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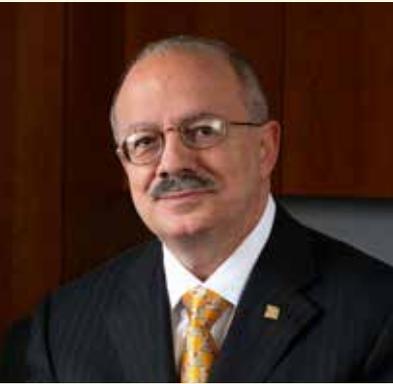
Miami Dade College



Foreign Languages
Translation and Interpretation Studies
English for Academic Purposes

Dear Students,

At Miami Dade College (MDC), we have a phrase that means a great deal to us: *Opportunity Changes Everything*. This phrase reflects our most cherished belief, and it has guided the development of MDC, one of America's most outstanding and unique institutions of higher education.



I am very pleased to extend the learning opportunities at Miami Dade College to you. What you will find is an educational institution dedicated to the success of our students. The relationships between students and faculty, and among our very diverse student population, have contributed to a supportive and exciting learning environment.

Miami Dade College is the United States' most diverse college or university, welcoming students from more than 185 countries. We are very proud of our students, for they have demonstrated that higher education can be a model for international cooperation and understanding. Our academic excellence is rooted in our respect for the diverse origins and traditions of our students and faculty.

MDC is located in one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. Miami and the surrounding region offer unmatched riches, from the excitement of South Beach to the abundant diversity of culture and artistic offerings and the natural beauty of the tropics. It is a great place to live and learn.

I invite you to explore your possibilities at Miami Dade College. The door of opportunity is open to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Padrón', written in a cursive style.

Eduardo J. Padrón
President
Miami Dade College



Why Study at MDC?

Everyone can expect to change careers at least three times before retirement, and the English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Foreign Languages, and Translation and Interpretation programs at MDC provide students with important skills for the increasingly globalized workplace of the future, whether it is the communication skills needed by EAP students or the knowledge of diverse cultures and other languages needed by MDC graduates.

These MDC programs have excellent staff and dedicated, highly qualified faculty. Many have lived in countries around the world and speak other languages. All faculty have a graduate degree and many years of teaching experience.

Programs integrate the latest linguistic methodologies in grammar, writing, reading and speech. Students have access to state-of-the-art speech/listening labs and writing labs. There are opportunities to participate in a variety of community events and use language skills in real-life settings.

Accreditation: Miami Dade College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC).

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English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

The English as a Second Language for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs prepare non-native speakers of English in all aspects of the language. This learner-centered program is designed for students wishing to learn English in preparation for study at a college or university in the U.S.

Program Description

There are a variety of EAP programs offered at MDC. These different programs fall into two main categories: traditional and intensive.

Traditional EAP:

- English for Academic Purposes Program (EAP)

Intensive Options:

- Intensive EAP Program (I-EAP)
- ACE Program (Accelerated Content-Based English)
- EAP+

Program Placement

The College administers a placement test to assess the student's proficiency in English. Classes vary by level, and placement is based on the different skills in which language learners need additional preparation.



EAP

In this non-intensive option, the **six levels** of the EAP program are offered each semester and last for **16 weeks** during fall and spring semesters, or **12 weeks** during the summer semester. Full-time students and international students take the four skill areas (Speech/Listening, Reading, Writing and Grammar) as well as the Speech and Writing labs.

These courses are offered at all MDC campuses except Medical Campus. Some of the campuses may offer only certain levels during a semester depending on enrollment and demand. Students entering this program at a basic level (Level 1) will take six semesters – approximately two years – to complete the six levels of the program with full-time study.

- Speech/Listening (3 credit hours)
- Reading (3 credit hours)
- Writing (3 credit hours)
- Grammar (3 credit hours)

In addition, **two laboratories** are required:

- Speech Lab: listening and pronunciation practice (1 credit, 2 hours per week)
- Writing Lab: customized tutoring to refine written communication skills (1-3 credits, minimum 2 hours per week)

Students can also register for two levels of **Accent Reduction** (3 credit hours each) to improve their pronunciation once they reach Level 5 of the program





Intensive Schedule Options

The intensive options are designed for students learning English who prefer an accelerated format. Students who would benefit from this learning style are:

- Students with strong academic backgrounds who want to learn English quickly so that they can pursue college or university studies;
- Foreign professionals or foreign technicians who would like to improve their English to continue a career in the U.S. or obtain a professional license;
- People willing to invest the time and effort in an academically rigorous program to learn English.

