



Advanced Language Skills (MA)

The MA in Advanced Language Skills programme is designed to provide advanced linguistic and technical training in order to prepare linguists for careers in several areas of specialised language work in which there is an increasing demand both in Ireland and abroad.

Graduates will also gain experience in the rapidly growing area of translation technology. This course caters for students whose first language is English, French, German, Italian or Spanish and who are competent in at least one of the others.

MA Advanced Language Skills

Course level: Level 9

Duration:

1 year, full-time

Entry Requirements:

Second Class Honours NQAI Level 8 degree with Second Class Honours Grade 2 in the language to be studied; or equivalent international qualification.

Places available: 30

Fees:

E.U. students: €6,015 / Non-E.U. students: €13,000

Applying:

www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC code:

GYA65

Closing date:

Further details on closing dates can be found on <http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates/>
First round offers will be made in mid February, therefore you are advised to apply early, which may result in an early offer.



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Why study Advanced Language Skills?

This Masters programme will offer graduates the possibility of developing their language skills to a very high level, deepening their understanding of the workings of language as an essential communication tool and gaining experience in the rapidly growing area of translation technology.

Students will acquire a very high level of communication skills in their chosen language both oral and written and will be trained in the skills and techniques required by translators in the professional world including the development of skills in intercultural communication which will lead to a better understanding of today's culturally diverse world.

Programme outline

COMPULSORY MODULES

Code	Module	Semester	ECTS
FR562/GR562/ IT562/SH562	Advanced Language Skills I	1	10
FR563/GR563/ IT563/SH563	Advanced Language Skills II	2	10
FR560/GR560/ IT560/SH560	Translation Methodology & Consecutive Interpreting I	1	10
FR561/GR561/ IT561/SH561	Translation Methodology & Consecutive Interpreting II	2	10
FR551/GR551/ IT551/SH551	Minor Dissertation	1 and 2	30

OPTIONAL MODULES - CHOOSE TWO

Code	Module	Semester	ECTS
SH 505	Translation Studies 1	1	10
FR554/GR554/ IT554/SH554	Language & Intercultural Communication	1	10
IT555	Audiovisual translation	1	10
SH530	Latin American Literature I	1	10
SH531	Latin American Literature II	2	10

Assessment will include a mixture of project work, assignments and examinations. Language proficiency will be assessed continuously throughout the year and examined in a written examination. An oral examination, generally consisting of a research presentation, will take place.

Each student will complete a minor dissertation of approximately 20,000 words on a topic to be decided in consultation with the course coordinators.

A total of 90 European Credit Transfer System credits will be required for the completion of the degree. Great emphasis is placed on continuous assessment and feedback to students.

Employment and career opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of fields including second-level teaching, third-level lecturing, doctoral research programmes, media, industry, government and EU agencies in Ireland and in many European countries, translation agencies, administration, cultural activities, journalism, etc. Advanced language skills are also essential for many jobs in global businesses such as computing, marketing, and finance.

What our students say:

"I found the course an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. It helped me to develop skills that are useful for the workplace with the study of translation technologies such as Trados. It also offered me the opportunity to study academic disciplines that interested me, such as Translation Studies. The skills that I developed should provide a good foundation for my future career".

Margaret O'Connor,
Graduate of the
MA (Advanced Language Skills)

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