

American Sign Language

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CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS
First Year/First Semester			Second Year /First Semester		
ASL-101	American Sign Language I	3	ASL-201	American Sign Language III	3
SLS-202	American Deaf Culture	3	ASL-200	ASL Essentials	3
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First Year /Second Semester			Second Year / Second Semester		
ASL-102	American Sign Language II	3	ASL-202	American Sign Language IV	3
ASL-103	Fingerspelling	3	SLS-201	ASL Linguistics	3
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			Total Minimum Credits		24

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This option is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to learn about deafness and sign language in-depth but to may or may not wish to become professional interpreters. This option prepares students to communicate directly with deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To ensure that students can demonstrate an appropriate level of fluency in American Sign Language (ASL) for entry-level interpreting.
- To prepare students to convey accurately a spoken English message into ASL and a signed message from ASL to English.
- To instruct students in the roles, responsibilities and function of a professional interpreter as well as the Code of Professional Conduct (CPC), set forth by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and to ensure that students are able to apply that knowledge to varied interpreting situations.

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 behavior patterns of Deaf people and members of the Deaf Community in the Deaf Culture.
 3. Generalize on the ongoing need to participate in deaf-related events and activities and with members of the Deaf Community.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

Student must obtain proof of an AA/AS degree, BA/BS degree or higher.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The program is designed for students to complement their degree with this ASL certificate. Students can utilize their signing skills on their existing job or in a job where the client is deaf.

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.