Intensive EAP (I-EAP)

In the I-EAP option, students complete each of the regular EAP levels in an intensive 8-week format. During each 8-week session, students are enrolled in 12 credits of classes (3 credits each of Listening/Speaking, Reading, Writing and Grammar) and will be taking a minimum of 24 hours of EAP classes a week. In addition, they will have access to the Speech and Writing labs.

ACE Program

The ACE (Accelerated Content-Based English) Program is a fast-track EAP program offered at selected campuses for students with strong academic backgrounds. ACE students also take a regular college credit course such as a psychology class, thereby allowing them to get a head start on their college career at MDC.

This program provides 16-17 credit hours per semester. Admission into this program is on a competitive basis and requires a separate ACE Program application.

EAP+

The EAP+ Program consists of EAP classes in Levels 3-6. EAP+ is an integrated skills program that combines writing and grammar into one class, and reading, speaking and listening into another class. With EAP+, there is no separate lab; the lab is integrated into the course. In addition to the integrated skills classes, students in the EAP+ Program may take college-level courses while completing the program, known as concurrent enrollment, or CE.

In addition to the integrated skills approach to teaching, the EAP+ Program allows the student to complete the program with fewer credits than the traditional EAP program. Moreover, students begin taking college-level courses before they exit the program.

The EAP+ courses and possible concurrent enrollment courses are as follows:

Course		Credits	Possible Concurrent Enrollment
LEVEL 3—EAP+			
EAP 0385	Writing and Grammar	6	Not required
EAP 0386	Reading, Listening, & Speech	6	
LEVEL 4—EAP+			
EAP 0485	Writing and Grammar	6	SLS 1505: College Survival Skills
EAP 0486	Reading, Listening, & Speech	6	
LEVEL 5—EAP+			
EAP 1585	Writing and Grammar	6	MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra
EAP 1586	Reading, Listening, & Speech	6	
LEVEL 6—EAP+			
EAP 1685	Writing and Grammar	6	GEB 1011: Principles of Business
EAP 1686	Reading, Listening, & Speech	6	

Foreign Languages



Knowledge of diverse cultures and global perspectives is one of the learning outcomes MDC expects its graduates to acquire. The study of another language and its culture is one way to achieve this. In addition to traditional foreign languages such as French and Spanish, MDC offers students the opportunity to study several of the foreign languages that various departments and branches of the United States government have determined to be in critical demand, such as Russian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese.

The following foreign languages are currently taught at MDC:

French	Mandarin Chinese	Russian
German	Japanese	Spanish
Italian	Portuguese	

The State of Florida requires post-secondary students in the Florida College System to demonstrate competency in a foreign language as a requirement of the Associate in Arts degree and for admission to a baccalaureate program. The State Board of Education defines foreign language competency as:

1) Successful completion of 2 credits in one foreign language at the secondary level, or 2) Successful completion of a postsecondary course at the elementary 2 level in one foreign language (1121) or American Sign Language (1150C).

Translation/Interpretation Studies

Miami Dade College offers courses leading to an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree and two certificate options in Translation and Interpretation Studies in the language combination Spanish/English. This program is designed to prepare Spanish/English bilingual students for an exciting career in translation and/or interpretation. *(Please note that all entrants will be tested to ensure adequate command of the languages.)*

The Translation-Interpretation Studies A.S. degree in Spanish is unique in the nation and offers bilinguals the opportunity to be trained in this high-paying field which is in great demand in the South Florida area and nationwide. Students enrolled in Translation/Interpretation Studies will have opportunities (as available) to participate in noncredit internships in local courts or hospitals before completing the program.

Successful completers may apply to sit for Florida's Consortium Interpreter Qualification Exam, The American Translators' Association (ATA) Certification Exam, the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT) Certification Exam, and the Medical Interpreter Certification Exam administered by the National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters.

The Many Benefits of Multiple Languages

Research shows there are many benefits to studying a second language. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) has compiled a list of benefits, based on scientific research, commonly associated with studying a second language. Below are just a few:

- Language learning correlates with higher academic achievement on standardized test measures.
- Language learning is beneficial to both monolingual English and English language learners in bilingual and two-way immersion programs.
- There is a correlation between language learning and students' ability to hypothesize in science.
- Heritage learners who use their language skills to interpret and translate for family members experience higher academic performance and greater self-efficacy.
- There is a correlation between language study and higher scores on the SAT and ACT Tests.
- There is evidence bilingualism correlates with increased cognitive development and abilities.
- There is a correlation between bilingualism and intelligence, memory skills, problem-solving ability, metalinguistic skills and improved verbal and spatial abilities.

