



B.S.Ed. in American Sign Language/English Interpreting

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to know sign language before I enroll?

No, you do not have to know sign language before enrolling in the program. The program is designed for students who are new to sign language and English interpreting.

2. Is the program completed online?

The program is primarily online, but it includes several in-person components. These include a required on-campus practicum, a fieldwork experience, and a final on-campus exam. The online portion covers the theoretical and practical aspects of ASL and English interpreting.

3. Will I be a certified interpreter when I complete this degree?

Upon completion of the B.S.Ed. in American Sign Language/English Interpreting, you will be eligible to sit for the Registry of Interpreting Professionals (RID) certification exam. The program is designed to provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge to become a certified interpreter. However, certification is not automatic and requires passing the exam.

4. Does this degree certify me to teach ASL?

Yes, the B.S.Ed. in American Sign Language/English Interpreting is designed to prepare students for careers in ASL and English interpreting, including teaching ASL. The program includes coursework in ASL grammar, syntax, and semantics, as well as practical experience in teaching ASL.

5. I don't want to earn a degree; can I just take ASL classes?

Yes, you can take ASL classes without earning a degree. The program offers several ASL courses that are open to all students, regardless of whether they are pursuing a degree. These courses provide a solid foundation in ASL and are a great way to learn the language.

6. I am happy with my major, but want to take ASL courses. Can I?

Yes, you can take ASL courses as a minor or as individual classes. The program offers several ASL courses that are open to all students, regardless of whether they are pursuing a degree. These courses provide a solid foundation in ASL and are a great way to learn the language.

7. Can I transfer credit from another institution into the program?

Yes, you can transfer credit from another institution into the program. The program has a transfer credit policy that allows students to transfer credit from other institutions. However, there are certain requirements that must be met, such as the course being equivalent to a course in the program and the student having a minimum GPA.

8. What is the minimum GPA required for program entry?

The minimum GPA required for program entry is 2.0. This applies to all students, regardless of whether they are transferring credit or starting the program from scratch. The program has a minimum GPA requirement for all students.