





### **Rationale for Change Being Proposed**

On the one hand, translation and interpreting are fields that require generalist knowledge and skills that are applicable to many different types of settings (translation research; writing; translation strategies; public speaking skills, memory development skills, language transfer skills, note-taking skills for consecutive interpretation etc.). On the other, professionals may want to decide to further specialize in specific areas either to meet their individual interests or those being determined by the industry and their specific language combinations, and improve their employment prospects.

Professional associations, different industries, and certification bodies are increasingly recommending translators and interpreters to specialize in order to meet the specific terminological and systemic demands of different settings (technical translator, scientific translator, marketing translator, medical interpreter, school interpreter, etc.).

To meet the needs of students and the realities of the marketplace we are proposing a minor change to our approved Certificate in Professional Translation and Interpreting, as seen below:

Current language in the approved certificate:

**Elective courses (3 credits from the list).** *Students will select one of the courses below to complete the certificate.*

Proposed change (in red):

**Elective courses (3 credits from the list).** *Students will select one of the courses below to complete the certificate, or, with permission from program director, substitute it with a course from the university's current offerings to meet their needs to specialize in a certain field of translation and/or interpreting.*