

Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages (Spanish)

About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern Languages (Spanish) with a concentration in Localization and Translation combines language, culture, and technology to prepare students for work in the language services industry. Localization translates and adapts language, texts, products, software, and websites to a target culture. Students work with an international software partner to build machine translation (MT) engines and test their engines against international translation products. Students learn in a collaborative work environment with hands-on training in computer-assisted translation, focusing on concepts of "big language data" collection and processing, as well as MT engine tuning across multiple languages and domains. Students also build AI models using these same language data for natural language understanding. The substantive program provides training in key skills for future employment tasks, for ultimate career preparedness.

Competencies

1. Upon graduation, students will demonstrate integrative thinking about translation theory and practice as applied to the localization field.
2. Upon graduation, students will successfully conduct cultural analyses of localized products and services.
3. Upon graduation, students will gain skills with tools commonly used in the language services industry, with a focus on emerging AI/ML approaches and large language models.
4. Upon graduation, students will demonstrate preparation for careers in the localization industry.

Admissions Criteria

In addition to satisfying the entrance requirements for the College of Liberal Arts, prospective majors in the Department of Modern Languages must meet the following criteria:

- A 3.0 GPA is required in the 1441-2314 Modern Language sequence, or an equivalent score on the Modern Language testing instrument, or approval of the departmental advisor.
- After admission to the Modern Language major, students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in major classes.

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/>) 42

Modern Languages Foundations

UNIV 1131	STUDENT SUCCESS	1
or UNIV 1101	CAREER PREPARATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS	
GLOBAL 2301	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL ISSUES	3
ENGL 2338	TECHNICAL WRITING	3
ENGL 3379	GRANT AND PROPOSAL WRITING	3
or BCOM 3360	EFFECTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNICATION	
MODL 3346	BUSINESS OF LOCALIZATION AND TRANSLATION	3
GLOBAL 4312	INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR GLOBAL COMMUNICATION	3

Spanish

SPAN 1441	BEGINNING SPANISH I	4
SPAN 1442	BEGINNING SPANISH II	4
SPAN 2313	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I	3
or SPAN 2312	SPANISH FOR NATIVE/HERITAGE SPEAKERS I	
SPAN 2314	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II	3
or SPAN 2315	SPANISH FOR NATIVE/HERITAGE SPEAKERS II	
SPAN 3314	ADVANCED SPANISH GRAMMAR	3
or SPAN 3305	ADVANCED SPANISH FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS	
SPAN 3310	SPANISH LOCALIZATION AND TRANSLATION I	3
SPAN 3321	SPANISH LOCALIZATION AND TRANSLATION II	3
SPAN 3345	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER-ASSISTED TRANSLATION	3
Select one 4000-level SPAN course		3
Select two 4000-level MODL courses from the following:		6
MODL 4347	RESEARCH IN LOCALIZATION AND TRANSLATION	

MODL 4348	NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING AND UNDERSTANDING	
MODL 4349	MACHINE TRANSLATION AND EMERGING LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGIES	
Minor and Electives		
Select minor and elective courses sufficient to complete 120 hours with at least 36 at the 3000/4000 level		27
Total Hours		120

Advising Resources

First time in college students will be advised by the AUEC.

New transfer students should email modladvisor@uta.edu before enrolling in classes at UTA.

Students with previous experience in one of the languages offered at UTA, must take a Placement Test. For more information, contact MODL Testing at modltesting@uta.edu or call 817-272-4605.

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230 Hammond Hall

Email:

modladvisor@uta.edu

Phone:

817-272-3161

Web:

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