

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Data about the study programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Transilvania University of Braşov
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Quantitative Research Methods							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. Gabriela Chefneux							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Prof. Gabriela Chefneux							
2.4 Study year	1 st	2.5 Semester	1 st	2.6 Evaluation type		2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	PC
		1st		Exam			Attendance type ⁴⁾	CPC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	out of which: 3.2 lecture	2	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	42	out of which: 3.5 lecture	28	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					64
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					42
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					62
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity	168				
3.8 Total number per semester	210				
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾	7				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	BA project defended
4.2 competences-related	Study skills in English; reading specialised texts; formulating research questions/hypotheses/answers, oral presentation of a topic, problem solving

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	Room with video projector and Internet access
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	Video projector, Internet access

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics.
Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.3. The student/graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types. L.O.1.4. The student/graduate has the ability to efficiently organize his professional activity and to correctly and timely fulfill his work tasks, achieving a pre-established set of objectives. CT2. Career management and development Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1. The student/graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.4. The student/graduate is capable of self-assessment and of managing their own career, identifying strategies for self-adjustment and overcoming professional issues. L.O.2.5. The student/graduate perform the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	To explain the fundamental concepts in quantitative research methods in humanities
7.2 Specific objectives	To present and illustrate quantitative research methods and instruments to collect, process, interpret and present the data collected; to write a research project

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Introduction to research: definition, features, stages	Lecture, group discussion	4	
Research methods: surveys, experiments field research	Lecture, group discussion	4	
Research instruments : questionnaires, interviews, observation	Lecture, group discussion	6	
Sampling	Lecture, group discussion	2	
Processing, analysing, interpreting and presenting the data collected	Lecture, group discussion, tasks	4	
Other research methods : action research, content analysis, evaluation, historical research	Lecture, presentations delivered by the students	4	
Ethical issues in research	Lecture, presentations delivered by the students	4	
Bibliography Obligatory bibliography Baker, T. (1998) <i>Doing Social Research</i> , New York: McGraw-Hill (Chapters 1-5) Cohen L., Manion, L. and Morrison, K. (2018) <i>Research Methods in Education</i> . London and New York: Routledge (Units 1-4) Brown, J.D. (2014). <i>Mixed Methods Research for TESOL</i> . Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (Sections 1-2) Optional bibliography McNamee, M and D. Bridges (eds). 2002. <i>The Ethics of Educational Research</i> . Hoboken: Wiley and Sons McKenzie, G, Powell, J, Usher (eds.) (2007) <i>Understanding Social Research</i> . New York: Palmer Press Newman, L. (2006) <i>Social Research Methods – Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches</i> . Boston: Pearson			
8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Introduction to research: definition, types, stages	Exercises	2	
Research methods, research instruments, measurement	Exercises, text analysis	2	
Questionnaires: design , piloting, administration	Exercises, analysis	2	
Experiments – types, sampling, validity	Exercises, analysis	2	
Data – collection, processing, analysis , interpretation	Exercsises, analysis	2	
Content analysis – topic, units of analysis, categories	Exercsises, analysis	2	
Ethical issues	Exercsises, analysis	2	
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Chefneux, G. *Metode de cercetare în stiintele umaniste [Research Methods in Humanities]*, Curs ID
 Oppenheim, A.N. (2000) *Questionnaire Design, Interviewing and Attitude Measurement*. London, New York:
 Bloomsbury Academic

9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

The graduate can write a research proposal and complete a research project observing the research stages and the ethical principles

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Conceptual accuracy	Project	65%
	Accurate metalanguage		
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Accurate use of research concepts and metalanguage	On-going evaluation	35%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
Writing a research project observing the research stages and ethical principles			

This course outline was certified in the Department Board meeting on 22/09/2025 and approved in the Faculty Board meeting on 22/09/2025.

Associate Professor Adrian LĂCĂTUȘ, Dean	Prof. Răzvan SĂFTOIU, Head of Department
Prof. Gabriela CHEFNEUX Course holder	Prof. Gabriela CHEFNEUX Holder of seminar/ laboratory/ project

Note:

- 1) Field of study – select one of the following options: Bachelor / Master / Doctorat (to be filled in according to the forceful classification list for study programmes);
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- 4) Course status (attendance type) – select one of the following options: **CPC** (compulsory course)/ **EC** (elective course)/ **NCPC** (non-compulsory course);
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2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Qualitative Research Methods							
2.2 Course convenor	Assoc. prof. dr. Gabriela Cusen							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Assoc. prof. dr. Gabriela Cusen							
2.4 Study year	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Evaluation type	E 1	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	PC
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Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					100
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					32
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					36
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity	168				
3.8 Total number per semester	210				
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾	7				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	• N.a.
4.2 competences-related	• N.a.

