
As the first and most complete BA program in Spanish Translation and Interpreting in the State of Texas, the program aims 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 contributes to the development of the analytical skills, cultural literacy, linguistic competence, and professionalism that are needed by superior translators and interpreters. In addition to course offerings in English and Spanish, the program requires students to complete a thorough translation and interpreting curriculum designed for training translators and interpreters for today's world.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 42 HOURS (33 advanced)

1 – Translation Core – 18 Hours (15 advanced)

SPAN 2389 Academic Cooperative (English/Spanish Translation)
TRSP/SPAN 3342 Advanced Spanish to English Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3343 Advanced English to Spanish Translation
TRSP/SPAN 4342 Interpreting
TRSP/SPAN 4347 Translation Technologies
TRSP/SPAN 4349 Capstone Project/Mini-thesis

2 – Grammar/Linguistic Core – 12 Hours (6 advanced)

SPAN 2313 Spanish for Heritage Language Learners II
SPAN 2315 Spanish for Heritage Language Learners III
ENGL 3361 Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics
ENGL 3362 English Grammar

3 – Writing Core – 12 Hours (12 advanced)

SPAN 3300 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I
SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition II
Choose two:
ENGL 3342 Technical Communication
ENGL 3343 Business Communication
TRSP/SPAN 3346 Business Spanish

C – RESTRICTED ELECTIVES – 18 HOURS (9 advanced)

Choose six courses of the following, at least three of which must be advanced:

SPAN 2316 Comparative Grammar on English and Spanish
SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I
SPAN 3302 Creative Writing in Spanish
SPAN 3310 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
SPAN 3311 Spanish Phonology & Phonetics
SPAN 4310 Spanish Applied Linguistics
TRSP/SPAN 4345 Topics in Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3346 Business Spanish
ENGL 3340 Survey Rhetorical Theory
ENGL 3344 Advanced Composition
ENGL 3351 Creative Writing I
ENGL 3352 Creative Non-Fiction
ENGL 3370 Language and Culture
ENGL 4344 Writing for Lawyers
ENGL 4361 Modern English Syntax
ENGL 4362 Contrastive Grammar

D – FREE ELECTIVES/MINOR – 18 HOURS

Students have the option of selecting 18 credit hours of free electives or of choosing a minor. Students are encouraged to choose a minor. Any of the following minors is suggested: Legal Studies, Health, Economics, Communication Studies, Communication, Criminal Justice, English as a Second Language Instruction, English, French Language, Literature & Culture, Mass Communication, Medical Humanities, Political Science, and Public Administration.

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 2018-2019 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.