



American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Certificate

2018–2019

DESCRIPTION:

The American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Certificate is for individuals who want to learn about people who are deaf and their unique culture and community, and who want to be able to converse with them using American Sign Language (ASL). The courses prepare students to enter the Interpreter Education Program with the ASL skills, linguistic knowledge, and cultural experience needed to begin their interpreting training. The certificate alone does NOT prepare one to work as an interpreter. ASL courses also fulfill foreign language credit. The certificate also provides the language skills to communicate and interact with members of the Deaf community in one's family, social, and workplace settings. For more information, see csc.edu/academics/departments/interpreting.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

This is a non-selective, open-admission program. American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Certificate candidates do not need to attend a Mandatory Information Session. Candidates must place into ENGL 1100 (Composition I).

ONGOING REQUIREMENTS:

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students will interact with individuals from the Deaf community at various community events. Students must complete all the required courses, including the technical elective, with a grade of "C" or better in order to proceed on to each consecutively numbered course and to fulfill the ASL/Deaf Studies Certificate.

OPPORTUNITIES UPON COMPLETION OF CERTIFICATE:

Career:

Certificate holders enhance their marketability because of their ability to communicate with people who are Deaf and use American Sign Language. Areas where this second language and knowledge of Deaf culture enhance one's employability include education, nursing, business, social and human services, etc

Transfer:

Upon completion of ASL 1102 (Beginning ASL II), students are eligible to begin the Interpreter Education Program AAS Degree.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE/DEAF STUDIES CERTIFICATE):**FIRST SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones
ASL 1100 Introduction to the Deaf Community	AU/SP/SU	2	
ASL 1101 Beginning ASL I	AU/SP/SU	3	
Semester Credits		5	

SECOND SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
ASL 1102 Beginning ASL II	AU/SP/SU	3	
ASL 1150 Linguistics of ASL & English	AU/SP/SU	2	
Semester Credits		5	

THIRD SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
ASL 1103 Intermediate American Sign Language I	AU/SP/SU	3	
ASL Technical Elective*	AU/SP/SU	1	
Semester Credits		4	
Total		10	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
ASL1104 Intermediate American Sign Language II	AU/SP/SU	2	• Deaf Studies Certificate earned
Technical Elective* (1 credit hour minimum required)	AU/SP/SU	1	
Semester Credits		3	
Total		16	

* The following 1-credit courses are approved for technical elective requirements (on demand): ASL 1801 Fingerspelling and Numbers in ASL; ASL 1802 History of the Deaf Community; ASL 2801 Classifier Use in ASL; and ASL 2802 ASL Literature.

Technical elective may be taken any semester. See catalog for prerequisite(s) and co-requisite(s), and discuss with an advisor.

AU: Autumn Semester/SP: Spring Semester/SU: Summer Semester
Requirements subject to change.