

Associate in Arts Degree: American Sign Language Interpreting

The American Sign Language Interpreting program is a comprehensive two-year program designed to award students with an Associate in Arts degree in American Sign Language Interpreting. The degree will provide students with transfer opportunities to a four-year college or university as well as equip them with the necessary skills for entry-level positions within the field of interpreting.

Students may take American Sign Language courses to satisfy the General Education language requirement. They may also take the courses for pleasure or practical usage in communication with the deaf community, as well as to prepare for a profession that will require communication competence in the language. Enrollment in the courses will provide students with opportunities to develop their linguistic skills as well as their cultural awareness.

Interpreters work in a variety of settings. These include, but are not limited to: educational, legal, medical, religious, community, theater, rehabilitation, and freelance.

Students with an American Sign Language Interpreting degree will develop the following competencies:

- * Advanced American Sign Language skills
- * Knowledge of the Code of Ethics for Interpreters
- * Knowledge of principles, practices, and procedures of interpreting
- * Knowledge of Deaf Culture
- * Knowledge of interpreting techniques
- * Interpreting skills (English to ASL)
- * Transliterating skills (English to MCE)
- * American Sign Language/MCE to English skills
- * Cultural bridging techniques
- * Idiomatic and specialized vocabulary skills
- * Knowledge of specialized settings and applied techniques
- * Fingerspelling skills: Expressive and receptive
- * Historical knowledge of American Sign Language, Deaf Culture, and Interpreting
- * Knowledge of the structure of American Sign Language

Degree Student Learning Outcome:

Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the core skills and knowledge required for employment as an interpreter.

Program Requirements:

Units Required: 38

		Units:
SIGN-103	American Sign Language III	4.0
SIGN-104	American Sign Language IV	4.0
SIGN-110	American Deaf Culture	3.0
SIGN-112	Interpreting: Principles and Practices	3.0
SIGN-200	Specialized Signs and Settings	3.0
SIGN-201	Interpreting I	3.0
SIGN-202	Transliterating I	3.0
SIGN-203	Sign to English Interpreting/Transliterating I	3.0
SIGN-204	Interpreting II	3.0
SIGN-205	Transliterating II	3.0
SIGN-206	Sign to English Interpreting/Transliterating II	3.0

Plus a minimum of three units from the following, a minimum of 1 unit of CWE-186SIGN or CWE-188SIGN is required:

CWE-186SIGN	Cooperative Work Experience Education Sign Language (Unpaid)	1.0
OR		
CWE-188SIGN	Cooperative Work Experience Education Sign Language (Paid)	1.0
ENGL-111	Introduction to Linguistics	3.0
SIGN-111	Fingerspelling	2.0
SIGN-113	Creative Uses of Sign	3.0
SIGN-114	Working and Socializing with People Who are Deaf-Blind	4.0