

# 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

Students in the Translation degree program are able to declare a dual degree program with the M.B.A. degree.

### FULLY OFFERED AT:

- Kent Campus

## Admission Requirements

- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- 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,<sup>1</sup> which should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the sample is original work and that the applicant received no help in its preparation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following (effective spring 2018):
  - 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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, skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing), and so forth.
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, letters, and so forth. 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. Additionally, they will be able to complete course-related writing tasks such as essays and term papers in the target language. They will be able to defend a thesis statement and make stylistic decisions based on the needs of specific audiences and on specific writing purposes.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

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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 <sup>1</sup>		9

#### Concentration Requirements

Choose from the following:	14
Arabic Concentration	
French Concentration	
German Concentration	
Japanese Concentration	
Russian Concentration	

## Spanish Concentration

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36

- <sup>1</sup> 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**

[AS-MA-TRNS-ARAB]

**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

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 14
**French Concentration Requirements**

[AS-MA-TRNS-FR]

**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

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 14
**German Concentration Requirements**

[AS-MA-TRNS-GER]

**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

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 14
**Japanese Concentration Requirements**

[AS-MA-TRNS-JAPN]

**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

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 14
**Russian Concentration Requirements**

[AS-MA-TRNS-RUSS]

**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

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 14
**Spanish Concentration Requirements**

[AS-MA-TRNS-SPAN]

**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

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 Minimum Total Credit Hours: 14