

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for modular taught master's degrees, postgraduate diplomas and postgraduate certificates](#)

MA TRANSLATION STUDIES (R9K107)

1. Location: Durham City.
2. Duration: full-time (12 months), part-time (24 months)

Admissions

3. Admissions criteria:
 - a. Applicants must have: an upper-second class degree or equivalent in a relevant subject, such as language, literature or linguistics. In any event, students must possess good ability in both the selected foreign language (Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, or Turkish) and English.
4. English language requirements:
 - a. Candidates whose first language is not English are expected to achieve an overall band score of at least 7.0 in the IELTS test (with no element below 7.0) or at least 102 in the TOEFL iBT (Internet Based Test) (with a writing score of 27 or more and no other element under 25). In all cases the relevant certificate should have been issued within two years of the programme start date.

Programme structure

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Research Methods and Resources	MELA53830~	30
Translation Theory	MELA40430~	30

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from **List A**:

List A:		Credit value
Specialised Translation Chinese<->English	MELA41730~	30
Specialised Translation French<->English	MELA41830~	30
Specialised Translation German<->English	MELA41930~	30
Specialised Translation Italian<->English	MELA42030~	30
Specialised Translation Japanese<->English	MELA43930~	30
Specialised Translation Korean<->English	MELA43830~	30
Specialised Translation Russian<->English	MELA42130~	30
Specialised Translation Spanish<->English	MELA42230~	30
Specialised Translation Dutch<->English	MELA42730~	30
Specialised Translation Turkish<->English	MELA42830~	30
Specialised BSL Translation	MELA43130~	30
Specialised BSL Interpreting	MELA42930~	30

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from **List B**:

List B:		Credit value
A further 30 credits from List A		30
Translation and Technology	MELA41630~	30
Online Translation Resources	MELA43215~	15
Translation Memories	MELA43515~	15
Translation Ethics	MELA43315~	15
Translation Work Placement	MELA43415~	15
Editorial Techniques	MELA43615~	15
Intercultural Project Management	MELA43715~	15

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from **List C**:

List C:		Credit value
Translation Studies Dissertation	MELA40160~	60
BSL Translation/Interpreting Studies Dissertation	MELA40860~	60
Extended Translation Project	MELA40260~	60
Extended Translation Project with Technologies	MELA43860~	60
Translation Project <> First Language	MELA41430~	30
Translation Project <> Second Language	MELA41530~	30

Assessment, progression and award

9. The MA Translation Studies is part of the European Master's in Translation (EMT) network. It has been accredited as meeting the EMT quality criteria, and has been awarded the EMT quality label.
10. Modules marked with the ~ symbol (all modules) must be passed at 50% or above. A mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.
11. To be eligible for the award of MA with Distinction, candidates must achieve an overall average mark of at least 70% across all modules taken and an average of at least 70% across the 60 credits taken from **List C**.
12. To be eligible for the award of MA with Merit, candidates must achieve an overall average mark of at least 60% across all modules taken and an average of at least 60% across the 60 credits taken from **List C**.
13. In accordance with the core regulations, students may exit the programme with a lower award subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Postgraduate Certificate in Translation Studies (60 Credits): candidates must obtain a Pass mark or above in Translation Theory (MELA40430) and modules to the value of 30 credits from **List A**.
 - b. Postgraduate Diploma in Translation Studies (120 Credits): candidates must obtain a Pass mark or above in Translation Theory (MELA40430), modules to the value of 30 credits from **List A**, and module to the value of 60 credits from **List C**.