
Being the first and most complete BA program in Spanish Translation and Interpreting in the State of Texas, the program scope is to help future practitioners of the art and science of Translation and Interpreting to play a vital role in shaping the global society of the 21st century. The program will contribute to the development of analytical skills, cultural literacy, linguistic competence, and professionalism, skills needed for superior translators and interpreters. In addition to course offerings in Modern Languages, the program encourages students to complete a thorough translation and interpreting curriculum that matches the standard international requirements, which also consists of a combination of three operational languages.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 45 HOURS (36 advanced)

SPAN 2313 Spanish for Bilinguals I
SPAN 2315 Spanish for Bilinguals II
SPAN 2389 Academic Cooperative (English/Spanish Translation)
SPAN 3300 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I
SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition II

Choose one:

ENGL 3342 Technical Communication
ENGL 3343 Business Communication
ENGL 4344 Writing for Lawyers

TRSP/SPAN 3342 Advanced Spanish to English Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3343 Advanced English to Spanish Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3344 Advanced Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I

Choose one:

TRSP/SPAN 3346 Business Spanish
TRSP/SPAN 3348 Advanced Spanish for Healthcare Professionals II

TRSP/SPAN 4342 Interpreting
TRSP/SPAN 4344 Legal Translation

Choose one:

TRSP/SPAN 4347 Translation Technologies
TRSP/SPAN 4341 Advanced Spanish Composition for the Health Professions

TRSP/SPAN 4346 Commercial Translation
TRSP/SPAN 4349 Capstone Project/Mini-thesis

C – RESTRICTED ELECTIVES – 9 HOURS (6 advanced)

Choose any advanced TRSP course(s) or any of the following:

SPAN 2316 Comparative Grammar on English and Spanish
SPAN/TRSP 2342 Spanish for Legal Environments and Public Administration
SPAN/TRSP 2344 Spanish for Business Administration
SPAN 2387 Introduction to World Literature I in Spanish
SPAN 2388 Introduction to World Literature II in Spanish
SPAN 3302 Creative Writing in Spanish
TRSP/SPAN 4345 Topics in Translation (can be taken 3 times as topic varies)
TRSP/SPAN 4348 Sociolinguistics and Latino Health
COMM 3316 Intercultural Communication
COMM 3312 Difficult Dialogues for Valuing Diversity
BLAW 3337 Business Law I
ENGL 3309 Introduction to Cultural Studies
ENGL 3340 Survey Rhetorical Theory
ENGL 3342 Technical Communication
ENGL 3343 Business Communication
ENGL 3344 Advanced Composition
ENGL 3346 Writing and Culture
ENGL 3362 English Grammar
ENGL 3370 Language and Culture
ENGL 4344 Writing for Lawyers

ENGL 4362 Contrastive Grammar
FREN 3330 French-English Translation
FREN 4330 English-French Translation
INTB 3331 International Law
SPAN 3311 Spanish Phonology and Phonetics
SPAN 4311 Spanish in Social Context

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 24 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2017-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.