

Program in Translation and Interpreting Studies Policy on Requests for Translation and Interpreting Services

As an academic unit of the University of Illinois, the Program in Translation Studies supports and promotes recognized professional translation and interpreting standards. A core tenet of professional organizations for translators and interpreters, including the American Translators Association (ATA) and the International Association of Conference Interpreters (AIIC), is that anyone performing interpreting or translation services must be qualified and adequately compensated.

The Program in Translation Studies often receives requests for volunteer or paid translation and interpreting services. In the great majority of cases, all stakeholders are best served by consulting the directories of qualified translators and interpreters available here:

1. Midwest Association of Translators and Interpreters:
<http://www.matiata.org/directory>
2. Illinois Supreme Court Language Interpreter Registry:
<https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/aoic/access-to-justice/>
3. American Translators Association (includes interpreters):
<https://web.atanet.org/directory/individuals.php>

When other options are not available, we will evaluate individual requests for translation or interpreting services. We are able to recommend students or faculty for translation and interpreting services only when we can be assured that they are well-qualified and that proper working conditions will be provided. This happens only rarely, and these requests usually cannot be fulfilled within a short time period.