

# American Sign Language Studies Certificate

The American Sign Language (ASL) Studies sequence of courses has been developed based on the need for professionals and community members to develop conversational proficiency in ASL and understanding of Deaf culture. This program is intended as supplementary education only and does not prepare the learner to work as an interpreter.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all ASL courses.

Please note: ASL 145, ASL 122 and ASL 147 are only offered in the fall semester; ASL 123, ASL 135 and ASL 150 are only offered in the spring semester.

(Major Code 6800; State CIP Code 16.1603)

- Gainful Employment - Sign Language Studies (<http://www.jccc.edu/interpretertraining/gainful-employment/gedt.html>) (opens in a new window)
- Interpreter Training (<http://www.jccc.edu/interpretertraining>)

## First Semester

Health/Physical Education Elective *		1
ASL 120	Elementary American Sign Language I	3
ASL 145	Introduction to the Deaf Community*	3
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
Total Hours		10

^ Health/Physical Education Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/health-and-or-physical-ed-aas>)

## Second Semester

Social Science or Economics Elective *		3
ASL 121	Elementary American Sign Language II*	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3
Total Hours		9

^ Social Science or Economics Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/spring/degreecertificates/electives/social-sci-econ-aas>)

## Third Semester

Math Elective (see list below)		3
ASL 122	Intermediate American Sign Language I*	3
ASL 147	Fingerspelling I*	2
Total Hours		8

## Fourth Semester

ASL 123	Intermediate American Sign Language II*	3
ASL 135	Intro to American Sign Language Linguistics*	3
ASL 150	American Sign Language Literature*	3
Total Hours		9

## Math Elective

MATH 115	Elementary Algebra*	3
MATH 116	Intermediate Algebra*	3
MATH 118	Geometry*	3
MATH 120	Business Mathematics*	3
MATH 130	Technical Mathematics I*	3
MATH 131	Technical Mathematics II*	3
MATH 165	Finite Mathematics*	3
MATH 171	College Algebra*	3

MATH 172	Trigonometry*	3
MATH 173	Precalculus*	5
MATH 175	Discrete Mathematics and its Applications*	3
MATH 181	Statistics*	3
MATH 225	Mathematics as a Decision Making Tool*	3
MATH 231	Business and Applied Calculus I*	3
MATH 232	Business and Applied Calculus II*	3
MATH 241	Calculus I*	5
MATH 242	Calculus II*	5
MATH 243	Calculus III*	5
MATH 254	Differential Equations*	4

**Total Program Hours: 36**

## American Sign Language Courses

### ASL 120 Elementary American Sign Language I (3 Hours)

This class will focus on the development of beginning American Sign Language communication skills. Comprehension skills and linguistic features of the language taught in context will be emphasized. A minimum grade of "C" is required to continue in the ASL program. 6 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. ASL 120 and FL 180 are the same course. Do not enroll in both.

### ASL 121 Elementary American Sign Language II\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites:** ASL 120 or FL 180. All prerequisites require a grade of "C" or higher

This course will focus on continued development of elementary American Sign Language skills beyond those taught in Elementary ASL I. Students will work on developing communication competencies, concentrating on comprehension and production skills. Information about the linguistic and cultural features will be included in the context of language learning experiences. 6 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. ASL 121 and FL 181 are the same course. Do not enroll in both.

### ASL 122 Intermediate American Sign Language I\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites:** ASL 121 or FL 181. All prerequisites require a grade of "C" or higher

This course will focus on the development of intermediate American Sign Language communication skills. Comprehension skills and linguistic features of the language taught in context will be emphasized. 6 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. The daytime sections only are open to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 122, FL 270 and ASL 122 are the same courses; only enroll in one.

### ASL 123 Intermediate American Sign Language II\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites:** INTR 122 or ASL 122 or FL 270. All prerequisites require a grade of "C" or higher

The course will continue study of intermediate American Sign Language. It is designed to develop further intermediate communication skills in American Sign Language. Information about the linguistic and cultural features will be included in the context of language learning experiences. 6 hrs. integrated lecture-lab/ wk. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 123, FL 271 and ASL 123 are the same courses; only enroll in one.

### ASL 135 Intro to American Sign Language Linguistics\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites:** INTR 122 or ASL 122 or FL 270. All prerequisites require a grade of "C" or higher

This course introduces students to the structural and grammatical principles of ASL. Students will explore concepts of equivalency between English and ASL 3 hrs. lecture/wk. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 135 and ASL 135 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

### ASL 145 Introduction to the Deaf Community\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** ASL 120 or FL 180 with a grade of "C" or higher

This course will prepare students to develop and recognize the diversity within the Deaf Community, significant events and figures in Deaf History, and basic norms and values of Deaf Culture. Students will examine and compare Deaf Culture and hearing culture in America. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. 3 hrs./wk. INTR 145 and ASL 145 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

