

# TRANSLATION - M.A.

## College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies  
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## About This Program

The Translation M.A. program equips students with the skills needed to become a professional translator or interpreter in various fields. With a focus on hands-on training and immersive experiences, students gain practical experience and work with experienced faculty. Read more...

## Contact Information

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Fully online
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### 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

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## 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,<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
- 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
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

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<sup>1</sup> International applicants should also submit a writing sample in English.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Priority deadline: January 1  
*Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.*

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
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 or Second Concentration <sup>1</sup>		12-14
<b>Concentrations</b>		
Choose from the following:		11
Arabic		
French		
German		
Japanese		
Russian		
Spanish		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>11</b>

## French Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>11</b>

## German Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>11</b>

## Japanese Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>11</b>

## Russian Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>11</b>

## Spanish Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>11</b>

## 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

## 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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
ACCT 63037	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ACCT 63038	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
BA 64005	ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING	2
BA 64041	OPERATIONS, SERVICE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	2
ECON 62021	MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS	2
ECON 62022	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	2
FIN 66050	LAW AND ETHICS	2
FIN 66060	MANAGERIAL FINANCE	2
MGMT 64158	LEADERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL ASSESSMENT	2
MGMT 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 or Culture Elective <sup>1</sup>		3-6
<b>International Electives</b>		
Translation Elective, 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 Elective, 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 Elective, 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 Elective, 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
CIS 64042	GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY	
HRM 64271	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
Business Courses		
MCLS Courses <sup>2</sup>		
International Courses (either unit)		
<i>Culminating Requirement</i>		
MGMT 64185	BUSINESS STRATEGY	3
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>61</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students may take another course or study abroad with approval. Students may complete this requirement with 3 credit hours if a culture or appropriate language course is used for one of the international electives below.

<sup>2</sup> Minimum 3 credits must be taken from the School of Modern and Classical Language Studies.

## 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 the two colleges 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 college graduate coordinators.

## Full 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