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	• Audio-video equipment and internet connection
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	• Audio-video equipment and internet connection

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate possesses advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing information and identifying ways to facilitate communication between individuals from different cultural backgrounds. L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.4 The student/graduate processes and synthesizes information and uses strategies meant to facilitate the communication among individuals from different cultural environments. L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1 The student/graduate evaluates communication situations in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting their behavior to the given communication situation. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3 The student/graduate mediates and manages communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and uses the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.
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7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	development, consolidation and use of qualitative research skills relevant for intercultural communication
7.2 Specific objectives	- knowledge of the theoretical and practical framework for the collection and analysis of social science data - ability to code and analyse qualitative data - critical analysis of research reports present in the literature - development of scientific research managerial skills - teamwork abilities

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. Introductory session: Introduction to the domain, requirements, diagnostic test	Interactive lecture	2	
2. Research in social sciences (1)			
3. Research in social sciences (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
4. Qualitative research methods	Interactive lecture	2	
5. Interpretive approaches	Interactive lecture	2	
6. Research methods and topics	Interactive lecture	2	
7. Observation – a qualitative research method	Interactive lecture	2	
8. The diary – a qualitative research instrument	Interactive lecture	2	
9. Experimental studies	Interactive lecture	2	

10. Questionnaires and interviews in qualitative research (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
11 Questionnaires and interviews in qualitative research (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
12. Case studies	Interactive lecture	2	
13. Qualitative data analysis	Interactive lecture	2	
14. Research ethics	Interactive lecture	2	
Bibliography Silverman, D. (2000) Doing qualitative research – A practical handbook, SAGE Publications Strauss, A. and Corbin, J. (1990) Basics of qualitative research. Grounded theory: procedures and techniques - Introduction, Sage Publications Cusen, G. Note de curs format electronic			
8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. An introduction to qualitative research	Pair and group work	2	
2. Research stages – research questions	Pair and group work	2	
3. Observation studies	Pair and group work	2	
4. Grounded theory – empirical research	Pair and group work	2	
5. Investigating opinions and perceptions	Pair and group work	2	
6. Concept statement	Pair and group work	2	
7. Teamwork research project	Pair and group work	2	
Bibliography Poso, T., et al., (2008) Focus groups and the study of violence. Qualitative Research Ahlers, J., (2009) Editorial: Reflecting on language and culture fieldwork. Early 21 st century. <i>ScienceDirect, Language and Communication</i> .			

9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

Qualitative research skills are requirements on the work market and the area of education is one of the fields which involves research into textbook evaluation, teaching/learning strategies, etc.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Continuous assessment	participation in discussion on the quality of qualitative data and their analysis, correct English, methodological approach	10%
	Summative assessment	Written exam (40%) Research report (40%)	80%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Continuous assessment	Active participation and homework	10%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
research report			

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2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	New Trends in Sociolinguistic Analysis							
2.2 Course convenor	conf. dr. Gabriela Cusen							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	conf. dr. Gabriela Cusen							
2.4 Study year	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Evaluation type	E1	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	SC
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Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					20
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity	138				
3.8 Total number per semester	180				
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾	6				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	Advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing new information in sociolinguistics
4.2 competences-related	Knowledge of sociolinguistic concepts

5. Conditions (if applicable)

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7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	To define concepts, identify and exemplify the sociolinguistic terminology, to possess the methods of analysis specific for humanistic studies.
7.2 Specific objectives	To draft specific and multidisciplinary projects in the field of sociolinguistic, using modern methods and principles.

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. William Labov and sociolinguistics (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
2. William Labov and sociolinguistics (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
3. Linguistics and sociolinguistics (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
4. Linguistics and sociolinguistics (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
5. English as a lingua franca (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
6. English as a lingua franca (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
7. Global Englishes (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
8. Global Englishes (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
9. Commodification of language and identity (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
10. Commodification of language and identity (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
11. Linguistics policies and planning (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
12. Linguistics policies and planning (2)	Interactive lecture	2	

13. Political correctness: Language and culture (1)	Interactive lecture	2	
14. Political correctness: Language and culture (2)	Interactive lecture	2	
Bibliography Holmes, J. (2008) An Introduction to Sociolinguistics. London: Pearson Education McCrum, R. (2010) Globish: How the English Language Became the World's Language. London: Penguin Books Wardaugh, R. (2006). An Introduction to Sociolinguistics. 5 th edition. London: Blackwell			
8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. William Labov: the sociolinguist	Pair and team-work	2	
2. Language sciences: the future	Pair and team-work	2	
3. Linguistic discrimination	Pair and team-work	2	
4. World Englishes: various approaches	Pair and team-work	2	
5. Language in the new capitalism (Fairclough, 2002)	Pair and team-work	2	
6. Language: an issue, a right, or a resource	Pair and team-work	2	
7. Discourse and manipulation	Pair and team-work	2	
Bibliography Fairclough, N. (2002) Language in new capitalism. Discourse and Society, vol. 13 (2), pp. 163-166 van Dijk, T.A. (2006) Discourse and manipulation. Discourse and Society, vol 17 (3), pp. 359-383			

9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

The content of the course and the seminar provides the necessary knowledge for further studies in the field (doctorate) or for employment in areas such as: education, public relations, human resources, etc.
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10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Continuous assessment	participation in discussion on the quality of qualitative data and their analysis, correct English, methodological approach	10%
	Summative assessment	Written exam (40%) Research report (40%)	80%
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10.6 Minimal performance standard			
Conduct of research and writing of research report			

