



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### 1. GENERAL

<b>SCHOOL</b>	HUMANITIES		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	FOREIGN LANGUAGES, TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING		
<b>LEVEL</b>	Undergraduate		
<b>COURSE CODE</b>	YE-9600	<b>SEMESTER</b>	98 <sup>th</sup>
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	Audiovisual Translation		
<b>INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	
Lectures	2	2	
<b>COURSE CATEGORY</b>	Specific Background		
<b>COURSE TYPE</b>	Compulsory Elective		
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	-		
<b>LANGUAGE OF TEACHING AND EXAMINATIONS</b>	English / Greek		
<b>THE COURSE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS</b>	YES (In English)		
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://dfilti.ionio.gr/en/undergraduate-studies/courses/ye-9600/">https://dfilti.ionio.gr/en/undergraduate-studies/courses/ye-9600/</a>		
<b>ECLASS</b>			

### 2. TEACHING RESULTS

<b>Teaching Results</b>
Upon completion of the course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• understand the complex semiotic nature of audiovisual texts and analyze them for the purpose of subtitling</li><li>• identify the characteristics of the main types of AVT.</li><li>• understand the technical parameters of subtitling</li><li>• create subtitles with the help of special software (Subtitle Workshop) and use templates</li><li>• translate subtitles respecting spatiotemporal constraints and genre conventions.</li><li>• effectively address challenges related to the translation of dialects, verbal humor, and cultural indicators, by applying appropriate theories. In particular, they will be able to choose the most appropriate techniques and justify their translation options.</li><li>• understand the needs of people with disabilities and the AVT types that provide accessibility to culture and the media.</li></ul>
<b>General Skills</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seek, analyze and synthesize data</li><li>• Decision making</li><li>• Autonomous work</li><li>• Work in international environment</li><li>• Work in interdisciplinary environment</li><li>• Production of new research ideas</li><li>• Project design and management</li><li>• Respect for diversity</li></ul>

### 3. CONTENT

The aim of the module is to provide an introduction to Audiovisual Translation (AVT) and to familiarise students with this type of multimedia translation which poses various restrictions to translators and differs greatly from traditional interlingual translation. Dubbing, Audio Description, subtitling for the deaf and hard of hearing (SDH) are all covered, but emphasis is placed on interlingual subtitling which constitutes the prime type of AVT in Greece. Students use the free software Subtitle Edit, while other key subtitling programs are also introduced. Meanwhile, the students learn to work with the spatiotemporal and technical constraints of subtitling, the challenges posed by the various genres and



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those posed by the use of humour, slang and cultural-specific elements.

**Week 1:** Introduction to Audiovisual Translation. Types of AVT and multimodality. Accessibility to culture and the media.

**Week 2:** Interlingual subtitling: special features. Spatiotemporal constraints.

**Week 3:** Technical parameters of subtitling: timing and condensation of text. Introduction to the Subtitle Workshop subtitling software.

**Week 4:** Technical subtitling parameters: guidelines of presentation, formatting and punctuation. Further familiarity with the Subtitle Edit subtitling software.

**Week 5:** The template and its revolutionary effect on subtitling. Translation of subtitles from a template: from theory to practice.

**Week 6:** Translation and linguistic diversity: geographical dialects, social dialects, slang, idiolect.

**Week 7:** LSP and subtitling: challenges and strategies to effectively address them. Hands-on-session (subtitling of a judicial drama, a medical drama, a documentary about Leonardo da Vinci).

**Week 8:** Translation of cultural indicators/culture-specific items. Hands-on-session (subtitling of a Greek dramatic film).

**Week 9:** Translating Verbal Humor. Strategies to address the problems that arise and hands-on-session (subtitling of a British comedy)

**Week 10:** Introduction to dubbing: key features and challenges. Analysis of a dubbed children's film in Greek.

**Week 11:** Subtitling hands-on-session. Group work.

**Week 12:** The profession of the subtitler and the AVT industry in Greece and abroad. Opportunities and challenges. Reference to technology and machine translation.

## 4. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

<b>TEACHING METHOD</b>	Face to face
<b>USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES</b>	Several ICT tools are used, mainly ppt presentations, online videos and Internet resources, as well as subtitling software. The class material is made available on the



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	Open e-class platform.										
<b>TEACHING STRUCTURE</b>	<table><tr><td>Activity</td><td>Semester Workload</td></tr><tr><td>Lectures</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>Literature Study and Analysis</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Practice and Preparation</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td><b>Course Total (ECTS: 2)</b></td><td><b>50</b></td></tr></table>	Activity	Semester Workload	Lectures	26	Literature Study and Analysis	8	Practice and Preparation	16	<b>Course Total (ECTS: 2)</b>	<b>50</b>
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<b>EVALUATION OF STUDENTS</b>	A final written assignment is used to assess the students. It consists of subtitle translation and commentary on the translation problems faced and the strategies used to resolve them, backed by the theory taught during the semester.										

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