

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: For all ASL and IPP courses required prior to the last semester of the program, students must earn a grade of 'C' or better. Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all required ASL, IPP, and WBL courses to graduate.

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

| Course Number & Name | Class Hours | Lab Hours | Credit Hours |
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| 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 |

| Course Number & Name | Class Hours | Lab Hours | Credit Hours |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 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.*

NOTE: 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.