

Translation B-A 1 (German-Catalan)

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Prerequisites

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

- Show that they know and understand the basic methodological principles governing translation, its professional aspects, basic instrumentals, and the main contrastive problems encountered in this linguistic combination.
- Apply this knowledge to solving basic translation problems in a variety of non-specialised texts written in standard language.

Note for exchange students: Students taking this course should have Upper Intermediate / Advanced language skills in the language combination. See instructor for more specific details concerning eligibility.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objective of the course is to introduce students to solving translation problems in different types of non-specialised texts (narrative, descriptive, conceptual, argumentative and instructive texts) written in standard language.

Competences

- Producing written texts in language A in order to translate.
- Solving translation problems of non-specialised texts.
- Understanding written texts in a foreign language 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 and textual basic knowledge.

2. Applying the documentation resources in order to solve translation problems: Applying the documentation resources in order to translate different types of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.
3. Finding the most appropriate translation solution in each case: Finding the most appropriate translation solution in each case.
4. Formulating the appropriate informative needs in order to translate: Formulating the appropriate informational needs in order to translate different types of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.
5. Identifying the specific translation problems of non-specialised texts: Identifying the basic translation problems of different types of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.
6. Implementing strategies in order to produce written texts of different fields and with specific communicative purposes: Implementing strategies in order to produce different kinds of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.
7. Implementing strategies in order to understand written texts from different fields: Implementing strategies in order to comprehend different kinds of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.
8. Solving interferences between the working languages: Solving interferences between the working languages.
9. Students must demonstrate they know the technological resources needed to translate: Students must demonstrate they know the basic technological resources needed to edit different types of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.
10. Using the appropriate strategies and techniques in order to solve translation problems: Using the fundamental strategies and techniques in order to solve basic translation problems of different types of non-specialised written texts in standard dialect.

Content

- The resolution of basic problems of translation of non-specialised narrative genres in standard language: children's story, biographical encyclopedia entry, history manual fragment, personal letter or newspaper article that describing an event, etc.
- The resolution of basic problems of translation of non-specialised descriptive genres in standard language: tourist brochure, personal letter or short article describing situations, people or objects, etc.
- The resolution of basic problems of translation of non-specialised genres in standard language: short encyclopedia entry, fragment of a manual (translation theory, linguistics, philosophy, etc.).
- The resolution of basic translation problems of non-specialised argumentative genres in standard language: letter to the director of a newspaper, letter of complaint, brief review of a film, short article on a current topic, etc.
- The resolution of basic problems of translation of non-specialised instructional genres in standard language: cooking recipe, instructions for everyday use, etc.
- Use of technological and documentation tools for the translation of non-specialised texts in standard language of different types: general monolingual and bilingual dictionaries, grammars, style manuals, general search engines, basic technological tools for the optimization of the editing and correction of texts, basic folder and file management, dictionaries of analogies, synonyms and antonyms, collocations, difficulties, etc., encyclopedias, style books, parallel texts. Use of general corpora, forums and general blogs, distribution lists.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Exercices resolution	20	0.8	1, 7, 6, 8

Realization of translation activities	37.5	1.5	1, 7, 6, 9, 8
Type: Supervised			
Debates and reflection activities on translation relevant aspects	5	0.2	1, 6, 8
Preparation of the student's portfolio; preparation of translations and other works	10	0.4	1, 7, 6, 9, 8
Type: Autonomous			
Documentation Search	15	0.6	6, 8
Exercises preparation	7	0.28	1, 7, 6, 9, 8
Preparation of translations and other works	38	1.52	1, 7, 6, 9, 8

An active methodology is used with activities of various types. The instruments of the Virtual Campus of the UAB are used, and/or any virtual environment of teaching and learning. Possible methodologies:

- Performing translation tasks
- Completion of translation projects
- Exercise resolution
- Presentations of individual / group work
- Debates (face to face or in forums)
- Cooperative learning techniques

The didactic activities are organized in three blocks, according to the degree of autonomy required of the student:

- Guided activities: responds to a predetermined time schedule and requires a teacher's face-to-face direction.
- Supervised activities: requires a more or less timely supervision of a teacher.
- Autonomous activities: the student organizes time and effort autonomously (individually or in groups).

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Cooperative translation project	25%	4	0.16	1, 2, 7, 6, 9, 4, 5, 8, 3, 10
Critical analysis of different translations	15%	2	0.08	1, 2, 7, 6, 9, 4, 5, 8, 3, 10
Group translation project	25%	8	0.32	1, 2, 7, 6, 9, 4, 5, 8, 3, 10
Report on a reading or activity	10%	2	0.08	1, 2, 7, 6, 9
Theoretical exercise on the course contents	25%	1.5	0.06	1, 6, 4, 5, 8

At the beginning of the course, the evaluation activities and the relevant deadlines will be specified in a document accessible from the virtual campus.

Continuous assessment

Possible assessment activities

- Real or simulated translation tasks, or tasks related to relevant aspects of translation.
- Translation projects.
- Reports/forums on translations or on tasks related to key aspects of translation.
- Reflective diaries/sheets/reports about the learning process or on the process of preparing translations.
- Student portfolio.
- Oral presentation or defence of assignments.
- Attendance at lectures or activities related to translation or German culture.
- Reports on readings relevant to the content of the subject.
- Theoretical test on translation topics studied throughout the course.
- Critical analysis and comparison of different translations of the same text.

Rules for the presentation of assessment activities

- All assessment activities must specify the name and surname(s) of the author(s), the name of the lecturer, the subject and the academic year.
- The assessment activities and the student's portfolio must be submitted within the established deadlines in order to be assessed.
- Unless otherwise specified, assessment activities must be submitted in editable text format (DOC or ODT).
- Unless otherwise specified, the use of machine translation or artificial intelligence software is not allowed.

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. 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. Under no circumstances may an assessment activity worth 100% of the final mark be retaken or compensated for.

Consideration of "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.

Single assessment

This subject may be assessed under the single assessment system in accordance with the terms established in the academic regulations of the UAB and the assessment criteria of the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting.

Students must make an online request within the period established by the faculty and send a copy to the lecturer responsible for the subject, for the record.

Single assessment will be carried out in person on oneday during week 16 or 17 of the semester. The Academic Management Office will publish the exact date and time on the faculty website.

On the day of the single assessment, teaching staff will ask the student for identification, which should be presented as a valid identification document with a recent photograph (student card, DNI/NIE or passport).

Single assessment activities

Single assessment will include a minimum of three assessment activities of different types, as stated in the assessment guidelines.

Grade revision and retake procedures for the subject are the same as those for continual assessment. See the section above in this Study Guide.

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C. Digital Resources

C.1. Dictionaries, Glossaries, Grammars

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-Diccionari de la llengua alemanya: <http://www.duden.de/>

-Diccionari d'ús de la llengua alemanya: <http://wortschatz.uni-leipzig.de>

-Diccionari alemany de modismes i frases fetes: <http://www.redensarten-index.de/suche.php>

-Diccionari normatiu de la llengua catalana: <http://dlc.iec.cat/>

-Diccionari català-valencià-balear: <http://dcvb.iecat.net/>

-Diccionari de neologismes: <http://www.termcat.net/neoloteca>

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http://www.uib.es/secc6/slg/gt/diccionaris_linea.htm

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Software

Unless otherwise specified, the use of machine translation software or artificial intelligence programmes is not allowed.

Groups and Languages

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(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed