

Translation, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in translation requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 33 s.h. of work for the major. A minimum of 21 s.h. for the major must be earned at the University of Iowa. Coursework in the major may not be taken pass/nonpass. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Students are encouraged to declare the major as early as possible, especially if they intend to pursue an additional major or minor. Active proficiency in a second language is required for the major; most students who successfully complete the major will need at least 6 s.h. of additional coursework beyond fourth-level proficiency in language study.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department or a major and a minor from the same department may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

Students who earn a BA in translation may not earn a minor in translation for global literacy.

The major in translation prepares students to translate from another language into English or vice versa in a variety of fields such as literary, legal, medical, or technical translation. All students should tailor their plan of study to their experience and objectives. Students interested in the major should meet with a faculty member associated with the major program as soon as possible to develop an individualized plan of study.

Courses listed in two or more categories may only be used toward one requirement.

The BA with a major in translation requires the following coursework.

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Gateway and Foundation Courses	12
Workshops	6
Seminar	3
Electives	6
Outreach and Engagement	3
Capstone	3
Language Proficiency	

Gateway and Foundation Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
TRNS:1240/ CLSA:1040	World Literature in Translation I	3
TRNS:1241	World Literature: 1700 to Present	3
All of these:		
TRNS:2000	Translation and Global Society	3
TRNS:2578	Translation in the Humanities: Modes and Approaches	3
TRNS:3001	Reading for Translation: Text Analysis	3

Workshops

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
TRNS:3179/ CLSA:3979/ ENGL:3850	Undergraduate Translation Workshop	3
One of these:		
ARAB:3060	Introduction to Arabic-English Translation	3
CHIN:3201/ TRNS:3202	Workshop in Chinese Literary Translation	3
CLSL:3200/ CLSG:3200/ TRNS:3205	Literary Translation Workshop in Ancient Greek and Latin	3
ENGL:4724	Advanced Writers' Seminar: Literary Translation	3
FREN:3232/ TRNS:3232	French Literary Translation Workshop	3
IWP:5205/ TRNS:5210	International Translation Workshop	3
JPNS:3201/ TRNS:3201	Workshop in Japanese Literary Translation	3
KORE:3200	Introduction to Korean-English Translation	3
SPAN:3030	Translation Workshop: English to Spanish	3
SPAN:3050	Translation Workshop: Spanish to English	3
WLLC:3208/ ASIA:3208/ CHIN:3208/ TRNS:3208	Classical Chinese Literature Through Translation	3

Seminar

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
TRNS:4040	Topics in Translation	3-4
TRNS:4470	Translating Style	3

Electives

Students earn 6 s.h. in electives chosen from a list of approved courses in consultation with a faculty advisor. Many different courses can be used to satisfy the electives requirement. The same section of TRNS:4040 Topics in

Translation may not be used for both the seminar and electives requirements.

The following are examples of possible electives.

Course #	Title	Hours
ARAB:2012	Modern Palestinian Literature and Culture	3
ARTH:1020	Masterpieces: Art in Historical and Cultural Perspectives	3
ASIA:1510/ CHIN:1510/ WLLC:1510	Ghost Stories and Tales of the Weird in Premodern Chinese Literature	3
FREN:1006	Global Sports and National Cultures	3
GRMN:2275	Scandinavian Crime Fiction	3
IS:2000	Introduction to International Studies	3
JPNS:3208	Japanese Film	3
RUSS:1531	Slavic Folklore	3
SPAN:2050	Spanish in the United States	3
TRNS:1777/ ARAB:1777/ FREN:1777/ GRMN:1777/ ITAL:1777/ SWAH:1777/ WLLC:1777	Language Work in the Age of AI: The Products and the Poetry	3
TRNS:4040	Topics in Translation	3-4

Outreach and Engagement

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
TRNS:3491	Translation Internship	3
Internship or study abroad experience, approved by the translation program		3

Capstone

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
TRNS:4500/ ITAL:4500	Undergraduate Capstone Project	3
Language-specific capstone related to translation in the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures or the Department of Spanish and Portuguese		3

Language Proficiency

Students are required to have language proficiency in the world language from which the student plans to translate, demonstrated by successfully completing an advanced course taught in that language: either a course numbered 4000 or above or a course at the highest level available in that language at the University of Iowa. With the consent of the advisor, exceptions can be made for transfer courses or independent study to meet the language proficiency requirement.

The following are possible choices.

Course #	Title	Hours
ARAB:3012	Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II	3

CHIN:4103	Fourth-Year Chinese: Society and Culture	3
CHIN:4104	Fourth-Year Chinese: Tradition and Change	3
CLSG:3001	Advanced Greek I	3
CLSG:3002	Advanced Greek II	3
CLSL:3001	Advanced Latin I	3
CLSL:3002	Advanced Latin II	3
FREN:4007	Topics in French Linguistics	3
FREN:4020	Oral Expression in French II	3
FREN:4080	Post-Colonial Literature in France	3
FREN:4090	Quebec Literature	3
FREN:4110	Francophone Studies: Literature and the Arts	3
FREN:4750	Topics in French Studies II	3
GRMN:3104	Composition and Conversation II	3
GRMN:3501	German Writers Engaged	3
GRMN:3855	The Sounds of German	3
GRMN:3860/ LING:3860	German Language and Society	3
ITAL:4660/ TRNS:4660	Transcultural Texts and Translations	3
ITAL:4667	Modern Italian Fiction	3
JPNS:4001	Fourth-Year Japanese I	3
JPNS:4002	Fourth-Year Japanese II	3
KORE:3102	Third-Year Korean: Second Semester	3
RUSS:3112	Third-Year Russian II	4
SPAN:4150	Introduction to Spanish Syntax	3
SPAN:4170	Second Language Acquisition	3
SPAN:4390/ LAS:4390	Topics in Spanish American Literature	3
SPAN:4690	Topics in Spanish Literature	3
SWAH:3007	Advanced Swahili	3

Related Majors and Programs

Translation majors can pursue second degrees or certificates in programs that emphasize language proficiency, writing arts, and international and global inquiry such as ancient civilization, creative writing, global health, international business, international relations, international studies, screenwriting, world language education, and world languages, literatures, and cultures.