

Subject card

Subject name and code	The ins and outs of the sworn translator's profession: between theory and practice, PG_00208221						
Field of study	German Studies, Polish Studies, Romance and Iberian Studies, Applied Linguistics, Logopedics, Scandinavian Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027	
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group	
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery			e-learning	
Year of study	1		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits			2.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			credit	
Conducting unit	Division of Russian Language and Translation Studies -> Institute of Russian and Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Wanda Stec				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 30.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		18.0	50
Subject objectives	To familiarise students/students with the theoretical and practical aspects of working in the profession of a regulated sworn interpreter in Poland. To make students aware of the necessity to continuously improve their linguistic and translation skills, as well as to develop soft and social competences indispensable in interpreting. To develop the ability to search, select and analyse information needed for interpreting. To raise awareness of the importance of ethics and the role of responsibility in the profession of a sworn interpreter.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
Subject contents	Sworn translators in Poland: historical background, number of translators, legal regulations of the profession. Certified translation and interpreting: specifics of the work, place, requirements, rules, rates. Practical side of the translation activity and organisation of sworn translators' work: organisational aspects, subordination and control, clients and recipients of translation services, opportunities and threats in professional development, employment prospects (work vs. cooperation). Resources and equipment: stamp and repertory of a sworn translator, translator's library, materials and databases, hardware and software. Skills and aptitudes necessary for the profession of a sworn translator: factual and linguistic preparation, gaining translation experience, ability to search and select information, importance and use of soft skills. Ethics and responsibility in the profession of a sworn translator as a person of public trust: is it worth it (a job or a vocation?), a translator as an expert witness, security issues, advantages and disadvantages, and the extent of responsibility incurred. The lecture is conducted with the use of a multimedia presentation, supplemented by numerous interesting facts from the practice of the profession of a sworn translator. The presenter presents the topic based on her knowledge and almost 30 years of experience as a sworn translator.						
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Lecture selection. Knowledge of the Polish language at a level that allows you to understand the subject of the lecture.						
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria		Passing threshold			Percentage of the final grade	
	written credit assignment (closed question test)		51.0%			70.0%	
	active class participation (attendance at lectures and participation in discussions)		70.0%			30.0%	

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Kubacki A.D., <i>Certified translation. Status, education, workshop and responsibility of the sworn translator</i> , Warsaw 2012. 2. Koźbial D., <i>Legal status of the profession of sworn translator</i> , Warsaw 2024. 3. Łomzik M., <i>Soft skills of a sworn translator</i> , "Tertium Linguistic Journal", vol. 3 (2), 2018. 4. Nartowska K., <i>The Law on the Profession of Sworn Translator and Court Translation in Poland</i> , "Translation Yearbook. Studies on the theory, practice and didactics of translation", no. 13, 2018.
	Supplementary literature	1. Witkowska K., <i>Interpreter in criminal proceedings</i> , "Prosecution and Law", no. 1, 2014. 2. Kubacki A.D., <i>Critical error in certified translation</i> , "Lingua Legis", no. 22, 2014. 3. Ostaszewski P., Włodarczyk-Madejska J., <i>Certified translation in the practice of justice</i> , Warsaw 2016.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	I would like to ask you to prepare for a substantive discussion on the specifics of the translation activity of sworn translators of a language (here: <i>one of the selected foreign languages</i>) in Poland.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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