

Common Course Outline for: SPAN 1101 Introduction to Translation and Interpreting

A. Course Description

Number of credits: 2
Lecture hours per week: 2
Lab hours per week: None
Prerequisites: None
Co-requisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

Introduction to Interpreting and Translation introduces students to the career competencies, ethics, and major theories related to the fields of interpreting and translation. Through readings by experts in the field, case studies, and professional profiles, students will learn about the fields of interpreting and translation and come away from the course with an understanding of what they will need to accomplish to work in these professions.

B. Date last revised: February 2021

C. Outline of Major Content Areas

Theories of translation
Professional ethics: translation
Careers in translation
Best practices: translation
Technical tools for translators
Professional resources for translators
Theories of interpreting
Professional ethics: interpreting
Careers in interpreting
Best practices: interpreting
Professional resources for interpreters
Translation vs. interpreting
The future of translation and interpreting

D. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Compare and contrast the competencies needed to be an effective translator and an effective interpreter.
- Describe major theories relevant to the fields of interpreting and translation.
- Apply ethical guidelines and professional best practices to actual translation and interpreting situations.

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning

Course grades are based on the following assessments: 1) terminology/concept quizzes, 2) weekly discussion participation, 3) analytical writing assignments based on readings, 4) final written project.

F. Special Information

None