

Liberal Arts and Science: Deaf Studies / Pre-Interpreting Option

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CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS
First Year/First Semester			Second Year/First Semester		
ENG-101	English Composition I	3	ASL-201	American Sign Language III	3
HIS-111	Western Civilization I or		ASL-200	ASL Essentials	3
HIS-101	World Civilization I	3	SPE-102	Public Speaking	3
ASL-101	American Sign Language I	3	MTH....	Mathematics General Education Elective	3
SLS-202	American Deaf Culture	3	.....	Laboratory Science General Education Elective ²	4
.....	Social Science General Education Elective ¹	3			16
		15	Second Semester		
Second Semester			ASL-202	American Sign Language IV	3
ENG-102	English Composition II	3	SLS-201	ASL Linguistics	3
HIS-112	Western Civilization II or		.....	Technology General Education Elective	3
HIS-102	World Civilization II or		MTH....	Mathematics General Education Elective or	
HIS-103	World Civilization III	3	.....	Science General Education Elective	3/4
ASL-102	American Sign Language II	3	.....	Humanities General Education Elective	3
ASL-103	Fingerspelling	3		(not a History or Language course)	
.....	Social Science General Education Elective ¹	3			15/16
		15	Total Minimum Credits		61/62

¹ Recommended PSY-101 Basic Psychology and SOC-101 Introduction to Sociology

² The following laboratory science courses are recommended for non-science majors: BIO-106, BIO-130, BIO-140, CHM-140, PHY-103

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This option is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to learn about Deafness and American Sign Language and want to pursue a career working directly with deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Although the Deaf Studies Option is similar to the ASL and English Interpreting degree, it does not require that students take courses specifically designed to enhance or teach interpreting skills. Instead, the Deaf Studies Option offers a more general education in liberal arts.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide students with a broad knowledge base in deafness and sign language in order to become employed in deafness-related professions.
- To provide students with a General Education foundation.
- To prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- At the end of the program, the graduate will be able to:
1. Use American Sign Language fluently and express knowledge of ASL Linguistics.
 2. Describe the common practices, perspectives, and behaviors patterns of Deaf people and members of the Deaf Community in the Deaf Culture.
 3. Participate in deaf-related events and activities and with members of the Deaf Community.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students with signing experience and wishing to enter a higher-level ASL course may take the ASL Placement Test. Contact the Sally Ann H. Emilius to make an appointment via email.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Education
- Counseling for the deaf
- Audiology
- Teaching
- Social work
- Speech pathology

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

- Thomas Edison University
- The College of New Jersey
- Rowan University
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf
- Gallaudet University

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Highlights

Qualified students in the program are encouraged to join the College's Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma National Honor Society for Foreign languages.