requirements

[MA-TRNS-JAPN]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
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
JAPN 65979	CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		14

Russian Concentration Requirements

[MA-TRNS-RUSS]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
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
RUSS 62979	CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		14

Spanish Concentration Requirements

[MA-TRNS-SPAN]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
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
SPAN 68979	CASE STUDY IN TRANSLATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		14

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.

Dual Degree Requirements

[MBA-BAD-DMAA]
[MA-TRNS-DMAA]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
ACCT 63037	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ACCT 63038	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ECON 62021	GLOBAL CONDITIONS AND MACROECONOMICS POLICY	2
ECON 62022	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	2
FIN 66050	LAW AND ETHICS	2
FIN 66060	MANAGERIAL FINANCE	2
MIS 64005	ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING	2
MIS 64041	OPERATIONS, SERVICE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	2
MIS 64158	LEADERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL ASSESSMENT	2
MIS 64185	BUSINESS STRATEGY ¹	3
MIS 68051	BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT I	1
MKTG 65051	MARKETING MANAGEMENT	2
TRST 60001	GRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING IN TRANSLATION STUDIES	3
TRST 60010	THEORY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING	2
TRST 60011	TERMINOLOGY AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN TRANSLATION	3
TRST 60012	SOFTWARE LOCALIZATION	3
Second Language, Culture or other approved courses (3 credit hours if a culture or appropriate language course is used for International Elective below)		3-6
International Electives		
Translation, choose from the following:		2
FR 63010	THE PRACTICE OF FRENCH TRANSLATION	
GER 61010	THE PRACTICE OF GERMAN TRANSLATION	
JAPN 65010	THE PRACTICE OF JAPANESE TRANSLATION	
RUSS 62010	THE PRACTICE OF RUSSIAN TRANSLATION	
SPAN 68010	THE PRACTICE OF SPANISH TRANSLATION	
Commercial, Legal and Diplomatic Translation, choose from the following:		3
FR 63250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
GER 61250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
JAPN 65250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
RUSS 62250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
SPAN 68250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
Scientific, Technical and Medical Translation, choose from the following:		3
FR 63251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
GER 61251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
JAPN 65251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
RUSS 62251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
SPAN 68251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	

Case Study in Translation, choose from the following:		3
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:		12
MIS 64042	GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY	
or TRST 60012 SOFTWARE LOCALIZATION		
MIS 64271	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
or TRST 60013 LANGUAGE PROJECT MANAGEMENT		
MCLS elective ²		
Business electives		
International elective (either unit)		

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 61

- ¹ Or approved substitute including study abroad
² Minimum 3 credits must be taken from MCLS

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.