



English/Portuguese Community Interpreting Certificate

Program: World Languages

Program Code:

PI

Academic Area:

Arts and Humanities

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

CIP Code:

16.0103

Program Statement

This certificate prepares bilingual students to work as interpreters in a variety of community settings. Students develop specialized vocabulary and communication skills and learn the standards and practices of professional interpreters and translators.

Program Information

- Interpreters are required to demonstrate written and oral fluency in both English and Portuguese.
- ENG 101 is a co-requisite to HUM 156.
- Students with prior experience as interpreters should consult with the program director or PEL Coordinator to discuss Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).
- All courses in this certificate align with the Associate in Science in General Studies, Humanities and Arts Studies.

After Bristol

- Students with a bachelor's degree can prepare to take the Office of Court Interpreter Services (OCIS) certification exam.
- The program follows Massachusetts Medical Interpreters Association (MMIA) guidelines.

Program Requirements



Course #	Title	Credits
COM 160	Intercultural Communication	3
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
HUM 156	Fundamentals of Interpreting and Translating	3
POR 321	Portuguese for Interpreters	3
POR 322	The Portuguese Language in the World: An Introduction to the Lusofonia	3
POR 352	Written and Sight Translation for English and Portuguese	3
POR 353	Interpreting Portuguese/English	3
HUM 390	Fieldwork in Interpreting Portuguese/Spanish	3
	CRJ 101, CRJ 113 or MAA 101	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Course #	Title	Credits
	CRJ 101, CRJ 113 or MAA 101	3
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
HUM 156	Fundamentals of Interpreting and Translating	3
POR 321	Portuguese for Interpreters	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
POR 322	The Portuguese Language in the World: An Introduction to the Lusofonia	3
POR 352	Written and Sight Translation for English and Portuguese	3
POR 353	Interpreting Portuguese/English	3
COM 160	Intercultural Communication	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Course #	Title	Credits
HUM 390	Fieldwork in Interpreting Portuguese/Spanish	3
	Total credits:	27

Category Descriptions

CRJ 101, CRJ 113 or MAA 101

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:



Course #	Title	Credits
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 113	Criminal Law	3
MAA 101	Medical Terminology	3