Source: ACTFL, www.actfl.org/advocacy/discover-languages/what-the-research-shows





Employers Want Your Foreign Language Skills

CNN Money recently reported that fluency in a foreign language has become the hottest job skill:

“The Army, NYPD and State Department can’t get enough workers with this job skill. Neither can Fortune 500 companies, hospitals, local courts and schools.

Translators and interpreters are expected to be one of the 15 fastest growing occupations in the nation, according to the Department of Labor.

In the last week alone, roughly 12,000 jobs posted on Indeed.com included the word ‘bilingual.’

Interpreters tend to get paid by the hour, half-day or day, with a range of \$300 to \$1,000 per day. The highest caliber interpreters are often certified by the International Association of Conference Interpreters, and can command the largest wages”

Source: Kurtz, Annalyn. (Oct. 30, 2013). “The hottest job skill is” *CNN Money*. <http://money.cnn.com/2013/10/30/news/economy/job-skills-foreign-language/#index.html>

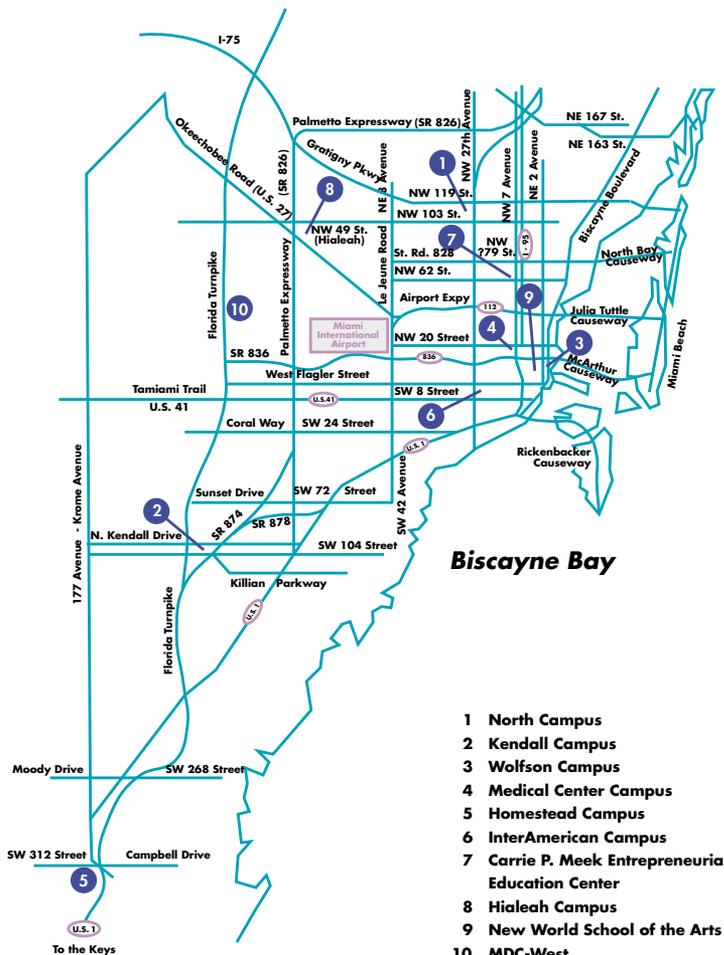
Exciting Careers Await You

In today's global economy, more and more companies and government agencies are looking for prospective employees who are fluent in more than one language, including:

- **Amazon**
www.amazon.jobs
- **Apple**
www.apple.com/jobs/us/
- **AT&T**
www.connect.att.jobs
- **Central Intelligence Agency**
www.cia.gov/careers/index.html
- **Bank of America**
careers.bankofamerica.com
- **Dell**
jobs.dell.com
- **Education First**
www.ef.edu/about-ef/careers/
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
www.fbijobs.gov/index.asp
- **Liberty Mutual Insurance**
www.libertymutualgroup.com/insurance-careers
- **Linguistica International**
www.linguisticainternational.com/careers.html
- **Lockheed Martin**
www.lockheedmartinjobs.com/index.aspx
- **UnitedHealth Group**
careers.unitedhealthgroup.com
- **United Nations**
careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx
- **U.S. Department of State/Foreign Service**
careers.state.gov/officer
- **Walt Disney**
thewaltdisneycompany.com/disney-careers

*Based on a recent search at Language Jobs USA (www.languagejobsusa.com).





Admissions

For information about admission requirements, see www.mdc.edu/prospective.

International students should refer to www.mdc.edu/internationalstudents.



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