Translation Studies (Graduate Certificate)

This program's name has changed effective Fall 2020. The previous name was Literary Translation Studies.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Literary Translation Studies (Certificate)

The graduate certificate in translation studies is a transdisciplinary program offering coursework that provides intensive engagement of students in translation practice, investigation of issues related to the cultural role of the translator and translation, studies in the variety of theoretical approaches to translation in the 20th and 21st centuries, and studies in transhistorical and cross-cultural theories of translation.

These areas of emphasis enable students to gain expertise in practical and theoretical knowledge of the field of literary translation and to engage in developing new models for the practice of translation today. The program offers interested students the opportunity to develop an understanding of intercultural intersections and transdisciplinary approaches to the practice of translation and advanced training and mentorship in what is one of the most globally relevant fields in the 21st-century.

At a Glance

• College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours including an applied project course (ENG 593 or SLC 593).

Required Core (6 credit hours)
ENG 550 Translation (3)
SLC 551 Global Approaches to Translation (3)

Electives (6 credit hours)
Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
ENG 593 Applied Project (3) or SLC 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
For electives, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. writing sample
4. personal statement
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the U.S. on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

The personal statement should be no more than two pages and should summarize past educational experiences and goals in pursuing a graduate certificate.
Applicants should have knowledge of a language other than English, a minimum of six semesters of a second language, or the equivalent (for example, advanced placement in high school). Applicants who have passed a language proficiency exam achieving an advanced level in the target language may also apply.

As a prerequisite for taking SLC 551 Global Approaches to Translation (3), all students must attain an advanced level in reading and writing (equivalent of advanced American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages requirements, approximately equivalent to six semesters of undergraduate study) as measured by a written exam in the target language (i.e., French, German, Italian, Spanish). Students should refer to the ACTFL guidelines (https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012).

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