

**Initiation to specialized translation B-A
(German-Spanish)**

Code: 101351
ECTS Credits: 5

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500249 Translation and Interpreting	OB	3	2

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

Prerequisites

At the beginning of the course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate that they know and understand the basic methodological principles governing translation, the basic professional and instrumental aspects and the basic contrastive problems of the language combination.
- Apply this knowledge to solving translation problems in a range of non-specialised texts with different text functions, which reflect linguistic variation and cultural references.
- Combine different areas of knowledge when taking decisions about questions related to translating a range of non-specialised texts with different text functions, which reflect linguistic variation and cultural references.
- Convey information, ideas, problems and solutions relating to translating a range of nonspecialised texts with different text functions, which reflect linguistic variation and cultural references.

Note for exchange students. Students wishing to take this course should have B2+/C1 skills in this language combination. Contact course coordinator for more specific details concerning eligibility.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The purpose of this course is to develop problem-solving skills when translating basic specialised texts from a range of fields (scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal).

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the basic methodological principles governing translation, professional and instrumental aspects and the contrastive problems for this language combination.
- Apply this knowledge to solving translation problems in basic specialised scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal texts.
- Combine different areas of knowledge when taking decisions about questions related to translating basic specialised scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal texts.

- Convey information, ideas, problems and solutions relating to translating basic specialised scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal texts.

Competences

- Applying cultural knowledge in order to translate.
- Learning in a strategic, independent and continuous manner.
- Mastering the main methodological principles of translation.
- Producing written texts in language A in order to translate.
- Solving translation problems from different specialisation fields (legal, financial, scientific, technical, literary, audiovisual texts, localization).
- Solving translation problems of non-specialised texts.
- Understanding written texts in a foreign language in order to translate.
- Understanding written texts in language A in order to translate.
- Using documentation resources in order to translate.
- Using technological resources in order to translate.

Learning Outcomes

1. Applying lexical, morphosyntactic, textual, rhetorical and linguistic variation related knowledge: Applying graphical, lexical, morphosyntactic, textual, rhetorical and linguistic variation related knowledge.
2. Applying technological resources in order to solve translation problems: Applying technological resources in order to solve translation problems of scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
3. Applying technological resources of collection, preparation and analysis of information in order to translate: Applying the technological resources of collection, preparation and analysis of information in order to translate basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
4. Applying the documentation resources in order to solve translation problems: Applying the documentation resources in order to translate basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative, and legal specialised written texts.
5. Assessing the obtained results in the information retrieval process in order to translate: Assessing the obtained results in the information retrieval process in order to translate basic scientific technical, economic, administrative, and legal specialised written texts.
6. Comprehending the communicative purpose and sense of written texts of several fields: Comprehending the communicative purpose and sense of basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative, and legal specialised written texts.
7. Finding the most appropriate translation solution in each case: Finding the most appropriate translation solution in each case.
8. Formulating the appropriate informative needs in order to translate: Formulating the proper informational needs in order to translate basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
9. Identifying the existing (digital and analogue) information sources in order to translate: Identifying the existing (digital and analogue) information sources in order to translate basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
10. Identifying the need to mobilise cultural knowledge in order to translate: Identifying the need to mobilise cultural knowledge in order to translate basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
11. Identifying the specific translation problems of each field: Identifying the specific translation problems of each field.
12. Identifying the textual and dynamic nature of the translation equivalence: Identifying the textual and dynamic nature of the translation equivalence.
13. Identifying the translation as an act of communication that is addressed to a recipient: Identifying the translation as an act of communication that is addressed to a recipient.

14. Implementing strategies in order to produce written texts of different fields and with specific communicative purposes: Implementing strategies in order to produce simple scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
15. Implementing strategies in order to understand written texts from different fields: Implementing strategies in order to comprehend basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
16. Implementing strategies to acquire cultural knowledge in order to translate: Implementing strategies to acquire cultural knowledge in order to translate basic scientific, technical, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
17. Incorporating cultural knowledge in order to solve translation problems: Incorporating cultural knowledge in order to solve translation problems of basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
18. Learning in a strategic, independent and continuous manner: Relating knowledge between disciplines.
19. Learning in a strategic, independent and continuous manner: Searching for documentary evidence in order to provide more information.
20. Producing written texts that are appropriate to their context and possess linguistic correctness: Producing basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts, that are appropriate to their context and possess linguistic correctness.
21. Solving interferences between the working languages: Solving interferences between the working languages.
22. Students must demonstrate they know the technological resources needed to translate: Students must demonstrate they know the technological resources in order to edit basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.
23. Successfully interrogating the documentation sources in order to translate: Successfully interrogating the documentation sources in order to translate basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised texts.
24. Using the appropriate strategies and techniques in order to solve translation problems: Using the appropriate strategies and techniques in order to solve translation problems of basic scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal specialised written texts.

