

TRANSLATION AND MULTILINGUAL COMMUNICATION - MINOR

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

Turn your language skills into a powerful career advantage with the Translation and Multilingual Communication minor. You will gain hands-on experience with translation technology, cross-cultural communication and real-world applications that connect language, media and global industries. Whether you are just starting a new language or already multilingual, this minor helps you stand out in an increasingly interconnected world. Read more...

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Program Delivery

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

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Minor Requirements | | |
| MCLS 30420 | FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES | 3 |
| TRST 20009 | MULTILINGUAL INFORMATION LIFECYCLE | 3 |
| TRST 30230 | APPROACHES TO TRANSLATION | 3 |
| TRST 30330 | CROSS-LANGUAGE MEDIATION | 3 |
| Translation Elective, choose from the following: | | 3 |
| MCLS 40510 | INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING | |
| TRST 40091 | SEMINAR IN TRANSLATION STUDIES | |
| TRST 40095 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN TRANSLATION STUDIES | |
| TRST 40096 | INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION | |
| Minor Elective, choose from the following | | 3 |
| ARAB 37230 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: ARABIC | |
| ENG 20002 | INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL WRITING | |

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| ENG 30050 | WRITING AND RHETORIC IN A DIGITAL AGE |
| ENG 30053 | WRITING FOR VIDEO GAMES |
| ENG 30062 | PRINCIPLES OF TECHNICAL WRITING |
| ENG 30063 | PROFESSIONAL WRITING |
| FR 33230 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: FRENCH (WIC) |
| GER 31230 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: GERMAN (ELR) (WIC) |
| MCLS 40510 | INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING |
| MDJ 26001 | WRITING FOR MEDIA |
| PLST 28001 | LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING |
| RUSS 32230 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC) |
| SPAN 38230 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: SPANISH (ELR) (WIC) |
| SPAN 38303 | MEDICAL SPANISH TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING |
| TRST 40091 | SEMINAR IN TRANSLATION STUDIES |
| TRST 40095 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN TRANSLATION STUDIES |
| TRST 40096 | INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION |

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Minor GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
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| 2.000 | 2.000 |

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Define and describe concepts of language, culture, linguistics, semantics, theories of language, bilingualism, biculturalism and cultural adaptation.
2. Define, describe and practice cross-language mediation, cultural localization, audiovisual translation, accessible media translation, editing, revision and project management.
3. Define, describe and practice language industry quality and quality assessment standards.
4. Define, describe and fulfill the roles and responsibilities of various language industry stakeholders and various forms of language service provision.
5. Acquire technical skills with translation technology, including familiarity with computer-assisted translation (CAT) tools, machine translation (MT) systems and localization software.
6. Network with translation professionals, software developers and industry stakeholders to understand emerging, real-world opportunities for bridging technology and language services, fostering interdisciplinary innovation and developing language industry best practices.

Full Description

The Translation and Multilingual Communication minor prepares students for careers in the language industry and any global industry – such as business, communication, cybersecurity, diplomacy, education, health professions, hospitality, marketing, media production, politics and many more – in which a strong foundation in translation studies, translation technology and multilingual communication is advantageous and often necessary.

The Translation and Multilingual Communication minor is a great cornerstone for students at any level of proficiency in a second language (or additional language/s) who are interested in mediating between different languages and cultures, developing global literacy and honing their intercultural communication competencies.