TRANSLATION STUDIES - PH.D.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

The Translation Studies Ph.D. program is designed for students who want to conduct research and contribute to the field of translation studies. With a blend of theoretical and practical knowledge, students will work with experienced faculty and have access to resources and opportunities to develop your skills. Read more...

Contact Information

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

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - 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

- Master's degree in translation, a foreign language or in any other relevant discipline with prior experience or training in translation
- Minimum senior-year 2.750 undergraduate GPA and/or minimum 3.500 graduate GPA
- 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
  - Minimum 102 TOEFL IBT score
  - Minimum 86 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 73 PTE score
  - Minimum 130 Duolingo English score

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Priority deadline: January 1
- **Spring Semester**
  - Priority deadline: October 1

Applications submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
TRST 70001	APPLIED LINGUISTICS AND TRANSLATION INFORMATICS	3
TRST 70002	THE LANGUAGE INDUSTRY	3
TRST 70003	TERMINOLOGY STUDIES	3
TRST 70004	TRANSLATION PEDAGOGY	3
TRST 70005	CURRENT TRENDS IN TRANSLATION STUDIES	3
TRST 70006	EMPIRICAL METHODS FOR TRANSLATION STUDIES	3
TRST 70007	CORPORA IN TRANSLATION	3
TRST 70008	TRANSLATION AND COGNITION	3
Translation Studies (TRST) Courses (70000-80000 level) [1]		6
Culminating Requirement		
TRST 80199	DISSERTATION I [2]	30
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**60**

[1] Students may elect to take doctoral courses from other departments as appropriate and with prior approval from the graduate coordinator and the student's advisor.

[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, students must present a detailed written proposal of their 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.

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.

Full 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.