

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, translation, interpreting, or linguistics. In any event, students must possess good ability in both the selected foreign language (Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, or Turkish) and English.
4. Students who possess a degree level qualification in a different discipline must be native speakers of one of the languages chosen and proficient in the foreign language (at level C1 or C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages - or equivalent for non-European languages) – Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Turkish, Spanish, or BSL.
5. English language requirements:
 

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 6.5 and 7.0 in writing) or at least 102 in the TOEFL iBT (Internet Based Test) (with a writing score of 27 or more and no other element under 23). In all cases the relevant certificate should have been issued within two years of the programme start date.

### **Programme structure**

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Research Skills for Translation Studies	<a href="#">MELA44615~</a>	15
Translation Theory	<a href="#">MELA40430~</a>	30

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 15 credits from List A:

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
History of Translation	<a href="#">MELA44715~</a>	15
Introduction to Interpreting Models and Theories	<a href="#">MELA44915~</a>	15
Translation Ethics	<a href="#">MELA43315~</a>	15

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

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Specialised Translation Chinese<>English	<a href="#">MELA41730~</a>	30
Specialised Translation French<>English	<a href="#">MELA41830~</a>	30
Specialised Translation German<>English	<a href="#">MELA41930~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Greek<>English	<a href="#">MELA44530~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Italian<>English	<a href="#">MELA42030~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Japanese<>English	<a href="#">MELA43930~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Korean<>English	<a href="#">MELA43830~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Russian<>English	<a href="#">MELA42130~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Spanish<>English	<a href="#">MELA42230~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Dutch<>English	<a href="#">MELA42730~</a>	30
Specialised Translation Turkish<>English	<a href="#">MELA42830~</a>	30

Specialised BSL Translation	<a href="#">MELA43130~</a>	30
Specialised BSL Interpreting	<a href="#">MELA42930~</a>	30

9. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List C:

<b>List C:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
A further 30 credits from <b>List B</b>		30
Translation Ethics	<a href="#">MELA43315~</a>	15
Sociology of Translation	<a href="#">MELA44815</a>	15
Translation Work Placement	<a href="#">MELA43415</a>	15
Editorial Techniques	<a href="#">MELA43615~</a>	15
Intercultural Project Management	<a href="#">MELA43715~</a>	15
Consecutive/Liaison Interpreting (Chinese<>English)	<a href="#">MELA45115</a>	15
Simultaneous Interpreting (Chinese<>English)	<a href="#">MELA45015</a>	15

10. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D:

<b>List D:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Translation Studies Dissertation	<a href="#">MELA40160~</a>	60
BSL Translation/Interpreting Studies Dissertation	<a href="#">MELA40860~</a>	60
Extended Translation Project	<a href="#">MELA40260~</a>	60
Extended Translation Project with Technologies	<a href="#">MELA43860~</a>	60
Translation Project <> First Language	<a href="#">MELA41430~</a>	30
Translation Project <> Second Language	<a href="#">MELA41530~</a>	30

### **Assessment, progression and award**

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 D**.
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 to the value of 30 credits in modules from **List A** and to the value of 30 credits from **List B**.
  - b. Postgraduate Diploma in Translation Studies (120 Credits): candidates must obtain a Pass mark or above in modules to the value of 30 credits from **List A**, modules to the value of 30 credits from **List B**, and modules to the value of 60 credits from **List D**: