

CURRICULUM FOR
THE ACADEMIC YEARS
2024-2026

TransilvaniaUniversity of Braşov

Master's degree study programme	LANGUAGE STUDIES FOR INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION (IN ENGLISH)
Fundamental field	Arts and Humanities
Master's degree study field	Philology
Faculty	Letters
Duration of studies	2 years
Form of education:	Full-time (IF)
Type of master's study programme:	Research-oriented



1. EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND COMPETENCES

The general objective of the Master's programme is to develop and expand the range of research skills and abilities required in the field of intercultural communication. By and large, it prepares students for a career in linguistics, which requires, inter alia, a thorough understanding of intercultural phenomena, approached from an ethnorelativistic perspective. Upon graduation, the students will earn a Master's degree in Philology (occupation code 2643010) and will possess advanced theoretical knowledge in the area of linguistics and related fields, necessary for the development of Intercultural Communication Competence, as well as advanced written and spoken communication abilities for professional purposes. In addition, the students will be able to: operate accurately and effectively manner with the concepts and terminological repertoires associated with the study of culture and communication; make use of domain-specific methodology and research tools in order to collect data and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality; and approach critically the existing theories in the field and adapts them to the specificities of the communicative situations under investigation.

The objectives and the profile of competencies developed in accordance with the needs identified on the labour market and with the national qualifications framework are summarized below and detailed in the syllabi of the different disciplines.

Professional competences and learning outcomes

PC1. Professional competencies

L.O.1.1. The 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 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 graduate can initiate, design, monitor and complete research projects in the field of linguistics.

L.O.1.4 The graduate can use the methodology and research tools specific to the field to document and investigate phenomena associated with interculturality.

L.O.1.5 The 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.

PC2. Competencies in the field of intercultural communication in professional and social contexts, using traditional and digital means

L.O.2.1 The 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.

L.O.2.2 The graduate has the ability to mediate and manage communication between non-native speakers, in various communication situations and to use the tools necessary for effective collaboration with partners from different cultural and professional backgrounds.

L.O.2.3 The graduate can participate in interactions in multicultural contexts, demonstrating understanding and tolerance towards the interlocutors opinions and values of the interlocutors, adapting his behavior to the given communication situation.

Transversal competences and learning outcomes

CT1. Research-related and metacognitive competencies

L.O.1.1 The graduate is prepared for independent or team work, and is able to plan and oversee activities designed for different project types.

L.O.1.2. The 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.

L.O.1.3 The graduate has the 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

L.O.2.1. The graduate is able to identify and explore lifelong learning opportunities.

L.O.2.2. The graduate can set objectives for one's own career management and is able to act towards attaining them.

L.O.2.3. The graduate is capable of self-assessment, self-adjustment, and management of professional issues.

L.O.2.4. The graduate possesses the coping strategies to control professional and emotional stress.

L.O.2.5. The graduate is able to commit to and perform the tasks in keeping with the ethical principles and shared values of the professional community.

2. STRUCTURE PER WEEKS OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Number of semesters: 4 semesters.

Number of credits per semester: 30 credits

Number of hours of teaching activities /week: 14 hrs. in the 1st semester; 14 hrs. in the 2nd semester; 14 hrs. in the 3rd semester; 12 hrs. in the 4th semester.

Number of weeks: 54

	Teaching activities		Exam sessions			Holidays		
	Sem. I	Sem. II	Winter	Summer	Resits	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year I	14	14	3	4	2	3	1	11
Year II	14	12	3	2	2	3	1	-

3. PROVISION OF EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY. CONDITIONINGS

The flexibilization of the study programme is ensured by optional disciplines and facultative disciplines.

The optional disciplines are proposed for the semesters 2-4, through packages of specialized disciplines.

4. CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT IN THE FOLLOWING STUDY YEAR. CONDITIONS FOR PASSING A STUDY YEAR

The enrollment in the following year is conditional on meeting the conditions for passing contained in the *Regulations on students' professional activity*.

5. CONDITIONS FOR ATTENDING THE FACULTATIVE DISCIPLINES

This Curriculum includes only the **compulsory and elective disciplines**.

