Academic Years in Credit Hours:

Academic Year	Successfully-Completed Credit Hours
First (Freshman)	Less than 35
Second (Sophomore)	From 35 to less than 70
Third (Junior)	From 70 to less than 108
Fourth (Senior)	More than 108

Credit hours required for the completion of the program (144 hours+ Field Training) are distributed as follows:

Requirements	Hours
University Requirements	16 credit hours
Faculty Requirements	32 credit hours
Program Requirements	96 credit hours
Total	144 credit hours
Field Training (Graduation Requirement)	60 hours (Pass/Fail)

University Requirements

16 credit hours of cultural and general courses that enhance the translator's character and better equip him/her for the job market.

Faculty Requirements

32 credit hours that include the following: Arabic Language (16 credit hours), Second Language (12 credit hours), Introduction to Research Methods (2 credit hours), and Research (2 credit hours).

Program Requirements (Obligatory)

The student must complete 84 credit hours that include translation, linguistics, and main skills courses. The student can choose to specialize in either of the two following specializations: Written Translation OR Simultaneous Interpreting. To specialize in the latter, the student must score 90% or higher in the Introduction to Oral Interpretation course from and into Arabic, in addition to passing a test in oral interpretation.

Elective Requirements

Starting from the junior year, the student shall choose 6 courses from those offered by the program. S/he may also choose courses offered by any other program in Al-Alsun, or any other Ain Shams Faculty.

Field Training

Field training is a graduation requirement, whereby the student must finish 60 hours of training throughout the 4 years of study. It is evaluated as Pass/Fail only, and is not included in the GPA.

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Faculty of Al-Alsun

Department of English

Al-Alsun Credit-Hour Program in Translation and Simultaneous Interpreting

2024-2025

Why Al-Alsun?

The Faculty of Al-Alsun (Languages) is one of the leading faculties in the field of foreign languages and translation studies in the Middle East and Africa. It was founded in 1835 AD by Sheikh Refa'a Rafi'e Al-Tahtawy to groom translators and language specialists with the highest levels of proficiency. The Faculty runs language labs, e-learning labs, simultaneous interpreting labs, computer labs, and a conference hall equipped with hi-tech simultaneous interpreting booths and apparatus. These labs use state-of-the-art technology and modern software.

Why the Department of English?

The Department of English is one of the Faculty's largest departments. It provides its students with comprehensive knowledge in literature, language, and translation, which ultimately qualifies and distinguishes them in the job market, as compared to peers of the same major, from other universities.

Why the Written Translation and Simultaneous Interpreting Program?

The new program is based on the latest educational systems and comprises a number of curricula that develop the student's personality and boost his/her intellectual, academic, practical and professional skills. The program aims at grooming professional translators and interpreters capable of catering for market needs, locally, regionally and internationally.

Students who join the program study for a period of 4 academic years (8 compulsory terms and an optional summer term) in credit hours. Each academic year is divided into two 14-week terms as a minimum. Students may elect to study two courses in a 7-week intensive summer term.

Each course is divided into a number of theoretical and practical/lab/training credit hours.

At the beginning of each term, the student chooses the courses s/he will study from the ones offered in the program. Academic advisors provide assistance in this respect, as per the Faculty course registration booklet. Students shall not be deemed registered unless all tuition fees have been paid.

The average academic load for a full-time student is the sum of credit hours s/he is allowed to register in, according to his/her results and abilities. A student with a GPA of more than 3.5 is allowed an extra course, while a student with less than 2 is relieved of 3 courses.

Program Admission Requirements:

- Earning the Thanaweya Amma Certificate, or an accredited equivalent, as per the rules and regulations set by the Supreme Council of Universities, Egypt.

- Sitting for a written admission test. Upon passing, the student shall sit for an oral one. The student shall not be accepted in the program until s/he passes both admission tests with at least a 60% score.

- Students wishing to minor in simultaneous interpreting are required to successfully pass a physical examination to ensure hearing and sight are medically sound and pronunciation is articulate.