AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - ENGLISH INTERPRETING, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

The AAS in American Sign Language-English Interpreting program prepares students to interpret English into ASL and ASL into English. The program promotes American Sign Language skills, an understanding of deaf culture, knowledge of the interpreter's role and responsibility, theoretical skills in interpreting, and practical experience in interactive settings. Various settings in which the interpreter works are examined in addition to ethical decision making in relation to the role of the interpreter.

This program attracts applicants coming from various backgrounds:

1. graduates of two and four year ASL programs,
2. individuals with no degree but with prior knowledge and skills in ASL, and
3. beginning students.

Students who successfully complete ASLN 100: American Sign Language I and ASLN 103: American Sign Language II will be admitted into the program. Students who transfer into the program from other institutions must first meet with the Program Chair for skills assessment in order to determine placement.

Students within the program will need to achieve a "C" or higher in each course in order to continue in the program. In the event a student receives a "D," it will be up to the Program Chair to allow the student to continue in the program on program probation.

Transfer Information

The A.A.S. in American Sign Language–English Interpreting is designed as a career-focused degree and is not structured under the New Jersey Statewide Transfer Agreement. Students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree should consult with Advising & Transfer Services to explore articulation agreements or transfer opportunities at their intended institution.

Students planning to pursue national interpreting credentials should review certification requirements, which may include additional assessment and professional standards beyond degree completion.

Career Information

The A.A.S. in American Sign Language–English Interpreting prepares graduates for entry-level positions in a variety of interpreting settings.

Potential career paths include:

- Community Interpreter
- Educational Interpreter
- Video Relay Service (VRS) Interpreter
- Healthcare Interpreter
- Government or Public Service Interpreter

Professional interpreters often pursue national certification and continuing education to advance in the field. Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services to explore credentialing pathways, internship opportunities, and professional development within the interpreting profession.

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
ASLN 112	American Sign Language III	3
ASLN 115	ASL Grammar and Syntax	3
ASLN 125	Visual Gestural Communication	3
	Credit Hours	12
Second Semester		
ENGL 152	English II	3
ASLN 105	Deaf Culture and History	3
ASLN 121	Interpreting Theory	3
ASLN 201	American Sign Language IV	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
	Credit Hours	15
Summer 10 Week		
ASLN 162	Translating from ASL into English	3
ASLN 165	Translating from English to ASL	3
	Credit Hours	6
Third Semester		
ASLN 225	Deaf-Blind Interpreting	3
ASLN 230	ASL-to-English Interpreting	3
ASLN 235	English-to-ASL Interpreting	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/#math)		3
Humanities or Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/#humanities)		3
	Credit Hours	15
Fourth Semester		
ASLN 260	Interactive Interpreting	5
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/#humanities)		3
Lab Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/#lab)		4
	Credit Hours	12
	Total Credit Hours	**60**