



Sign Language Interpreter A.A.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism and Language

Curriculum Code: 0282

Effective: Fall 2022 – Summer 2027

Description

The Sign Language Interpreter is a person specially trained to facilitate communication between the Deaf, Deaf/Blind, Hard of Hearing, and hearing communities. Employment opportunities may be in educational settings, freelance, or contracted with agencies to provide interpreter services for deaf persons. State of Michigan PA 204 of 2007 states that interpreters must possess certification in order to be employed. State credentials Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI), are available through the Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) in Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) for the State of Michigan. To apply for BEI certification in Michigan, you must have at least an associate degree from an accredited institution. In addition to the State of MI credentials, graduates may also consider taking the Education Interpreters Performance Assessment (EIPA) or National Interpreter Certification (NIC). Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution and may also complete coursework for a Communication Arts Enhanced AA, Sign Language Interpreter track, degree. The Communication Arts, Enhanced AA option allows students to transfer additional credits toward the Bachelor's degree. Institutions accepting credits from the Enhanced AA, Sign Language Interpreter track, include Gallaudet University and Siena Heights University. Students planning to enroll in the Interpreter Program must meet with a faculty advisor from the Sign Language Interpreter Program.

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of 100-level classes with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

Entrance to the Interpreter Training Program is granted by passing a screening implemented by the Sign Language Program. Students who have successfully completed, with a minimum 2.0, or are currently enrolled in SIGN 163 (American Sign Language III), SIGN 166 (Fingerspelling), SIGN 167 (Beginning Sign to Voice), and SIGN 170 (Expressive/Receptive ASL) are eligible to screen.

Students must receive at least a 2.5 in ALL 200-level SIGN courses to complete this degree.

Contact Information

Contact the Communication, Media and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number 517-483-1546 or the Sign Language Interpreter Program, 517-483-5329, signadvising@star.lcc.edu.

General Education – Applied Degrees, Recommended Courses

Select courses as indicated for specific transfer institutions. These courses are preferred General Education courses listed on Transfer Articulation agreements. The recommended courses in each General Education category also meet Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements. If no course is indicated, choose from the list of options under [General Education](#). A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for each General Education course.

- English Composition or Applied English – *Select one*
ENGL 121 or 131 will meet this requirement
- English Composition (second course)/Communications or Applied Communications
Program of study required courses will meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences
Program of Study Required Courses will meet this requirement
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics – *Select one*
MATH 119, MATH 120, or STAT 170 will meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab – *Select one*
ASTR 201, BIOL 120, BIOL 125, BIOL 145, CHEM 135, GEOG 220, GEOG 221, ISCI 131 or PHYS 120 will meet this requirement

Communications and Language Career Community Courses – *These courses are required for all Communications and Language programs (Communication, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Language). They should be taken before other Program Required or Limited Choice Courses. Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA. A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course).*

| Course Code | Course Title | Credit / Billing Hours |
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| ACAD 100 | First Year College Experience | 1 / 1 |
| ASTR 201 or | Introductory Astronomy | 4 / 5 |
| BIOL 120 or | Environmental Science | 4 / 6 |
| BIOL 125 or | Introductory Biology | 4 / 5 |
| BIOL 145 or | Intro Anatomy and Physiology | 4 / 6 |
| CHEM 135 or | Chemistry in Society | 4 / 5 |
| GEOG 220 or | Weather, Forecasting and Climate | 4 / 4 |
| GEOG 221 or | Physical Geography | 4 / 4 |
| ISCI 131 or | Integrated Physical Science | 4 / 6 |
| PHYS 120 | The Art of Physics | 4 / 5 |
| COMM 120 or | Dynamics of Communication | 3 / 3 |
| COMM 130 or | Fundamentals Public Speaking | 3 / 3 |
| ENGL 122 or | Composition II | 4 / 4 |
| ENGL 132 or | Honors Composition II | 4 / 4 |
| SIGN 160 | Intro to the Deaf Community | 3 / 3 |

| Course Code | Course Title | Credit / Billing Hours |
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| DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 162 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 | World Cinema Introduction to Literature Elementary Japanese I American Sign Language II Elementary Spanish I Introduction to Theater | 4 / 4 3 / 3 4 / 4 3 / 3 4 / 4 3 / 3 |
| ENGL 121 or ENGL 131 | Composition I Honors Composition I | 4 / 4 4 / 4 |
| LING 230 or SIGN 161 | Introduction to Linguistics American Sign Language I | 3 / 3 3 / 3 |
| MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170 | Math – Applications for Living College Algebra Introduction to Statistics | 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 |

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived based on the recommendation of a Program Advisor.

Sign Language Interpreter choose SIGN 160, SIGN 161, and SIGN 162.

For future major areas:

- For future transfer to Gallaudet University choose BIOL 145 and MATH 119.

Program of Study Required Courses

| Course Code | Course Title | Credit / Billing Hours |
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| SIGN 163 | American Sign Language III | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 166 | Fingerspelling | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 167 | Beginning Sign to Voice | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 170 | Expressive/Receptive ASL | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 200 | Applied Skill in the Workplace | 2 / 2 |
| SIGN 240 | Intro to Transliterating | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 250 | Deaf Culture and History | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 260 | Linguistic Principles of ASL | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 261 | Principles of Interpreting | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 263 | Intermediate Sign to Voice | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 266 | Educational Interpreting | 2 / 2 |
| SIGN 267 | Sign Practicum I | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 268 | Sign Practicum II | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 270 | Advanced Interpreting | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 271 | Advanced Sign to Voice | 3 / 3 |

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Science or Applied Social Science - *Select one*

| Course Code | Course Title | Credit / Billing Hours |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| COMM 280 | Intercultural Communication | 3 / 3 |
| SOCL 120 | Introduction to Sociology | 4 / 4 |

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – *Select one*

| Course Code | Course Title | Credit / Billing Hours |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| SIGN 164 | American Sign Language IV | 3 / 3 |
| SIGN 176 | Advanced Fingerspelling | 2 / 2 |

Note:

For future transfer to Gallaudet University choose SIGN 176.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

70 credits / 70 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

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| Semester I (Fall) |
| ACAD 100 |
| ENGL 121 or ENGL 131 |
| Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Science or Applied Social Science |
| SIGN 160 |
| SIGN 161 |

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| Semester II (Spring) |
| ASTR 201, BIOL 120, BIOL 125, BIOL 145, CHEM 135, GEOG 220, GEOG 221, ISCI 131, or PHYS 120 |
| MATH 119, MATH 120, or STAT 170 |
| SIGN 162 |
| SIGN 166 |

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| Semester III (Summer) |
| SIGN 163 |
| SIGN 167 |
| SIGN 170 |

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| Semester IV (Fall) |
| SIGN 200 |
| SIGN 240 |
| SIGN 261 |
| Limited Choice if choosing SIGN 164 |

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| Semester V (Spring) |
| SIGN 263 |
| SIGN 267 |
| Limited Choice If choosing SIGN 176 |

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| Semester VI (Summer) |
| SIGN 266 |
| SIGN 268 |

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| Semester VII (Fall) |
| SIGN 250 |
| SIGN 270 |

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| Semester VIII (Spring) |
| SIGN 260 |
| SIGN 271 |

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