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2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Translation and Communication							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. Dr. Mona Arhire							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Prof. Dr. Mona Arhire							
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4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	•
4.2 competences-related	• Knowledge of the English language to the extent that students can understand master's degree courses and reading reference literature in English

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	• Video projector, computer
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	•

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate possesses advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing information and identifying ways to facilitate communication between individuals from different cultural backgrounds. L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.4 The student/graduate processes and synthesizes information and uses strategies meant to facilitate the communication among individuals from different cultural environments. L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1 The student/graduate evaluates communication situations in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting their behavior to the given communication situation. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3 The student/graduate mediates and manages communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and uses the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.
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Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.3. The student/graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types. L.O.1.4. The student/graduate has the ability to efficiently organize his professional activity and to correctly and timely fulfill his work tasks, achieving a pre-established set of objectives.
	CT2. Career management and development Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1. The student/graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3. The student/graduate sets objectives for one's own career management and is able to act towards attaining them. L.O.2.4. The student/graduate is capable of self-assessment and of managing their own career, identifying strategies for self-adjustment and overcoming professional issues. L.O.2.5. The student/graduate performs the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	Providing the theoretical basis in the field of translation as a phenomenon of intercultural communication; presenting translation strategies and norms; exposing modern research methods specific to translation studies
7.2 Specific objectives	- mastering communication techniques through translation and research methods in the field of translation - acquiring communication and translation skills in different fields - developing superior intercultural communication skills through translation - the ability to use the knowledge and skills acquired for research purposes, but also in various professional environments

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Introduction: translation as a phenomenon of intercultural communication;	Video projector, interactive lecture	2	
The role of the translator in intercultural communication;		2	
Bilingual competence; other specific competences and knowledge;		2	
Methods of acquiring intercultural knowledge; strategies of cultural transfer through translation;		4	
Areas of occurrence of literary language:		4	

translation problems;			
Translation and expressiveness;		4	
Translation studies as an interdisciplinary field		6	
Research methods in the field of translation studies		4	

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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Bidirectional translation of literary and humanities texts;	- Discussing translations done as homework	6	
Translation studies as an interdisciplinary field	- Discussions based on texts on the topic of translation studies as an interdisciplinary subject	4	
Research methods in translation studies	- Applying research methods in the field of translation studies	4	

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9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

After completing this course, students will have acquired the communication skills necessary for integration into the labor market, in any field that involves intercultural communication through translation into and from English.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Assessment of knowledge related to the course content	Oral exam	50%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Assessment of translation skills for intercultural communication	Continuous assessment during the seminars	50%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
Carrying out a specific work task within a team.			

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Note:

- 1) Field of study – select one of the following options: Bachelor / Master / Doctorat (to be filled in according to the forceful classification list for study programmes);
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- 4) Course status (attendance type) – select one of the following options: **CPC** (compulsory course)/ **EC** (elective course)/ **NCPC** (non-compulsory course);
- 5) One credit is the equivalent of 30 study hours (teaching activities and individual study).

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Data about the study programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Transilvania University of Braşov
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	The Construction of Meaning in Talk-in-Interaction							
2.2 Course convenor	Lect. dr. Cristina Dimulescu							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Lect. dr. Cristina Dimulescu							
2.4 Study year	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Evaluation type	C	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	SC
							Attendance type ⁴⁾	CPC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	out of which: 3.2 lecture	1	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	out of which: 3.5 lecture	14	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					40
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					30
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					22
Tutorial					3
Examinations					3
Other activities.....					3
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity	92				
3.8 Total number per semester	120				
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾	4				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	Basic knowledge of Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis
4.2 competences-related	- Very good command of English - Study skills in English

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	multimedia teaching space
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	multimedia teaching space

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate possesses advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing information and identifying ways to facilitate communication between individuals from different cultural backgrounds. L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.4 The student/graduate processes and synthesizes information and uses strategies meant to facilitate the communication among individuals from different cultural environments. L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1 The student/graduate evaluates communication situations in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting their behavior to the given communication situation. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3 The student/graduate mediates and manages communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and uses the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.
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Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.3. The student/graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types. L.O.1.4. The student/graduate has the ability to efficiently organize his professional activity and to correctly and timely fulfill his work tasks, achieving a pre-established set of objectives.
	CT2. Career management and development Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1. The student/graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3. The student/graduate sets objectives for one's own career management and is able to act towards attaining them. L.O.2.4. The student/graduate is capable of self-assessment and of managing their own career, identifying strategies for self-adjustment and overcoming professional issues. L.O.2.5. The student/graduate performs the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	• Usage of metalanguage and theories connected to the study of cross-cultural fields • Acquisition, strengthening and implementation of pragmatic approaches to the study of English
7.2 Specific objectives	• Development of students' ability to process and analyse language-related information in the field of meaning creation in talk-in-interaction • Acquisition of new theoretical /methodological perspectives in pragmatics • Acquisition of a conceptual and methodological framework with a view to the analysis of processes involved in communication in English • Acknowledgment and implementation of logical criteria in the research of linguistic phenomena • Text analysis from a pragmatic perspective • Communication in English according to pragmatic criteria • Pragmatic analysis in the identification of cultural differences in communication

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
A pragmatic analysis of the means of meaning construction in talk-in-interaction (Speech Acts, Cooperative Principle, Implicature/inference, Relevance)	Lecture-type	2	n.a.

