

11. Admission Policy

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1) BUPST expresses that its mission is to provide education and training in order to develop professional translators. BUPST is focused on creating top level professional translators. Professional translators are responsible for translating material of professional quality, which means they require an education that equips them to understand that material. BUPST accepts students aspiring to become translators of this caliber, and provides professional level education and training. BUPST requires applicants to have completed 4 or more years of postsecondary education (university) and to have earned at least a bachelor's degree. This requirement is naturally given the fact the BUPST awards a master's degree in translation to students that successfully complete the MST program.

2) BUPST's MST program is only for English to Japanese and Japanese to English translation. No other languages are offered in this program. It is therefore necessary for students to be fluent in both Japanese and English. Japanese applicants whose native language is Japanese must have undergone 10 years or more of English language education (in junior high, high school, and college). English native speakers living in English speaking countries must have undergone the equivalent amount of Japanese language education. Applicants whose native language is neither Japanese nor English must have undergone the equivalent amount of education for both Japanese and English languages. It is clear therefore that BUPST requires English and Japanese fluency as a requirement for admission.

3) Since BUPST seeks to develop top level professional translators, BUPST looks for applicants aspiring to make translation a career, and makes this a requirement for admission. The three requirements listed above (possess at least a bachelor's degree, fluency in both Japanese and English, and a aspiration to pursue translation professionally) will be mentioned in more detail later.

4) BUPST's education and training is all conducted online via the Internet. BUPST's translation training is all done using a computer. Students therefore need to be skilled at operating both a computer and the Internet.

5) Currently all BUPST students hold a bachelor's degree, are fluent in both English and Japanese, aspire to become professional translators, and are skilled in using a computer and the Internet.