

INTERPRETER EDUCATION DEGREE (A55300)

The Interpreter Education curriculum prepares individuals to work as entry-level Sign Language Interpreters who will provide communication access in interview and interactive settings. In addition, this curriculum provides in-service training for working interpreters who want to upgrade their skills. Course work includes the acquisition of American Sign Language (ASL): grammar, structure, and sociolinguistic properties, cognitive processes associated with interpretation between ASL and English; the structure and character of the deaf community; and acquisition of consecutive and simultaneous interpreting skills.

Entry-level jobs for para-professional interpreters are available in educational systems or a variety of community settings. Individuals may choose from part-time, full-time, or self-employment/free-lance positions, or apply language skills to other human service related areas.

Note: Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better on all required content area courses (ASL, IPP, and WBL courses) or on any prerequisite course before taking the next level course.

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Course Number & Name	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credit Hours
FALL SEMESTER			
ACA 111 College Student Success	1	0	1
ASL 111 Elementary ASL I	3	0	3
ASL 181 ASL Lab 1	0	2	1
*COM 231 Public Speaking	3	0	3
*ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3	0	3
IPP 112 Comparative Cultures	3	0	3
Total	13	2	14
SPRING SEMESTER			
ASL 112 Elementary ASL II	3	0	3
ASL 182 ASL Lab 2	0	2	1
IPP 111 Introduction to Interpretation	3	0	3
IPP 130 Analytical Skills for Interpreting	1	4	3
*MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy	2	2	3
*Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
Total	12	8	16
SUMMER SEMESTER			
ASL 211 Intermediate ASL I	3	0	3
ASL 250 Linguistics of ASL	3	0	3
ASL 281 ASL Lab 3	0	2	1
IPP 152 ASL/English Translation	1	4	3
*Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
Total	10	6	13
FALL SEMESTER			
ASL 212 Intermediate ASL II	3	0	3
ASL 252 ASL Classifiers (8 week course offering)	0	2	1
ASL 253 ASL Non-Manual Signals (8 week course offering)	0	2	1
IPP 153 Introduction to Discourse Analysis	1	4	3
IPP 161 Consecutive Interpreting	2	6	5
IPP 245 Educational Interpreting Issues	3	0	3
Total	9	14	16
SPRING SEMESTER			
ASL 221 Advanced ASL I	3	0	3
IPP 221 Simultaneous Interpreting I	2	6	5
IPP 224 ASL to English Interpretation	1	3	2
WBL 111 Work-Based Learning I	0	10	1
WBL 115 Work-Based Learning Seminar I	1	0	1
Total	7	19	12
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS FOR DEGREE			71
*HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE Select one (1) course from the following:			
COM 120 Intro to Interpersonal Communication	3	0	3
HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3	0	3
PHI 215 Philosophical Issues	3	0	3
PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics	3	0	3

INTERPRETER EDUCATION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – CONTINUED

Course Number & Name	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credit Hours
**SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE <i>Select one (1) course from the following:</i>			
POL 120 American Government	3	0	3
PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	3
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology	3	0	3

*This course is a component of the general education requirements needed for graduation.

NOTE: Students are required to take ACA 111 in their first semester.

NOTE: ASL 181, ASL 182, & ASL 281 are required for Interpreter Education degree- and certificate-seeking students.

NOTE: See [Criminal Record Considerations](#) in Admissions section of the catalog.

DEAF STUDIES OPTION CERTIFICATE (C55300)

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Class Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credit Hours
ASL 111 Elementary ASL I	3	0	3
ASL 112 Elementary ASL II	3	0	3
ASL 181 ASL Lab 1	0	2	1
ASL 182 ASL Lab 2	0	2	1
ASL 211 Intermediate ASL I	3	0	3
ASL 281 ASL Lab 3	0	2	1
IPP 112 Comparative Cultures	3	0	3
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS FOR CERTIFICATE	12	6	15

Note: *Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better on all required content area courses (ASL and IPP courses) or on any prerequisite course before taking the next level course.*

1. This certificate can be completed in 3 semesters.
2. This certificate prepares students to communicate with deaf people. Students who want to become an interpreter should complete the Interpreter Education A.A.S. program.