

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE (CAREER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/arts-humanities/american-sign-language-studies.aspx>)

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Program Description

Delivers an understanding of American Sign Language (ASL). Students work towards gaining fluency and mastery of this unique non-verbal language by acquiring foundational language skills and vocabulary. By introducing students to Deaf culture and history through curriculum and service learning hours, acceptance and knowledge of the Deaf community is developed.

By obtaining a certificate in American Sign Language, students have a strong foundation to further their studies in ASL discourse, interpreting, and education of the Deaf, or other related fields. This certificate also provides individuals with the skills they need to work with the Deaf community and Deaf individuals more effectively. This certificate can be used to meet the elective requirements of the A.A. degree in General Studies or Arts & Humanities as well as the A.A.S. degree in American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter Preparatory Program.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will apply and transfer their ASL skills at local Deaf community events.
- Students will produce a class project or presentation using ASL.
- Students will demonstrate their ASL skills in communicating with native ASL users.
- Students will employ ASL skills during their internship in a signing environment.
- Students will be able to distinguish the language and culture between Deaf and hearing Americans.
- Students will develop basic skills and knowledge about the Deaf community and apply that skill and knowledge in higher education or training programs to be ASL interpreters in the field of Deaf Education.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Departmental Requirements | | |
| ASLS 121 | American Sign Language I | 3 |
| ASLS 122 | American Sign Language II | 4 |
| ASLS 123 | American Sign Language Fingerspelling and Number Use | 3 |
| ASLS 223 | American Sign Language III | 4 |
| ASLS 224 | American Sign Language IV | 4 |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| ASLS 250 | ASL Immersion Experience | 1 |
| ASLS 299 | Independent Study: American Sign Language Studies | |
| INTR 101 | Internship | |
| Total Credits | | 19 |

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

| Recommended First Semester | | Credits |
|------------------------------|--|---------|
| ASLS 121 | American Sign Language I | 3 |
| Credits | | 3 |
| Recommended Second Semester | | Credits |
| ASLS 122 | American Sign Language II | 4 |
| Credits | | 4 |
| Recommended Third Semester | | Credits |
| ASLS 223 | American Sign Language III | 4 |
| ASLS 123 | American Sign Language Fingerspelling and Number Use | 3 |
| Credits | | 7 |
| Recommended Fourth Semester | | Credits |
| ASLS 224 | American Sign Language IV | 4 |
| Select one of the following: | | 1 |
| ASLS 250 | ASL Immersion Experience | |
| ASLS 299 | Independent Study: American Sign Language Studies | |
| INTR 101 | Internship | |
| Credits | | 5 |
| Total Credits | | 19 |

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.