

Theory of Literary Translation (A005056)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

seminar

independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Sepp, Arvi

VUB

lecturer-in-charge

Lambrecht, Bram

LW22

co-lecturer

Logie, Ilse

LW07

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Linguistics and Literature)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - French)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Greek)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Latin)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Scandinavian Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, French)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Russian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Turkish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Russian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Turkish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German)	5	A

Dutch, German, Italian)		A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Russian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Turkish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, Russian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, Turkish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Latin)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Scandinavian Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - English)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Greek)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Latin)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Scandinavian Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Greek)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Scandinavian Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Greek)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Iberian-Romance Languages)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Greek)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Italian)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Scandinavian Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Spanish)	5	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Scandinavian Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature	5	A
Exchange Programme Applied Language Studies	5	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Literary Translation, Theory of Translation, History of Translation

Position of the course

This course aims at the acquisition of advanced, theory-based scientific insights in literary translation. With this course we focus at students interested in the methods and concepts of literary translation.

Exchange students with a bachelor degree may take this course. Knowledge of Dutch is not required.

Contents

This course - organized in co-operation with the University of Brussels VUB - is conceived as an online seminar-series on the theory of literary translation in which major theoretical texts will be read and discussed. These texts make up the field of Translation Studies and include works by, amongst others, Schleiermacher, Benjamin, Jakobson, Venuti. They reflect on both influential views on translation in different phases of European cultural history and on the more recent trends toward the ideology and ethics of literary translation. In the seminar, the textlinguistic, cognitive, sociological and cultural level of the literary translation will thus be at the center of theoretical discussions. The lectures will be given by specialists in Translation Studies from Ghent University and the University of Brussels.

In focusing on the above subjects, the seminar will be subdivided into three major thematic parts: 1) Conceptual foundations of theoretical thinking on literary translation (Free/Literal Translation; Author/Authorship and Translation; Memory and Translation); 2) Translation and Society (Sociology of Translation; Censorship and Translation; Centre/Periphery and Translation); 3) Case Studies, in which students will be introduced into applying specific translational methods and theories onto specific cases of translated texts.

Through blended learning, students will be given the opportunity to acquire competences within the field of Translation Studies and Literary Translation.

Initial competences

A bachelor's degree in Linguistics and Literature, Applied Language Studies or Languages and Cultures, or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means. Exchange students should be aware that this is a course with a master's profile which requires academic writing skills.

Final competences

- 1 To be familiar with and able to critically reflect on pivotal texts of translation theory and on key concepts, issues and theories of literary translation
- 2 To be familiar with the history of theory on literary translation and the development of theoretical thinking in the field.
- 3 To be able to critically analyze source texts and reflect on the intricate relation between source text and target text
- 4 To gain insight into culture-specific (German, French, Anglo-American...) traditions in the theoretical conceptualization of literary translation
- 5 To acquire knowledge of linguistic, textual, cultural and ideological issues related to literary translation.
- 6 To assess theoretical models in relation to literary translation in the broadest sense.

Conditions for credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

This course is conceived as an interactive workshop. Students are expected to prepare the texts and to become actively involved in the discussion of issues arising from the texts treated. Online lectures delivered by specialists in the field will provide insights into specific problems addressed in translation theory. In addition, a session on campus will be held on 'doing translation'.

Study material

None

References

The bibliography is included in the syllabus.

Course content-related study coaching

Students are explicitly invited to ask questions during the lectures. Interactive support via Ufora. Individual tutoring: by appointment via email or Teams.

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

(Approved)

Assignment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Students will be evaluated by means of a 'Take Home Exam'. This means that students are given a limited number of questions/topics in advance, which can be prepared during the exam-period. The deadline for submission will be announced in advance.

Calculation of the examination mark

100% 'take home exam'

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

Student attendance during the online lectures and the on-campus meetings is strongly recommended.