

# Legal Interpreting (LI)

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## Courses

### **LI 130 Introduction to Legal Interpreting\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** Director approval

**Corequisites:** LI 140

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** LAW 121

This course provides a practical and theoretical introduction to the field of bilingual interpreting. Students will study interpreter roles and skills, modes of interpreting and translating, ethical issues, professional standards of practices, cultural competence and applied linguistics. Upon completion, students should have a strong foundation of knowledge regarding the profession of interpreting and should be ready for specific skills training. This course is taught in English. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **LI 140 Legal Interpreting Skills I\* (3 Hours)**

**Corequisites:** LI 130

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** LAW 121

This course develops students' skills in sight translation and consecutive interpreting. Listening and memory skills, communication strategies and intervention techniques are emphasized. Upon completion, students should be able to sight translate short written texts and consecutively interpret non-technical, interactive messages between Spanish and English. This course is taught in English and Spanish. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **LI 150 Legal Interpreting Skills II\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** LI 130 and LI 140 and LAW 121

**Corequisites:** LI 160

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** LI 170

This course develops students' skills in simultaneous interpreting, and advanced consecutive interpreting. In addition, through classroom, lab, and field experiences, students practice the three interpretation modes they have learned in the program and improve all aspects of their interpreting while forming good professional habits. Self-assessment, professional growth and development of a personal philosophy of interpreting is stressed. This course is taught in English and Spanish. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **LI 160 Spanish Legal Interpreting\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** LI 130 and LI 140 and LAW 121

**Corequisites:** LI 150 and Prerequisite or

This course develops the knowledge, techniques, and practices needed to function as a bilingual interpreter in a legal environment. Students will be introduced to basic legal situations, procedures, order of events, with vocabulary and terminology in both English and Spanish. Upon completion, students should be able to apply legal interpreting techniques in a variety of legal settings. This course is taught in English and Spanish. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **LI 170 Legal Procedures and Ethics\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** LAW 121

The course will acquaint Legal Interpreting students with the major characteristics of civil and criminal litigation. Students will be able to explain the various types of procedures regarding civil and criminal litigation process and their application. The student will also be able to explain ethical rules and standards governing the legal profession. 3 hrs. lecture/ wk.

### **LI 180 Legal Interpreting Practicum\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** LI 130 and LI 140 and LI 150 and LI 160 and LI 170 and LAW 121

Students will observe and interpret at assigned legal facilities, participate in class discussions about their interpreting experiences and develop a personal philosophy of interpreting. Both classroom meetings and fieldwork are required for this class. 1 hr. lecture, 3hrs. field study/ wk.