Conversation analysis -discourse analysis vs. Conversation analysis, basic notions of conversation analysis	Lecture-type	2	n.a.
Methodological aspects of CA; data collection and transcription conventions	Lecture-type	2	n.a.
Casual conversation and main approaches to talk-in-interaction	Lecture-type	2	n.a.
Communication and identity	Lecture-type	2	n.a.
Communication inside and outside the social group	Lecture-type	2	n.a.
Intercultural and cross-gender communication. Gender and language. Interlocutors and conversational strategies.	Lecture-type	2	n.a.
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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Introductory seminar	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.
Metode de culegere a datelor. Convenții de transcriere.	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.
Analiza Conversației. Structura conversației.	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.
Sociolingvistica conversațională.	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.
Analiza datelor culese: limba vorbită (1)	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.
Analiza datelor culese: limba vorbită (2)	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.
Analiza datelor culese: limba vorbită (3)	Reading and group discussion.	2	n.a.

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9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

This course contributes towards enhancing the students' ability to communicate effectively and to research a variety of phenomena related to the construction of meaning in talk-in-interaction.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Acquisition of theoretical background and practical analysis on a given assignment.	Exam	60%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Taking an active part in discussions during the seminar.	Text analysis	40%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
a minimum of 50% of the final evaluation requirements and a minimum of 50% of the seminar requirements.			

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Note:

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1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Intercultural written communication in professional settings							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. Marinela Burada							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Prof. Marinela Burada							
2.4 Study year I		2.5 Semester II		2.6 Evaluation type	E	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	AC
							Attendance type ⁴⁾	CPC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	out of which: 3.2 lecture	2	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	42	out of which: 3.5 lecture	28	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					40
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					58
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					70
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity		168			
3.8 Total number per semester		210			
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾		7			

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	A very good command of English
4.2 competences-related	- Computer literacy - Data mining skills

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	multimedia teaching space, internet connection
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	multimedia teaching space, internet connection

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7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	To foster advanced knowledge of research and interdisciplinary approaches to theoretical and practical lexicography.
7.2 Specific objectives	- Developing the students' ability to collect and analyse data via different methods. - Creating a framework that would allow for a principled approach to the description, production and evaluation of dictionaries.

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Writing, between competence and performance. Writing as process and product. Discursive functions, textual functions.	Multimedia & lecturing	4	Interactive methods
Writing as a cultural phenomena.		2	
Academic discourse from the perspective of contrastive rhetoric.		4	
Ethics in research. Local and international academic research principles and practices in writing and co-writing.		4	
The architecture of the written text: types of macrostructure.		2	
The microstructure of the written text:		2	

metalanguage.			
The author and their text: the author's position and perspective.		2	
Intertextuality: types of quotations, functions of quotations; quotation and plagiarism.		2	
Academic genres (1): abstract; (2) definition.		2	
Academic genres (3): argumentative discourse.		2	
Academic genres (4): reviewing specialized literature.		2	

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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project		Number of hours	Remarks
The abstract		4	
The Review		2	
Argumentation	Project-based learning	4	
Expository texts – the report, comparison and contrast, simple and extended definitions		4	

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9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

Students will be able to communicate effectively in international professional settings.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Level of acquisition and understanding of theoretical concepts	Project writing	1000%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Ability to implement the above in a written text		
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
• The ability to write a scientific text in keeping with the academic norms of the discipline; familiarity with the basic concepts associated with the discipline..			

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1. Data about the study programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Transilvania University of Brasov
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Cultural Features of Verbal and Non-verbal Communication							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. Elena Buja							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Prof. Elena Buja							
2.4 Study year	1	2.5 Semester	2	2.6 Evaluation type	E	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	CC
							Attendance type ⁴⁾	EC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	out of which: 3.2 lecture	2	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	42	out of which: 3.5 lecture	28	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					70
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					70
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					28
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity	168				
3.8 Total number per semester	210				
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾	7				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	None
4.2 competences-related	Basic knowledge related to culture and communication

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	None
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	Classroom provided with internet connection and projector

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1 The student/graduate evaluates communication situations in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting their behavior to the given communication situation. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3 The student/graduate mediates and manages communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and uses the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.
Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. CT2. Career management and development Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.5. The student/graduate performs the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	The course material offers students basic information necessary to understand intercultural communication. At the same time, it presents the key elements that appear in face-to-face communication (both verbal and non-verbal), as well as aspects pertaining to cultural differences between interlocutors belonging to different cultures.
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7.2 Specific objectives	• Developing new communication strategies in intercultural contexts and encouraging the examination of pre-existent ideas related to cultures and stereotypes, as well as adopting tolerance for members of other cultures. • Encouraging the identification of values and symbols of lesser-known cultures. Avoiding the use of symbols which may cause misunderstandings or may offend members of those cultures. • Making students aware of the existence of certain social rules that differentiates between men's and women's nonverbal behaviour. • Developing the students' capacity to identify and understand cultural differences in non-verbal communication and to adopt an objective/impartial attitude towards other cultures.
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8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Professional communication in intercultural contexts	Lecture and interactive methods	2	
Defining cultures and its dimensions; Hofstede's cultural dimensions	Lecture and interactive methods	2	
Intercultural encounters; culture shock (causes and symptoms)	Lecture and interactive methods	2	
Non-verbal communication: introduction	Lecture and interactive methods	2	
Body language (kinesics)	Lecture, interactive methods; watching short videos on YouTube	2	
Touching behaviour (haptics)	Lecture, interactive methods; watching short videos on YouTube	2	
Chronemics (use of time)	Lecture, interactive methods; watching short videos on YouTube	2	
Proxemics (use of space)	Lecture and interactive methods	2	
Silence in different cultures	Lecture	2	
Use of artefacts	Lecture and interactive methods; artefact exhibition	2	
Paralanguage	Lecture, interactive methods; watching short videos on YouTube	2	
Culture and linguistic diversity	Lecture, interactive methods; watching short videos on YouTube	2	
Types of intercultural misunderstandings	Lecture, interactive methods; watching short videos on YouTube	2	