Content

- Solving translation problems in administrative texts, e.g. academic certificates, registry office documents, etc.
- Solving translation problems in legal texts, e.g. laws, judgments, contracts, notarial records, etc.
- Solving translation problems in economic texts, e.g. annual reports on accounts, financial reports, etc.
- Solving translation problems in technical texts, e.g. technical press articles, technical journal articles, teaching manuals, technical encyclopaedia entries, technical descriptions for non-experts, instruction manuals, etc.
- Solving translation problems in scientific texts, e.g. scientific press articles, teaching manuals, scientific encyclopaedia entries, scientific journal articles, etc.
- Use of technological tools and sources of documentation for the translation of specialised texts.
- Use of dictionaries, glossaries, specialised databases and specialised parallel texts.

Methodology

- Translation exercises, summaries
- Solving translation problems
- Cooperative learning
- Use of Virtual Campus tools
- Use of technological and multimedia resources
- Lectures on theoretical aspects of each specialised area
- Individual and group work

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classes of contents and methodology of specialized translation and exposition of theoretical subjects of the field of specialization	15	0.6	16, 19, 8, 11, 10, 13
Solving exercises, individual and group work	8	0.32	1, 4, 15, 19, 6, 8, 12, 11, 13, 17, 7, 24
Translation activities	19	0.76	1, 4, 16, 15, 14, 19, 5, 6, 22, 8, 11, 10, 13, 9, 17, 23, 20, 21, 7, 24
Type: Supervised			
Documentation research	14	0.56	1, 4, 3, 16, 19, 8, 11, 10
Exercices	10	0.4	1, 19, 8, 12, 11, 10, 24
Student folder	14	0.56	1, 10, 21
Translation exercises and summaries	30	1.2	1, 3, 2, 19, 6, 22, 8, 11, 10, 13, 9, 21
Type: Autonomous			
Extension of knowledge	15	0.6	1, 14, 19, 18, 17, 20, 21

Assessment

Translation exercises

Various individual and group translation exercises will be assigned during the course (the exact number will be determined by the lecturer and will vary depending on the dynamics of the course). The nature (individual or group activity) of such exercises and their deadlines will be specified in the schedule. Work submitted after deadlines will not be accepted under any circumstances. Exercises must be submitted in the format specified in class.

The lecturer will indicate any special conditions related to the submission of work applicable to exchange students from foreign universities.

All information on assessment, assessment activities and their weighting is merely a guide. The subject's lecturer will provide full information when teaching begins.

Review

When publishing final marks prior to recording them on students' transcripts, the lecturer will provide written notification of a date and time for reviewing assessment activities. Students must arrange reviews in agreement with the lecturer.

Missed/failed assessment activities

Students may retake assessment activities they have failed or compensate for any they have missed, provided that those they have actually performed account for a minimum of 66.6% (two thirds) of the subject's final mark and that they have a weighted average mark of at least 3.5. Under no circumstances may an assessment activity worth 100% of the final mark be retaken or compensated for.

The lecturer will inform students of the procedure involved, in writing, when publishing final marks prior to recording them on transcripts. The lecturer may set one assignment per failed or missed assessment activity or a single assignment to cover a number of such activities.

Classification as "not assessable"

In the event of the assessment activities a student has performed accounting for just 25% or less of the subject's final mark, their work will be classified as "not assessable" on their transcript.

Misconduct in assessment activities

Students who engage in misconduct (plagiarism, copying, personation, etc.) in an assessment activity will receive a mark of "0" for the activity in question. In the case of misconduct in more than one assessment activity, the students involved will be given a final mark of "0" for the subject.

Students may not retake assessment activities in which they are found to have engaged in misconduct. Plagiarism is considered to mean presenting all or part of an author's work, whether published in print or in digital format, as one's own, i.e. without citing it. Copying is considered to mean reproducing all or a substantial part of another student's work. In cases of copying in which it is impossible to determine which of two students has copied the work of the other, both will be penalised.

IMPORTANT

If a student has a valid reason for being unable to attend classes regularly, they must contact the lecturer personally during the first weeks of the course, or it will not be possible for them to take the final exam and pass the subject.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Class participation	15%	0	0	1, 19, 18, 6, 10, 9, 20, 21, 7
Individual and/or group work in legal-administrative / scientific-technical / humanistic translation	35%	0	0	1, 3, 2, 16, 15, 14, 19, 18, 6, 22, 8, 12, 11, 10, 13, 9, 17, 23, 21, 7, 24
Legal-administrative translation	25%	0	0	1, 4, 3, 2, 16, 15, 14, 19, 5, 6, 22, 8, 11, 10, 13, 17, 7, 24
Scientific-technical translation	25%	0	0	1, 4, 3, 15, 14, 19, 18, 6, 22, 8, 12, 11, 10, 13, 9, 17, 23, 20, 21, 7, 24

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<http://www.unwortdesjahres.org/>
<http://www.periodicals.com/s/index.html>
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