TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING

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Major: Translation and Interpreting

Graduate Degree Programs

The Center for Translation Studies in the School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Arts in Translation and Interpreting. Candidates for the master's degree may specialize in Translation for the Professions, Literary and Applied Literary Translation, or Conference and Community Interpreting. Campus-based and online programs are available.

Admission

To be considered for admission to the Master's Program in Translation and Interpreting, the candidate should have an undergraduate major in languages, linguistics, international studies, area studies, or a related field. Applicants must have command of one or preferably two languages in addition to English and must meet the minimum admissions requirements of the Graduate College.

Language Requirement

Students must have native or near-native proficiency in English and at least one other language supported by the program. Preference will be given to applications with two other languages in addition to English. Language A (native language) should be at ILR5; Language B should be at or above ILR 3-4; language C should be at or above ILR 2-3. Definitions of ILR levels can be found at: www.govtir.org

Application Procedure

Applicants should apply online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply) and submit:

- A 500 word written statement of purpose in English that describes your background, your language and cross-cultural experience and your professional goals. We are interested in details about you that relate to your goal of becoming a translator or interpreter.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Resume or CV.
- Transcripts (with English translations, if applicable) showing all undergraduate and graduate courses taken and grades received. Transcripts received from foreign institutions should be accompanied by a Certificate of Degree or Diploma.
- All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit the score report of their TOEFL IBT or IELTS as evidence of their English proficiency. Applicants should have ETS send TOEFL score reports to institution code #1836. IELTS score reports can be uploaded directly to the online application. Scores required for admission to this program are at least 103 total on the TOEFL with a speaking sub-section minimum score of 24 or scores greater than 6.5 total and 6 or higher in all sub-sections on the IELTS with a speaking sub-section minimum score of 8. (See www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04C)
- A 5-7 minute oral statement of purpose (audio-file) in the student’s second language. International students whose primary language is not English should submit two oral statements: one in English and one in the language for which they are applying. (Send an mp3 or wma file-50 mb or smaller-as an email attachment to slclgradservices@illinois.edu.
- An online test of language and translation proficiency. The test will be administered by the University of Illinois through its Online and Continuing Education Secure Online Testing System. Details will be provided to applicants once their file is complete.

Financial Aid

Since this is a self-supporting program, no financial aid that provides tuition waivers, such as Assistantships or Fellowships, is available from the Center or the University. Students may seek funding from FAFSA and personal loans, student employment, outside grants, and employers.

Campus-Based Program

Master of Arts in Translation and Interpreting (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/translation-interpreting/ma-trst)

Online Program

Master of Arts in Translation and Interpreting - Online (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/translation-interpreting/ma-trst-online)

Online Program

Students working online will take two 4-credit hour courses per semester that will be offered sequentially, for eight weeks each. The courses will be asynchronous. Interaction with the instructor and other students will be required and facilitated through the state-of-the-art course delivery platform. Online students are required to keep pace with the course schedule. The requirements are the same (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/translation-interpreting/ma-trst-online) as for the campus-based program.