

German: Specialized Translation Practice (A005921)

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

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)

Dutch, German

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Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Lemey, Ruth

LW22

staff member

Campe, Petra

LW22

lecturer-in-charge

Snick, Els

LW22

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Applied Language Studies)

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offering

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, German)

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, German)

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German)

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Italian)

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Russian)

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Spanish)

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Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Turkish)

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Teaching languages

German, Dutch

Keywords

German; Specialised translation practice

Position of the course

The course unit "German: Specialised Translation 1" (D4G1) introduces the student to the translation of more specialised German literary and commercial texts, taking into account various possible clients. Translations should be linguistically, terminologically and stylistically correct, and efficiently creative.

Contents

The study unit consists of two parts. Literary texts will be translated under the supervision of Els Snick. Ruth Lemey will present a variety of texts with a commercial character. In addition to translation, revision is also included. Ample attention is paid to (sources for) the correct terminology, text style and register and to the task of the (literary) editor. Students are introduced to the context and networks of the professional field.

Initial competences

The student:

- acquired the final competences of a Bachelor in Applied Linguistics;
- is able, under supervision, to analyse and translate German texts of more than average difficulty, as found in professional contexts; and can revise/review such translations;

- can write German and Dutch texts of more than average difficulty, as found in professional contexts, both on the basis of instructions and on the basis of existing textual input;
- can make adequate and critical use of the relevant heuristic resources needed for the above-mentioned tasks.

Final competences

- 1 Having a command in German at C2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for reading and writing [MV.1.1., assessed]
- 2 Having advanced knowledge of the commercial and essayistic-literary context of the German and Dutch language areas [MV.1.2., not assessed]
- 3 Looking up and managing specialised terminology [MV.1.5.; MV 6.4., not assessed]
- 4 Translating literary, essayistic and commercial texts adequately from German into Dutch [MV.6.1.; assessed]
- 5 Underpinning the translation choices in a scientifically justified manner and justifying them in front of customers [MV.3.2., not assessed]
- 6 In the translation process, adequately applying an advanced degree of contrastive linguistic expertise [MV.6.2.; assessed]
- 7 During the translation process, adequately applying the acquired knowledge [MV.6.3.; assessed]
- 8 During the translation process, making use of the traditional and electronic resources, as well as specific technological tools. [MV.6.4.; not assessed]
- 9 Adequately applying the acquired knowledge of the commercial, scientific and literary translation sector [MV.6.5.; assessed]

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Practical, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Joint discussion of individual preparations in class. There is ample opportunity for individual feedback.

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Electronic learning environment: texts to be translated; PPs

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Type: Slides

Name: Electronic learning environment: PPs, texts

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

References

Course content-related study coaching

by appointment via e-mail

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Written assessment, Assignment

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

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Literary Translation: Assignment: translation

Commercial Translation: written exam

Second session: written exam

Calculation of the examination mark

Literary Translation: Assignment: translation (50%)

Commercial Translation: Written exam (50%)

Second session: Written exam (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

Exemption from class attendance is possible.

Examination (end-of-term assessment) can be rescheduled.

Feedback can be given by e-mail or by appointment.

Addendum

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