An intercultural approach to men-women misunderstandings	Lecture and interactive methods	2	
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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Culture quiz	Questionnaire	2	
Desmond Morris - <i>The Human Animal</i> (documentary)	Problem-based learning	2	
Article by Nawal El-Saadawi: "Love and Sex in the Life of the Arab" (the image of women in the Muslim culture)	Discussing the article; personal contribution based on other sources, too.	2	
<i>The White Massai</i> - Intercultural marriages	Movie watching and discussions based on the topic of intercultural / interracial marriages	2	
Miniprojecte – students can choose any topic related to non-verbal behaviour	Presentations & interactive methods	4	
Analysis of some literary fragments from a non-verbal perspective	Problem-based learning	2	
Bibliografie El Sadaawi, Awal, <i>Love and Sex in the Life of the Arab</i> in Brunk, T. S. Diamond, P. Pekins, K. Smith (eds). Literacies. Reading, Writing, Interpretation, (1997), W.W. Norton & Co: New York, pp. 461 - 486 Kohls, Robert L. 2001. <i>Learning to Think Korean</i>. Nicholas Brealey, Boston. Kunkhe, E. (2007) <i>Body Language for Dummies</i>, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., West Sussex Morris, Desmond. <i>The Human Animal</i> (BBC documentary); https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsU4WRVpS-k&t=375s			

9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

Students will acquire knowledge and skills that will help them adopt the appropriate non-verbal behaviour in various social and intercultural contexts. These skills will help them identify those situations in which the nonverbal behaviour contradicts the verbal message, to avoid offensive situations regarding the interlocutors coming from other cultures through the use of gestures that have a different meaning from the one we are familiar with, and to develop understanding for the values and symbols of other cultures. In other words, the student learns to become a "citizen of the world", not only of his own country.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Summative evaluation	Multiple-choice test	50%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Compliance with the requirements, logical argumentation, use of subject-specific metalanguage, coherence in presentation, originality.	Mini-project	30%
	Active participation in the seminars.	Class-participation	20%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
- Students should become able to identify the non-verbal codes characteristic of our own culture and of other (closely or distantly related) cultures. - Students should be able to apply the acquired non-verbal knowledge in interpreting various artistic productions (movies, books, plays, etc.). - Students are expected to adopt an objective attitude towards all cultures of the world and to be able do adapt their non-verbal behaviour to the cultures they visit both in their professional and in their private lives, considering the fact that in the era of globalization we live in, intercultural encounters are extremely frequent and important.			

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Assoc. Prof Adrian LĂCĂTUȘ Dean	Prof. Razvan SĂFTOIU Head of Department
Prof. Elena BUJA Course holder	Prof. Elena BUJA Holder of seminar/ laboratory/ project

Note:

- 1) Field of study – select one of the following options: Bachelor / Master / Doctorat (to be filled in according to the forceful classification list for study programmes);
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- 4) Course status (attendance type) – select one of the following options: **CPC** (compulsory course)/ **EC** (elective course)/ **NCPC** (non-compulsory course);
- 5) One credit is the equivalent of 30 study hours (teaching activities and individual study).

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Data about the study programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Transilvania University of Braşov
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Ethics and academic integrity: Advanced research concepts and practices							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. dr. Răzvan Săftoiu							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Prof. dr. Răzvan Săftoiu							
2.4 Study year	I	2.5 Semester	2	2.6 Evaluation type	C	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	PC
							Attendance type ⁴⁾	CPC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	out of which: 3.2 lecture	1	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	out of which: 3.5 lecture	14	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					14
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					30
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					48
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity		92			
3.8 Total number per semester		120			
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾		4			

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	Not applicable
4.2 competences-related	The ability to use a computer and different IT tools (information literacy, data mining), drafting graphics and statistics

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	Video projector, laptop
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	Room with computers

