



At the University of Burgos, we offer courses in English Friendly modality. This means that you will be provided with teaching materials in English. You will also be allowed to take your exams in English and even have tutorials with the lecturers in this language. Face to face classes though, are given in Spanish. Nevertheless, technology can help you with those as well. AI based translation apps are available now. There are many of them. In this tutorial we introduce Google Translate, which is free to download and use and is available for both Android and IOS devices.

## Student Guide: Using Google Translate for Real-Time Lectures

This quick guide will help you set up and use the Google Translate app as a live audio interpreter during your Spanish-taught classes.

### Step 1: Download & Initial Setup

Before heading to your first class, make sure the app is properly configured on your phone or tablet.

1. **Install the App:** Download **Google Translate** for free from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).
2. **Set Your Languages:** On the main screen, set the **source language** (left) to **Spanish** and your **target language** (right) to **English**.
3. **Download Spanish Offline:** Tap your **Profile Picture** (top right) → select **Downloaded languages** → find **Spanish** and tap the download icon. This prevents the translation from cutting out if the classroom Wi-Fi drops.
4. **Grant Mic Permissions:** Open the app, tap the microphone icon once, and allow the app permission to access your device's microphone when prompted.

### Step 2: Classroom Preparation

To get the highest translation accuracy from the professor's voice:

- **Sit in the Front Rows:** Position yourself as close to the professor or the classroom loudspeakers as possible. Echo and background noise drastically lower translation quality.
- **Bring Headphones:** If you want to *hear* the translation, plug in your earbuds. **Keep one earbud out** so you can still hear environmental cues in the classroom.



### Step 3: Activating Real-Time Audio Translation

Once the lecture begins, you can translate the spoken Spanish into English in two different ways depending on your learning preference:

#### *Option A: Read the Lecture Live (Transcribe Mode)*

*Best if you prefer reading scrolling text on your screen like live subtitles.*

1. Tap the **Microphone** icon on the home screen.
2. Tap the **Transcribe** button (if available on your device's interface) [Google Support](#).
3. The app will listen to the continuous Spanish audio and display a live, scrolling English transcript on your screen.
4. **Tip:** You can pause the transcript at any time to copy and paste key text directly into your study notes.

#### *Option B: Hear the Lecture Live (Conversation Mode)*

*Best if you prefer listening to a simulated English interpreter.*

1. Tap the **Conversation** icon on the home screen.
2. Tap the **Auto** button located at the bottom center.
3. The app will automatically detect when the professor speaks Spanish, translate it, and play the English audio directly into your earbuds.

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*Tip: If you are having trouble starting your Conversation Mode, make sure you plug in your headphones before starting the app.*

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