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE MASTER'S DEGREE DIPLOMA

The conditions for taking the dissertation exam are presented in the *Methodology for the academic studies final examination*, approved by the Senate of the University. According to this methodology, in order to enter the dissertation exam, all disciplines laid down in the course outline must have been passed.

DISSERTATION EXAM

- 1 Period of drafting the dissertation: **semesters 3 – 4;**
- 2 Period of completing the dissertation: **the last 3 weeks of the final year;**
3. Period of defending the dissertation exam: June-July 2026 / February 2027
4. Number of credits for defending the dissertation: 10 credits.

YEAR I

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Senatului Universităţii Transilvania
din Braşov din data de
30 septembrie 2024

No.	Compulsory disciplines	Type*	Semester I							Semester II						
			C	S					C	S					C	S
1.	Quantitative Research Methods	PC	2	0	0	1		E	7							
2.	Qualitative Research Methods	PC	2	0	0	1		E	7							
3.	New Trends in Sociolinguistic Analysis	SC	2	1	0	0		E	6							
4.	Translation and Communication	SC	2	1	0	0		E	6							
5.	The Construction of Meaning in Talk-in-Interaction	SC	1	1	0	0		C	4							
1.	Intercultural Written Communication in Professional Settings	AC								2	0	0	1		E	7
2.	Cultural Features of Verbal and Non-verbal Communication	AC								2	1	0	0		E	7
3.	The Management of Research Projects. Ethics and Academic Integrity.	PC								1	0	0	1		C	4
4.	Fundamental Issues in Linguistics	AC								1	1	0	0		E	4
5.	Modern Interpretation Techniques	SC								1	1	0	0		C	4
6.	Gender Studies	SC								1	1	0	0		E	4
Total ore discipline obligatorii			9	3	0	2		E C V 4 1 0	30	8	4	0	2		E C V 4 2 0	30
			14							14						

Legend:

PC - proficiency course

SC - synthesis course

AC - advanced course

PDD - Practice for drafting the dissertation

CC - complementary courses

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YEAR II

No.	Compulsory disciplines	Type*	Semester III						Semester IV					
			C	S				C	S				C	S
1.	Translation as Art	SC	2	1	0	0	E	7						
2.	Fundamentals of Bilingual Lexicography	AC	2	1	0	0	E	7						
1.	Oral Intercultural Communication in Professional Settings	AC							1	1	0	0	E	5
2.	Scientific Research Projects	PC							0	0	0	8	C	15
3.	Writing and Completing the Master's Dissertation	PDD							0	0	0	2	C	10
Total hours compulsory disciplines			4	2	0	0	E C V 2 0 0	14	1	1	0	10	E C V 1 2 0	30
			6						12					

No.	Elective courses	Type	Semester III						Semester IV					
			C	S				C	S				C	S
Choose one discipline from each pack:														
Elective pack 1														
3.	Intercultural Aspects of Humor	SC	1	1	0	0	E	4						
	Translation and Interpretation in Professional Contexts													
Elective pack 2														
4.	Corpus-based Translation	AC	1	1	0	0	C	4						
	Linguistic Anthropology	AC												
Elective pack 3														
5.	Public Relations from an Intercultural Perspective	AC	1	1	0	0	C	4						
	The Theory and Practice of Film Subtitling	AC												
Elective pack 4														
6.	Group Dynamics	AC	1	1	0	0	E	4						
	An introduction to Psycholinguistics	AC												
Total hours electives per week			4	4	0	0	E C V 2 2 0	16	0	0	0	0	E C V 0 0 0	0

	8	0	
Total	14	30	12
			30

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GENERAL BALANCE SHEET I

No.	Discipline	No. of hours		Total		No. of credits	
		Year I	Year II	hours	%	Year I	Year II
1	Compulsory	392	228	620	84.7	60	44
2	Electives	0	112	112	15.3	-	16
TOTAL						60	60

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET II

No.	Discipline	No. of hours		Total		No. of credits	
		Year I	Year II	hours	%	Year I	Year II
1.	Fully assisted disciplines	392	316	708	96,72%	60	50
2.	Practice for drafting the dissertation	0	24	24	3,28%	0	10
TOTAL				732	100%	60	60

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