

**Politehnica University of Timișoara
Faculty of Communication Sciences**

**Undergraduate study programme: Translation and Interpreting
Domain of study: Applied Modern Languages**

General information

Entry requirements: **Baccalaureate degree**, file-based admission contest

Length of study: **3 years** (6 semesters), 180 ECTS credits

Title awarded: **Bachelor's degree in Philology**, specialism **Translation and interpreting**

Domain description

The domain of Applied Modern Languages stands out as a multidisciplinary track with professional vocation. According to the Classification of Academic Domains and Specialisms, this domain comprises two specialisms: Applied Modern Languages and Translation and Interpreting. While the former offers a general perspective on the use of foreign languages in professional and cultural contexts, the specialism Translation and Interpreting provides specialists in the field of translation and interpreting, preparing graduates for the profession translator and interpreter. In order to build a successful career in this field, students need to have an excellent command of two foreign languages (labeled languages B and C) and of the Romanian language (labeled language A), good general knowledge and strong motivation for self-development and lifelong learning.

Competences and knowledge acquired:

Effective communication in at least two foreign languages (language B and language C), in a wide range of professional and cultural contexts, by deploying specific registers and language variants in spoken and written interactions (Proficiency level B2-C1 in both languages – cf. Common European Framework Reference for Foreign Language Teaching and Learning); adequate application of translation techniques, of written and spoken mediation techniques from language B/C to language A and conversely, in general interest and semi-specialised fields; adequate application of ICT (software, electronic dictionaries, databases, data storage, etc.) for documentation, identification and storage of information, graphic design and proofreading; cultural and linguistic mediation and negotiation in languages A, B, C; professional and institutional communication, analysis and evaluation of effective communication in languages A, B, C.

Transversal competences:

Optimum management of professional tasks, training targeted at job-related task achievement in due time, in a rigorous, effective and responsive manner; observance of domain-specific norms (e.g. confidentiality); application of teamwork techniques, development of empathetic communication skills, of role-play skills in team interactions targeted at effective achievement of group work, of resource management skills, including human resources; identification and use of effective learning techniques and methods; awareness of extrinsic and intrinsic motivation for continuous / life-long learning.

Examples of subjects

- General translation theory and practice B and C
- Specialised translation: economic, scientific, technical, administrative, legal
- Contemporary Romanian language
- Romanian language: text production and analysis
- Contemporary foreign language B, C
- Terminology B and C, Terminology applications B
- Languages for specific purposes B and C
- Interpreting B and C
- Culture and Civilization B and C
- Communication techniques B and C
- International affairs and European institutions
- Basics of Science and technology
- Ethics and deontology in translation
- Computer-assisted translation
- Current trends in translation theory and practice

Translation and Interpreting at Politehnica University of Timișoara

The bachelor domain Applied Modern Languages was implemented in Politehnica University of Timișoara in 2008 via the bachelor programme Translation and Interpreting, with the first generation of graduates in 2011. The programme Translation and Interpreting is accredited as a trusted study programme by ARACIS (i.e. The Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) Council's Decision /25.06.2014.

Before the Bologna system, between 1993-2002, this study programme was administered by the Foreign Language Department of the university as a three-year academic training form, known as the Professional Communication College.

Its mission is to produce translators and interpreters for fields such as technical, scientific, economic, administrative, legal, etc., according to the demands of the national and international labour market. The undergraduate programme Translation and Interpreting is the only programme of this kind in the western part of Romania and one of the seven similar programmes in the country.

Career opportunities

Future graduates can become: translators; interpreters; mediators; reviewers / proofreaders; document production operators; multilingual communication assistants / customer care assistants; translation & interpreting assistant project managers; assistant terminologists; liaison interpreters; international relations officers; documentalists; subtitling specialists.



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