Interpreter Education Program (IEP)

Also see Associate of Arts – American Sign Language (Deaf Education) for academic transfer coursework.

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Program Options:

AAS – Interpreter Education Program (IEP)
Certificate – ASL Studies
(Note: Beginning January 2012, in order to become a Texas BEI Certified Interpreter, you must have an associate degree or have earned 60 credit hours from an accredited college or university.)

Because of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, there is currently a national and statewide shortage of interpreters. Moreover, the quality as well as the quantity of the interpreters that the market demands is increasing.

The Interpreter Education Program (IEP) provides a focused and balanced education for students who desire to become sign language interpreters. With an emphasis on receptive skills, the program concentrates on synthesizing the study of American Sign Language (ASL), Deaf Culture and interpreting as a profession.

Interpreting requires excellence in ASL and a thorough knowledge of oneself and one’s ethics because interpreters are privy to confidential information.

Collin’s IEP program has a greater number of deaf teachers and ASL assistants than non-deaf teachers and ASL assistants, which allows students the opportunity to become fluent in ASL and to develop culturally appropriate behaviors and responses.

Students planning to transfer to a college or university should check with the Collin academic advisor prior to beginning this program to verify course transferability.

PASS / FAIL OPTION
Non-degree-seeking students may take a sign language class as pass / fail. Degree-seeking students should not pursue this option. The pass / fail option will not satisfy the degree-seeking transfer requirements.

Note: Students may not convert a pass / fail grade to a letter grade. Foreign language classes, including sign language, cannot be audited.

AAS – Interpreter Education Program (IEP)

65 credit hours

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

ENGL 1301  Composition I
MATH 1314  College Algebra 1
SGNL 1401  Beginning American Sign Language I *
SLNG 1215  Visual / Gestural Communication 3

Spring Semester

SGNL 1402  Beginning American Sign Language II *
SLNG 1207  Intra-lingual Skills Development for Interpreters 4
SLNG 1347  Deaf Culture
SPCH 1311  Introduction to Speech Communication
(See Speech Options)

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Summer Semester
SGNL 2301 Intermediate American Sign Language I *
SLNG 1211 Fingerspelling and Numbers
SLNG 1321 Introduction to the Interpreting Profession

SECOND YEAR
Fall Semester
SGNL 2302 Intermediate American Sign Language II *
SLNG 1350 Sign-to-Voice 3
SLNG 2301 Interpreting I 3
GEN ED Select one Social / Behavioral Sciences General Education course

Spring Semester
PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics 2
SLNG 1166 Practicum I - Sign Language Interpretation and Translation
SLNG 2302 Interpreting II 4
SLNG 2303 Transliterating 4
SLNG 2311 Interpreting in Specialized Settings 4

Summer Semester
SLNG 1291 Special Topics in Sign Language Interpreter 5
SLNG 2331 Interpreting III 5
SLNG 2367 Practicum II - Sign Language Interpretation and Translation 5 (Capstone)

Certificate – ASL Studies
Any student who has not met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college-readiness standards must see the Dean to file a degree plan for this certificate before registering for required courses marked with an asterisk.
33 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
Fall Semester
ENGL 1301 * Composition I
SGNL 1401 Beginning American Sign Language I *
SLNG 1215 Visual / Gestural Communication 2
SLNG 1347 Deaf Culture

Spring Semester
DRAM 1351 Acting I
PHED / DANC Any one credit hour activity course 1
SGNL 1402 Beginning American Sign Language II *
SLNG 1207 Intra-lingual Skills Development for Interpreters 3

Summer Semester
SGNL 2301 Intermediate American Sign Language I *

SECOND YEAR
Fall Semester
SGNL 2302 Intermediate American Sign Language II *
SLNG 1211 Fingerspelling and Numbers
SLNG 1321 Introduction to the Interpreting Profession (Capstone)

1. May substitute MATH-1316, MATH-1324, MATH-1325, MATH-1342, MATH-1350, MATH-1351, MATH-1414, MATH-2305, MATH-2318, MATH-2320, MATH-2412, MATH-2413, MATH-2414 or MATH-2415
2. May substitute DRAM 1310, DRAM 2361, DRAM 2362, DRAM 2366, DRAM 2367, ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323, ENGL 2327, ENGL 2328, ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, ENGL 2342, ENGL 2343, HIST 2311, HIST 2312, HIST 2321, HIST 2322, HUMA 1301, PHIL 1301, PHIL 1304, PHIL 2303, PHIL 2307 or PHIL 2321
3. Offered fall semester only
4. Offered spring semester only
5. Offered summer semester only

+ American Sign Language courses are also transfer courses and may be used, at some institutions, to satisfy a Foreign Language requirement.

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