
A Bachelor of Science degree in American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation will advance the field by preparing future ASL interpreter professionals. Our mission is to prepare entry-level practitioners who are capable of managing the intercultural demands and complex cognitive tasks for conveying dynamically equivalent messages between ASL and English. Upon successful completion of the degree students will demonstrate foundational competencies in the areas of language, understanding the culture of the Deaf community, and demonstrate professional behaviors for Sign Language Interpreters. Graduates will be eligible for state and national ASL Interpreter certification and/or a specialized state certification in the area of Tri-lingual Interpretation.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

050 – Creative Arts – 3 hours

THTF 1310 Theatre Appreciation

090 – Integrative/Experiential Learning

COMM 1315 Public Speaking

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 78 HOURS (63 advanced)

1 – American Sign Language Core – 18 hours (9 advanced)

ASLI 1310 American Sign Language I
ASLI 1320 American Sign Language II
ASLI 2310 American Sign Language III
ASLI 3310 American Sign Language IV
ASLI 3320 American Sign Language V
ASLI 3323 Foundations of Deaf Culture

2 – American Sign Language and Interpretation – 39 hours (39 advanced)

ASLI 3325 Interpreting I
ASLI 3330 Ethical Standards and Practices
ASLI 3335 Comparative Linguistics
ASLI 3340 Introduction to Classifiers
ASLI 3345 Interpreting II
ASLI 3350 American Sign Language Literature
ASLI 3355 Interpreting Artistic Texts
ASLI 3360 Diversity in the Deaf Community
ASLI 4315 Interpreting III
ASLI 4320 Interdisciplinary Interpreting
ASLI 4325 Introduction to Interpreting Research
ASLI 4330 Interpreting IV
ASLI 4335 Interpreting Practicum

3 – Concentrations – 21 HOURS (15 advanced)

a – Spanish Translation and Interpreting - 21 hours (15 advanced)

SPAN 2313 Spanish for Bilinguals I
SPAN 2315 Spanish for Bilinguals II
SPAN 3300 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I
TRSP/SPAN 3341 Introduction to Spanish/English Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3342 Advanced Spanish to English Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3343 Advanced English to Spanish Translation
TRSP/SPAN 4342 Interpreting

b – Communication Studies - 21 hours (15 advanced)

COMM 1311 Introduction to Communication

COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication
COMM 3316 Intercultural Communication
COMM 3333 Theories of Communication
COMM 3335 Advanced Public Speaking
COMM 3345 Gender and Communications
COMM 4309 Nonverbal Communication

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 63 HOURS

ADMISSIONS, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Admission Requirements:

1. Students are eligible to apply to the program when they have completed 45 semester credit hours towards the degree. The 45 semester credit hours must include the following courses and must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better to be officially admitted to the program:
 - a. ASLI 1310
 - b. ASLI 1320
 - c. ASLI 2310
2. Students must complete 60 hours towards the degree to be officially admitted to the program.
3. The cumulative GPA for the 60 hours completed towards the degree must be 2.8. The GPA will be calculated using all institutional and transfer coursework applicable to the degree.
4. ASLI 3310 may be in progress at the time of application but must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better to be officially admitted to the program.

Graduation Requirements

1. Students must complete all ASLI major courses with a grade of 'C' or better.
2. Students must complete all concentration courses with a grade of 'C' or better.