

TRANSLATION - M.A.

College of Sciences and Humanities
 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...

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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 (one to two pages)

- MP3/WAV file with a five-minute oral sample in English (conversational, not read from a script)
- Writing sample (10 pages) in English, 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 - international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:¹
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score
- **Applicants to the Language concentration only:**
 - CD or MP3/WAV file with a five-minute oral sample in the language in which the applicant intends to concentrate (conversational, not read from a script)
 - Writing sample(s) in the language in which the applicant intends to concentrate, which should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the sample is original work and that the applicant received no help in its preparation

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

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

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
TRST 60009	INTRODUCTION TO TRANSLATION TECHNOLOGY	3
TRST 60010	THEORY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING	2
TRST 60011	TERMINOLOGY AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN TRANSLATION	3
TRST 60100	PRACTICE OF TRANSLATION	2
TRST 60630	CAREER PATHS IN THE LANGUAGE INDUSTRY	3
Major Electives, choose from the following: ¹		12-15
MCLS 50510	INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING	
Any Translation Studies (TRST) Graduate course (50000 level or higher) ²		
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		9-12
Language		
Technology and Multilingual Communication		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		37

¹ Students admitted to the Language concentration will complete 15 credit hours of electives. Students admitted to the Technology and Multilingual Communication concentration will complete 12 credit hours of electives.

² Maximum 3 credit hours each of TRST 60092 and TRST 60098 may be applied toward the degree.

Language Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
TRST 60040	LITERARY AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION	3
Language Electives, choose two courses in the same language from the following:		6
<i>Arabic Language</i>		
ARAB 67091	SEMINAR IN ARABIC TRANSLATION	
ARAB 67250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
ARAB 67251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
<i>French Language</i>		
FR 63091	SEMINAR IN FRENCH TRANSLATION	
FR 63250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
FR 63251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
<i>German Language</i>		
GER 61091	SEMINAR IN GERMAN TRANSLATION	
GER 61250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
GER 61251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
<i>Japanese Language</i>		
JAPN 65250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
JAPN 65251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
<i>Russian Language</i>		
RUSS 62091	SEMINAR IN RUSSIAN TRANSLATION	
RUSS 62250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
RUSS 62251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
<i>Spanish Language</i>		
SPAN 68091	SEMINAR IN SPANISH TRANSLATION	
SPAN 68250	COMMERCIAL, LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC TRANSLATION	
SPAN 68251	SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL TRANSLATION	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9

Technology and Multilingual Communication Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
Concentration Electives, choose from the following: ¹		12
<i>Emerging Media Specialization</i>		

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EMAT 51000	RESPONSIVE WEB DESIGN
EMAT 52210	WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT
EMAT 60010	FOUNDATIONS OF EMERGING MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY
EMAT 60310	CREATIVE CODING FUNDAMENTALS
EMAT 62110	INTERACTIVE DATA
EMAT 60999	PROJECTS IN EMERGING MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY
<i>Global Security Specialization</i>	
CRIM 56800	INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY
CRIM 56801	HOMELAND SECURITY
CRIM 56802	TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM
CRIM 56803	INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY
<i>International Business Specialization</i>	
CIS 64042	GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY
MGMT 64184	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
MGMT 64275	GLOBAL STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
MKTG 65054	INTERNATIONAL MARKETING
<i>Multidisciplinary Approaches Specialization</i>	
Any Translation Studies (TRST) Graduate course (60000 level)	
Courses from any of the specializations	
<i>Technology Specialization</i>	
BA 64060	FUNDAMENTALS OF MACHINE LEARNING
CS 61002	ALGORITHMS AND PROGRAMMING I
CS 61003	ALGORITHMS AND PROGRAMMING II
MCLS 50510	INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING
<i>User Experience Specialization</i>	
UX 60501	INTRODUCTION TO USER EXPERIENCE
UX 60502	USER EXPERIENCE PROCESSES AND PRACTICE
UX 60503	FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERACTION DESIGN
UX 60511	INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE FUNDAMENTALS
UX 60521	DATA-DRIVEN INTERACTION FUNDAMENTALS
UX 60541	USER EXPERIENCE EVALUATION FUNDAMENTALS

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12

¹ Students will select a specialization with prior approval from the graduate coordinator or from an advisor. Courses listed under the specializations are recommended, not required. Students completing fewer than 12 credit hours for their specialization will complete additional electives to meet the required 37 credit hours for the degree.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Roadmaps Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. 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.
2. Engage in effective research and information retrieval for a variety of language industry-relevant tasks.
3. 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.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of professional and ethical considerations in various project scenarios.
5. Successfully communicate and mediate communication across languages and cultures in multilingual, multicultural contexts.
6. Apply theory to inform and justify their decision making.
7. Critically reflect on their work and that of others.

Graduates of the Language concentration will be able to:

1. Translate authentic, industry-relevant content, both general and domain-specific, using appropriate tools and approaches.

Graduates of the Technology and Multilingual Communication concentration will be able to:

1. Emerging media specialization: Utilize emerging media and technology tools for localization purposes, including machine translation, artificial intelligence-driven localization and virtual reality simulations.
2. Global security specialization: Utilize translation techniques and security strategies to address real-world challenges in international contexts, effectively bridging language barriers and enhancing global security measures.
3. International business specialization: Apply localization techniques and international business principles to develop market-specific strategies for global expansion; consider linguistic, cultural and economic factors; and prepare to lead multinational teams and navigate complex global markets with confidence — leveraging localization expertise and international business acumen to drive organizational growth and success.
4. Multidisciplinary approaches specialization: Synthesize at least two of the other specialization outcomes toward their specific career goals.
5. Technology specialization: Acquire advanced technical skills in translation technology, including proficiency in computer-assisted translation tools, machine translation systems and localization software.
6. User experience specialization: Apply localization strategies and user experience design principles to create user-centric products and services tailored to diverse cultural and linguistic contexts.

Dual Degree with Master of 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
Major Requirements		
ACCT 63037	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ACCT 63038	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
BA 64005	ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING	2
BA 64026	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
HRM 64271	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	2
MGMT 64158	LEADERSHIP	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 AND WEBSITE LOCALIZATION	3
Second Language or Culture Elective ¹		3-6
<i>International Electives</i>		
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:	9
Any Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship Graduate-Level Course (except for CIS 64042)	
Any Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies Graduate-Level Course ²	
International Courses (either unit)	
<i>Culminating Requirement</i>	
MGMT 64399 BUSINESS STRATEGY	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	60

- The **Language** concentration provides students with an in-depth focus on one language.
- The **Technology and Multilingual Communication** concentration allows students to specialize in such areas as global security, emerging media, international business and user experience.

¹ 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.

² Minimum 3 credits must be taken from the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies.

Graduation Requirements

- Students in the M.A. Translation and M.B.A dual degree program must earn a minimum 60 total credit hours. There is a minimum requirement of 26 credit hours from the M.B.A. program and 28 credit hours from the M.A. in Translation, with the remaining 6 credit hours to be from either program.
- A minimum 3.000 GPA 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, government and any globalizing industry.

The Translation major comprises the following concentrations: