Program Description
(R): 608

The associate of arts degree program in American Sign Language is a transfer-degree program designed for students who plan to enter fields in which they would work with Deaf people on a daily basis. The program fosters the acquisition of the language and culture of the Deaf in the United States and Canada. Following the national standards established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the program focuses on communication through the study of semantics, syntax, pragmatics, and culture. Following program completion, students would transfer to a four-year degree program majoring in American Sign Language, Deaf studies, Deaf education, interpreter education, or social work.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate an appreciation of the culture and cultural practices of the Deaf community and support ASL as the visual language of the Deaf community.
- Effectively utilize signed communicative and interpreting skills learned in the classroom in general situations in and out of the Deaf community.
- Achieve an overall proficiency rating in all skill areas, both linguistic and pragmatic, of 2.5 on the MC American Sign Language Proficiency Assessment (MC-ASLPA).
Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
- ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *
- ASLP 100 - ASL I 3 semester hours (HUMD)
- ASLP 105 - Visual Gestural Communication 3 semester hours
- ASLP 106 - Fingerspelling and Number Use in ASL 3 semester hours
- PSYC 102 - General Psychology 3 semester hours (BSSD)

Second Semester
- English Foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)
- Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF)
- ASLP 110 - ASL II 3 semester hours (HUMD, GEIR)
- ASLP 121 - Introduction to the Deaf Community and Culture 3 semester hours (BSSD)
- Natural Science Distribution with Lab 4 semester hours (NSLD)

Third Semester
- ASLP 200 - ASL III 3 semester hours
- ASLP 205 - Structural ASL I 3 semester hours
- ASLP 207 - ASL Translation and Interpretation 3 semester hours
- ASLP 269 - Independent Study in ASL 1-4 semester hours (2 semester hours)
- Arts Distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD)

Fourth Semester
- ASLP 206 - Structural ASL II 3 semester hours
- ASLP 210 - ASL IV 3 semester hours
- ASLP 222 - Deaf History and Culture 3 semester hours
- HLTH 105 - Personal and Community Health 3 semester hours (GEIR)
- Natural Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (NSD)

Total Credit Hours: 60
* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective.