TRANSLATION STUDIES - PH.D.

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

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Fully Offered
- 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; national-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 Ph.D. degree in Translation Studies is a research-based program that provides advanced training in translation studies. The program focuses on translation research skills, specialized translation, computer-assisted terminology and translation, software localization and project management for the language industry. The program is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation for the development of key skills in humanistic translation and translation studies.

Admission Requirements

- Master’s degree in translation, a foreign language or in any other relevant discipline with prior experience or training in translation for unconditional admission
- Minimum senior-year 3.000 undergraduate GPA and/or minimum 3.500 graduate GPA for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Proficiency in a foreign language
- Goal statement
- Essay or writing sample (7-10 pages) from a research paper on any aspect of translation (or a prospectus for a translation studies project)
- 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 610 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 102 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 86 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 73 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test 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.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate broad knowledge across several areas in the field of translation studies, as well as in-depth knowledge in an area of expertise.
2. Demonstrate the ability to design and conduct original research.
3. Critically assess translation studies literature, as well as their own empirical and theoretical findings.
4. Communicate research findings effectively in written and spoken form.
5. Follow ethical guidelines for work in the field.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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TRST 80098  RESEARCH IN TRANSLATION STUDIES 2  30
or TRST 80199  DISSERTATION I

Seminar Electives, choose from the following: 3  6
TRST 80091  SEMINAR IN TRANSLATION STUDIES
TRST 80191  SEMINAR IN TRANSLATION INFORMATICS

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60

1  Entering students who do not demonstrate equivalent education or experience with the content of specific master’s level coursework may be required to take one or more prerequisite courses.

2  Each doctoral candidate, upon admission to candidacy, must register for TRST 80199 for a total of 30 credit hours. It is required that doctoral candidates continuously register for Dissertation I, and thereafter TRST 80299, each semester, until all requirements for the degree have been met. After passing the written examination, the student must present a detailed written proposal of his/her dissertation research. The dissertation focuses on original research. The dissertation topic must fall within one or more of the sub-fields in translation studies. The written dissertation is reviewed and approved by the research adviser and the dissertation advisory committee prior to scheduling a final defense before the committee.

3  Students must select a specialization via specific combination of elective seminars.