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate possesses advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing information and identifying ways to facilitate communication between individuals from different cultural backgrounds. L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Abilities L.O.1.4 The student/graduate processes and synthesizes information and uses strategies meant to facilitate the communication among individuals from different cultural environments. L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics.
Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. L.O.1.3. The student/graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types. L.O.1.4. The student/graduate has the ability to efficiently organize his professional activity and to correctly and timely fulfill his work tasks, achieving a pre-established set of objectives. CT2. Career management and development L.O.2.1. The student/graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities. L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. L.O.2.3. The student/graduate sets objectives for one's own career management and is able to act towards attaining them. L.O.2.4. The student/graduate is capable of self-assessment and of managing their own career, identifying strategies for self-adjustment and overcoming professional issues. L.O.2.5. The student/graduate performs the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	To apply the ethical and legal standards specific for the design, implementation and independent assessment of scientific research and the dissemination of results.
7.2 Specific objectives	- To analyze critically in an independent way the ethical problems and solutions in scientific research specific for the field of the master studies, applying theories, concepts and standards to support decisions - To apply responsibly ethical and legal norms specific for the design, implementation and independent assessment of the scientific research

	conducted To assess/self-assess responsibly the means of implementing the ethical conduct norms in academic
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8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. Philosophical, historical and institutional aspects of ethics in scientific research and academic life. Ethics, law and responsibility	Participative lecture, debate, dialogue, examples	2	
2. Respect and protection of participants and personal data. Breaking the ethical norms	Participative lecture, debate, dialogue, examples	4	
3. Ethical problems specific for philology	Participative lecture, debate, dialogue, examples	4	
4. Ethical aspects of dissemination and publication of the results of scientific research	Participative lecture, debate, dialogue, examples	2	
5. The relationship between science and society from an ethical perspective	Participative lecture, debate, dialogue, examples	2	

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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. Philosophical, historical and institutional aspects of ethics in scientific research and academic life. Ethics, law and responsibility	Debate, dialogue	2	
2. Respect and protection of participants and personal data. Breaking the ethical norms	Debate, dialogue	4	
3. Ethical problems specific for philology	Debate, dialogue	4	
4. Ethical aspects of dissemination and publication of the results of scientific research	Debate, dialogue	2	
5. The relationship between science and society from an ethical perspective	Debate, dialogue	2	

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9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

The content of this course was developed in agreement with the University policy, the Romanian and European legislation concerning ethics in scientific research and the publication of results.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	• Logical coherence; • Degree of assimilation of the specialized terminology; • Ability to work with abstract concepts; ability to apply them in practice.	Active participation in classes.	10%
		Oral assessment: - Oral presentation; - Assessment discussion.	60%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	• Logical coherence; • Degree of assimilation of the specialized terminology; • Criteria concerning the students' attitude: perseverance, interest in individual study; • Ability to work with abstract concepts; • Ability to apply them in practice.	Active participation in classes.	10%
		Homework (individual or team work)	20%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
• Homework (individual or team work). • Capacity of analysis and synthesis specific for the topic of the research project. • Grade 5 at the final oral examination.			

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Associate Professor Adrian Lăcătuș, Dean	Professor Răzvan SĂFTOIU, Head of Department
Professor Răzvan SĂFTOIU, Course holder	Professor Răzvan SĂFTOIU, Holder of seminar/ laboratory/ project

Note:

- 1) Field of study – select one of the following options: Bachelor / Master / Doctorat (to be filled in according to the forceful classification list for study programmes);
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1.3 Department	Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Fundamental Issues in Linguistics							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. dr. Marinela Burada							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Associate Professor dr. Raluca Sinu							
2.4 Study year	1	2.5 Semester	2	2.6 Evaluation type	E	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	SC
							Attendance type ⁴⁾	SPC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	out of which: 3.2 lecture	1	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	out of which: 3.5 lecture	14	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					50
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					20
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					22
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity		92			
3.8 Total number per semester		120			
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾		4			

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	Basic knowledge of Theoretical Linguistics
4.2 competences-related	- Very good command of English - Study skills in English

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	multimedia teaching space
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	multimedia teaching space

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate possesses advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing information and identifying ways to facilitate communication between individuals from different cultural backgrounds. L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.4 The student/graduate processes and synthesizes information and uses strategies meant to facilitate the communication among individuals from different cultural environments. L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1 The student/graduate evaluates communication situations in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting their behavior to the given communication situation. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3 The student/graduate mediates and manages communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and uses the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.
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Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.3. The student/graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types. L.O.1.4. The student/graduate has the ability to efficiently organize his professional activity and to correctly and timely fulfill his work tasks, achieving a pre-established set of objectives.
	CT2. Career management and development Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1. The student/graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3. The student/graduate sets objectives for one's own career management and is able to act towards attaining them. L.O.2.4. The student/graduate is capable of self-assessment and of managing their own career, identifying strategies for self-adjustment and overcoming professional issues. L.O.2.5. The student/graduate performs the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	This course aims to (1) provide students with a comprehensive view of the theories subsumed under the broader field of macrolinguistics; (2) consider natural languages against the backdrop of communication systems in general; (3) develop the students' awareness of the ways in which linguistic research finds support and applicability in solving real life problems.
7.2 Specific objectives	Developing the students' ability to process and analyse language-related information and to structure it into knowledge.

