



Spanish/English Community Interpreting Certificate

Program: World Languages

Program Code:

SI

Academic Area:

Arts and Humanities

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

Campus:

Fall River

CIP Code:

16.0103

Program Goals Statement

This certificate prepares bilingual students (Spanish and English) 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 Spanish by taking a written and oral exam before being accepted to the program.
- A passing score on the written and oral Spanish exams are prerequisites to HUM 156.
- ENG 101 is a co-requisite of HUM 156.
- Students with prior experience as interpreters should consult with the program director to discuss Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) credits.

Related Programs

All courses may be applied to an 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) certificate exam.
- The program follows the Massachusetts Medical Interpreters Association (MMIA) guidelines.

Program Requirements



| Course # | Title | Credits |
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| COM 160 | Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| ENG 101 | Composition I: College Writing | 3 |
| HUM 156 | Fundamentals of Interpreting and Translating | 3 |
| HUM 390 | Fieldwork in Interpreting Portuguese/Spanish | 3 |
| SPA 321 | Spanish for Interpreters | 3 |
| SPA 322 | The Spanish Language in the World | 3 |
| SPA 353 | Spanish/English Interpreting | 3 |
| SPA 354 | Written and Sight Translation for English and Spanish | 3 |
| | CRJ 101, CRJ 113 or MAA 101 | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

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

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

| Course # | Title | Credits |
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| SPA 322 | The Spanish Language in the World | 3 |
| SPA 353 | Spanish/English Interpreting | 3 |
| SPA 354 | Written and Sight Translation for English and Spanish | 3 |
| COM 160 | Intercultural Communication | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

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