

Master of Arts in Translation and Interpreting

(This new degree was approved by the CSULB Academic Senate on April 9, 2026, approved by the President on April 13, 2026, approved by the CSU Chancellor's Office on June 30, 2026, and the decision was delivered to the campus by the Chancellor's Office on August 14, 2026.)

The MA in Translation and Interpreting prepares professionals for current and emerging markets within the language services industry. With equal grounding in technical training and foundational skills, the MA offers a common core emphasizing language technologies and disciplinary fundamentals, along with specialized training and applied research in two distinct tracks: translation and interpreting. The 36-unit program emphasizes ethical practices and intercultural communication and culminates in either a master's thesis or project.

Admission Requirements

- Satisfy the university requirements for graduate admission
- A BA or BS degree in any field
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher from your baccalaureate degree
- Advanced proficiency (minimum C1 level) in English and in your primary language of translation specialization
- Knowledge of a third language at an intermediate level (B1–B2 level) of proficiency is desirable

Common Core (21 units)

Complete the following courses:

- TRST 500: Theory and Practice of Translation and Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 551: Audiovisual Translation: Subtitling (3 units)
- TRST 601: Translation and Interpreting Technologies (3 units)
- TRST 610: Professional Standards and Workflows in Translation and Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 696: Research Methods (3 units)
- TRST 698: Thesis (3 units; taken twice for a total of 6 units)

Translation Track (15 units)

Complete the following courses (9 units):

- TRST 553: Audiovisual Translation: Dubbing (3 units)
- TRST 540: Specialized Translation (3 units)
- TRST 552: Localization (3 units)

Translation Track Electives – Complete 6 units from the following:

- TRST 510: Digital Tools for Literary Translation (3 units)
- TRST 535: Psycholinguistics of Translation and Bilingualism (3 units)

- TRST 554: Access Services (3 units; course activation expected in Fall 2027)
- TRST 594: Internship (3 units)
- TRST 599: Directed Study (1–3 units)
- LING 501: Corpus Linguistics (3 units)
- LING 522: Discourse Analysis (3 units)
- ENGL 523: Semantics (3 units)
- FREN 560: The Art of Translation (3 units)
- ITAL 560: Exploring Italian Translation (3 units)
- RGR 603: Theory and Practice of Literary Translation (3 units)

Interpreting Track (15 units)

Complete the following courses (9 units):

- TRST 560: Skills for Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 561: Consecutive Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 562: Simultaneous Interpreting (3 units)

Interpreting Track Electives – Complete 6 units from the following:

- TRST 563: Medical Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 564: Legal Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 565: Community Interpreting (3 units)
- TRST 566: Educational Interpreting (3 units; course activation expected in Fall 2027)
- TRST 594: Internship (3 units)
- TRST 599: Directed Study (1–3 units)
- LING 522: Discourse Analysis (3 units)
- ENGL 523: Semantics (3 units)

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2027

Academic Plan Code: RGR_MA05PB

CSU Major Code: 11013

CIP Code: 16.0103

Career: Master's

College: College of Liberal Arts

Department: Romance, German, Russian Languages, and Literatures

Summer Requirement: No mandatory summer requirement.

Delivery: Face-to-Face

Support: State Supported