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Views on language; The structure and the architecture of language	lecture-type	2	The lecture-type teaching is combined with interactive and participatory methods that encourage the discovery of knowledge and correlations between different type of information.
Language functions	lecture-type	2	
Origins and evolution of language	lecture-type	2	
The Culture–Language–Thought Complex	lecture-type	2	
Language change	lecture-type	2	
Language contact and contact languages	lecture-type	2	
Recapitulation	lecture-type	2	

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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Linguistics from an interdisciplinary perspective: main concepts and terminology	reading and group discussion	2	
Theories on language evolution	reading and group discussion	4	
Language functions. Language and Thought	reading and group discussion	4	
Language Contact. Language Change	reading and group discussion	4	

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9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

This course contributes towards enhancing the students' ability to communicate effectively and to research a variety of language-related phenomena

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Learning and using correctly and critically the theoretical concepts	Written examination	60%

10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Applying the concepts in the analysis of linguistic phenomena	Seminar activity	40%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
Generating a text what meets the basic standards of quality in terms of content and terminology, in keeping with the course objectives.			

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Conf. univ. dr. Adrian LĂCĂTUȘ, Dean	Prof. dr. Răzvan SĂFTOIU, Head of departament
Prof. dr. Marinela BURADA Course holder	Conf. dr. Raluca SINU, Holder of seminar/ laboratory/ project

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COURSE OUTLINE

1. Data about the study programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Transilvania University of Braşov
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
1.4 Field of study ¹⁾	Master
1.5 Study level ²⁾	Master
1.6 Study programme/ Qualification	Language Studies for Intercultural Communication (in English)

2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Modern Interpretation Techniques							
2.2 Course convenor	Prof. Dr. Mona Arhire							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Prof. Dr. Mona Arhire							
2.4 Study year	I	2.5 Semester	II	2.6 Evaluation type	E	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	SC
							Attendance type ⁴⁾	DFC

3. Total estimated time (hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	out of which: 3.2 lecture	1	3.3 seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	out of which: 3.5 lecture	14	3.6 seminar/ laboratory/ project	14
Time allocation					hours
Study of textbooks, course support, bibliography and notes					24
Additional documentation in libraries, specialized electronic platforms, and field research					34
Preparation of seminars/ laboratories/ projects, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays					34
Tutorial					2
Examinations					2
Other activities.....					2
3.7 Total number of hours of student activity		92			
3.8 Total number per semester		120			
3.9 Number of credits ⁵⁾		4			

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	•
4.2 competences-related	• Knowledge of the English language to the extent that students can understand master's degree courses and reading reference literature in English

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	• Video projector, computer
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	• Interpretation equipment, internet

6. Specific competences and learning outcomes

Professional competences	PC1. Professional competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate possesses advanced theoretical knowledge in the field of linguistics and related fields, necessary for processing information and identifying ways to facilitate communication between individuals from different cultural backgrounds. L.O.1.2 The student/graduate is able to observe and understand the similarities and differences between cultures and to approach them impartially, in the spirit of ethno-relativism. L.O.1.3 The student/graduate has the ability to process information from various sources, to compare and correlate it for research purposes and to develop original solutions to solve concrete problems arising in various communication situations. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.4 The student/graduate processes and synthesizes information and uses strategies meant to facilitate the communication among individuals from different cultural environments. L.O.1.5 The student/graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.6 The student/graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics. PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1 The student/graduate evaluates communication situations in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting their behavior to the given communication situation. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2 The student/graduate possesses the ability to disseminate the results of his research, to present and argue his ideas in English, in writing, orally or with the help of digital means, in accordance with international academic norms and professional ethics. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3 The student/graduate mediates and manages communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and uses the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.
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Transversal competences	CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.1.1. The student/graduate is able to identify relevant sources of information necessary for the implementation of the research projects they are conducting. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.1.2. The student/graduate has the cognitive and metacognitive skills necessary to gauge one's own strengths and liabilities relevant for the project in hand, and commits thereto accordingly. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.1.3. The student/graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types. L.O.1.4. The student/graduate has the ability to efficiently organize his professional activity and to correctly and timely fulfill his work tasks, achieving a pre-established set of objectives.
	CT2. Career management and development Learning outcomes: Knowledge L.O.2.1. The student/graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities. Learning outcomes: Abilities L.O.2.2. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress. Learning outcomes: Responsibility and autonomy L.O.2.3. The student/graduate sets objectives for one's own career management and is able to act towards attaining them. L.O.2.4. The student/graduate is capable of self-assessment and of managing their own career, identifying strategies for self-adjustment and overcoming professional issues. L.O.2.5. The student/graduate performs the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	Providing the theoretical grounds in the field of translation and interpreting in a professional context as a phenomenon of intercultural communication; presenting translation and interpreting strategies and norms; exposing modern research methods specific to translation and interpreting of specialized languages
7.2 Specific objectives	- mastering communication techniques through translation and interpretation and research methods in the field of translation and interpreting in professional contexts - acquiring translation and interpreting skills in various specialized fields - developing superior intercultural communication skills through translation and interpreting - acquiring the ability to use the knowledge and skills acquired for research purposes, but also in various professional environments

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
Introduction: the translation-interpretation relationship;	Video projector, interactive lecture	2	
Stages of translation and interpretation: from reception to rendering of the message;		2	
Sight translation;		2	

