Catalog Description:

The American Sign Language Interpreter degree will prepare students for a career working as a sign language interpreter for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. This degree combines both the 21 credit hour certificate of American Sign Language proficiency as well as the 24 credit hour certificate in American Sign Language Interpreting and provides instruction in communication models and processes of American Sign Language, Deaf culture, interpreting skills, ethical understanding, and hands-on training in oral and manual interpreting in a wide range of situations. This degree also requires completion of 19 to 22 general education credit hours. Successful completion of this program will prepare students for certification examinations conducted by the State of Illinois and national accrediting agencies. This degree requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

Program Requirements .................................................. 45

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* - course has a prerequisite

General Education .................................................. 19 to 22

Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education. (In addition to the courses listed below.)

For the American Sign Language Interpreting degree, a minimum of 19 credits are needed in General Education.

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required:

Suggested Course Sequence

(Full-Time Enrollment)

Please note: A student’s readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student’s placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.

*Please refer to the Program Admission packet for the most updated information at: https://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/american_sign_language_interpreting/pdf/asli_admissions_packet.pdf

Semester One (Fall) 12 credits
- Sign 1101 (3)
- Sign 1104 (3)
- General Education (6)

Semester Two (Spring) 12 credits
- Sign 1102 (3)
- Sign 1103 (3)
- General Education (6)

Semester Three (Summer) 6 credits
- Sign 2101 (3)
- General Education (3)

Semester Four (Fall) 9 credits
- Sign 2102 (3)
- Sign 2103 (3)
- Intp 2104 (3)

Semester Five (Spring) 8 credits
- Intp 2105 (4)
- Intp 2106 (4)

Semester Six (Summer) 4 credits
- Intp 2107 (4)

Semester Seven (Fall) 9 credits
- Intp 2108 (4)
- Intp 2109 (3)

Semester Eight (Spring) 6 credits
- Intp 2110 (2)
- General Education (4)

Contact Information:

If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the Liberal Arts Division office at 630-942-2047.
**Communication:** 6 credits
- **Written:** (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105
- **Oral:** (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

**Physical and Life Sciences:** 3 to 5 credits
At least one course with a laboratory component

**Mathematics:** 3 to 5 credits
Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 3 credits

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 credits
Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category.

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**Program web site:**
http://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/american_sign_language_interpreting/
Career Information ASLI.AAS

Job Title(s): Interpreters and Translators

Interpret oral or sign language, or translate written text from one language into another.

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center.
Phone: 630-942-2230 www.cod/careerservices Twitter: @codcareercenter

Related Occupations:
Deaf Interpreter
Translator
Interpreter for the Deaf
Translator/Interpreter
Translator and Interpreter