Consecutive interpreting – specialist languages;		2	
Note-taking;		2	
Simultaneous interpreting – specialist languages;		2	
Research methods based on specialized corpora		2	
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Valero Garces, C. (ed.), 2005, Translation as Mediation or How to Bridge Linguistic and Cultural Gaps, Universidad de Alcala de Henares.			
8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project		Number of hours	Remarks
Bidirectional translation of specialized texts;	- Discussing translations done as homework and practising the interpreting modes	4	
Consecutive interpreting – specialized languages;		4	
Simultaneous interpreting – specialized languages;		4	
Introduction to the research of interpreted discourses	- Applying research methods based on corpora of transcribed interpreted discourse	2	
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Iliescu-Gheorghiu, Cătălina, 2006, Introducere în interpretariat, Institutul European, Iași			
Nolan, James, 2012, Interpretation: Techniques and Exercises (Professional Interpreting in the Real World), Cromwell Press Ltd., G.B.			

9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

After completing this course, students will have acquired the communication skills necessary for integration into the labour market, in any field that involves intercultural communication through translation and interpretation into and from English.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Assessment of knowledge related to the course content	Summative assessment	50%
10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Assessment of translation and interpretation skills for intercultural communication	Continuous assessment during the seminars	50%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			

- To pass the exam, students have to demonstrate the acquisition of the theoretical knowledge and skills necessary to translate and interpret messages from specialized fields, related to the professional contexts targeted in the course, into the English-Romanian language pair.

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Note:

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2. Data about the course

2.1 Name of course	Gender Studies							
2.2 Course convenor	Lect. Dr. Aura Sibişan							
2.3 Seminar/ laboratory/ project convenor	Lect. Dr. Aura Sibişan							
2.4 Study year	1	2.5 Semester	2	2.6 Evaluation type	E	2.7 Course status	Content ³⁾	CP
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Tutorial					2
Examinations					4
Other activities.....					
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4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 curriculum-related	•
4.2 competences-related	• English literature, American literature

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for course development	• Room with blackboard, platform
5.2 for seminar/ laboratory/ project development	• Room with blackboard and OHP, platform

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7. Course objectives (resulting from the specific competences to be acquired)

7.1 General course objective	Knowledge of the main directions of gender studies, with the methodology of discussing the cultural phenomena from a critical and comparative perspective, in English; for further study, the Master students have Bibliography in English.
7.2 Specific objectives	- Knowledge of the main directions of gender studies, with the methodology of discussing the cultural phenomena from a critical and comparative perspective, in English - Advanced studies in the domain of gender studies

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. Towards a feminist poetics: Fragment from Elaine Showalter: "Toward a Feminist Poetics"	Interactive course	2	
2. Towards an ethics of linguistics: Fragment from Julia Kristeva: "The Ethics of Linguistics"	Interactive course	2	
3. Towards a construction of the subject: Fragment from C. Belsey: "Constructing the Subject, Deconstructing the Text" – Part I	Interactive course	2	
4. Towards a construction of the subject and a deconstruction of the text: Fragment from C. Belsey: "Constructing the Subject, Deconstructing the Text" II	Interactive course	2	
5. Intertextuality, parody and the discourses of history: Fragment from Linda Hutcheon: "Intertextuality, Parody and the Discourses of History"	Interactive course	2	
6. Constructing gender through language:	Interactive course	2	

Fragment from S. Gilbert and S. Gubar: "Gender, Language"			
7. Femininity and psychoanalysis: Juliet Mitchell: „Femininity and Psychoanalysis“	Interactive course	2	
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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Teaching-learning methods	Number of hours	Remarks
1. Introduction; Concepts of gender studies	Discussions	2	
2. "Types of ambiguity" –Fragments from William Empson; R. Jakobson – "Metaphor and Metonymy"	Analyses, discussions	2	
3. Mihail Bakhtin – Fragment from "Forms of Time and the Chronotope in the Novel"	Discussions	2	
4. David Lodge – Fragment from "Analysis and Interpretation of a Realist Text"	Discussions	2	
5. Theodor Adorno – Fragment from "Society"	Discussions	2	
6. Towards a <i>science of the text</i> – T. Eagleton: Fragment from "Towards a Science of the Text"	Analyses, discussions	2	
7.Seminar deschis – Intrebari, clarificari, concluzii	Discussions	2	
Bibliography Booth, Wayne C. – The Rhetoric of Fiction, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1961 Brannigan, John – New Historicism and Cultural Materialism, Macmillan Press, London, 1998			

9. Correlation of course content with the demands of the labour market (epistemic communities, professional associations, potential employers in the field of study)

The contents of the discipline are in conformity with the expectations of the epistemic communities, of the professional associations, and of the employers that are representative for the domain of the Master's programme.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Writing a specialized essay in English	Project- essay on the platform	80%

10.5 Seminar/ laboratory/ project	Understanding and interpretation of concepts and ideas in Gender Studies; communicating the ideas during the seminars	Participation in seminars, discussions	20%
10.6 Minimal performance standard			
Writing an essay that is uploaded on the Platform, in English, in order to prove the degree of understanding and interpretation of a Gender Studies topic; writing a specialized text in English (without distortions and semantic and terminological inadequacies).			

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