### ASL 147 Fingerspelling I\* (2 Hours)

**Prerequisites:** ASL 121 or FL 181 with a grade of "C" or higher

Students will work on developing beginning expressive and receptive fingerspelling skills based on word recognition principles. 3 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 147 and ASL 147 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

**ASL 150 American Sign Language Literature\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 122 or ASL 122 with a grade of "C" or higher

This course will provide introduction, discussion, and demonstration of literature in American Sign Language (ASL). The literature involves ASL Poetry, ASL Storytelling/Narratives, Deaf Humor, Deaf Folklore and other genres that have been passed on from one generation to another by culturally deaf people. Students will receive, analyze and retell a variety of ASL literature. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. INTR 150 and ASL 150 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

## Interpreter Training Courses

**INTR 122 Intermediate American Sign Language I\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 121 or ASL 121 or FL 181 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** Students accepted in the interpreter training program must take corequisites of INTR 130 and INTR 126 and (INTR 147 or ASL 145) and (INTR 145 or ASL 145) all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course will focus on the development of intermediate American Sign Language communication skills. Comprehension skills and linguistic features of the language taught in context will be emphasized. 6 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. The daytime sections only are open to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 122, FL 270 and ASL 122 are the same courses; only enroll in one.

**INTR 123 Intermediate American Sign Language II\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 122 or ASL 122 or FL 270 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** For students accepted in the interpreter training program: INTR 131 and INTR 135 and INTR 242 and INTR 248 all with a grade of "C" or higher

The course will continue study of intermediate American Sign Language. It is designed to develop further intermediate communication skills in American Sign Language. Information about the linguistic and cultural features will be included in the context of language learning experiences. 6 hrs. integrated lecture-lab/ wk. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 123, FL 271 and ASL 123 are the same courses; only enroll in one.

**INTR 126 Classifiers in American Sign Language\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 121 or ASL 121 with grade of "C" or higher and acceptance in the interpreter training program

**Corequisites:** (INTR 122 or ASL 122) and INTR 130 and (INTR 147 or ASL 147) and (INTR 145 or ASL 145)

The course will provide an in-depth analysis of classifiers in ASL through discussion and demonstration of the three different categories of classifiers in ASL: representative classifiers (noun and its action), descriptive classifiers (size-and-shape, extent, perimeter, pattern and texture), and instrumental classifiers (manipulative and handle). Students will learn to comprehend and produce classifiers from all three categories. 4 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/ wk.

**INTR 130 Survey of the Interpreting Profession\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 121 or FL 181 or ASL 121 with a grade of "C" or higher and acceptance in the interpreter training program

**Corequisites:** (INTR 122 or ASL 122) and INTR 126 and (INTR 147 or ASL 147) and (INTR 145 or ASL 145) all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course provides an introduction to interpreting as an occupation. Students will come to understand interpersonal communication skills, professional ethics, parameters of responsibilities, community resources and legal ramifications as they relate to the interpreter. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

**INTR 131 Interpreting Preparation Skills\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 130 with a grade of "C" or higher and acceptance into the interpreter training program

**Corequisites:** INTR 123 and INTR 135 and INTR 242 and INTR 248 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course provides students with a foundation in the theory of interpretation. Students will explore the Colonomos Model of interpreting and apply this model by first using pre-interpreting skills in isolation. Then students will progress from producing translations to interpreting consecutively. 4 hrs. integrated lecture-lab/wk.

**INTR 135 Intro to American Sign Language Linguistics\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 122 or ASL 122 or FL 270 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** for students accepted in the interpreter training program enroll in: INTR 123 and INTR 242 and INTR 131 and INTR 248 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course introduces students to the structural and grammatical principles of ASL. Students will explore concepts of equivalency between English and ASL 3 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 135 and ASL 135 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

**INTR 145 Introduction to the Deaf Community\* (3 Hours)****Prerequisites:** Acceptance to interpreter training program**Prerequisites or corequisites:** ANTH 125 and SPD 120 for Interpreter Training Program Corequisites for Interpreter Training Prog: INTR 122 and INTR 126 and INTR 130 and INTR 147 all with a grade of "C" or higher Note: Prerequisite or corequisite of INTR 120 or ASL 120 or FL 180 required for students in the American Sign Language Studies Certificate

This course will prepare students to develop and recognize the diversity within the Deaf Community, significant events and figures in Deaf History, and basic norms and values of Deaf Culture. Students will examine and compare Deaf Culture and hearing culture in America. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. INTR 145 and ASL 145 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

**INTR 147 Fingerspelling I\* (2 Hours)****Prerequisites:** INTR 121 or FL 181 or ASL 121 with a grade of "C" or higher**Corequisites:** For students accepted in the interpreter training program, enroll in: (INTR 122 or ASL 122) and INTR 126 and INTR 130 and (INTR 145 or ASL 145) all with a grade of "C" or higher

Students will work on developing beginning expressive and receptive fingerspelling skills based on word recognition principles. 3 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk. The daytime sections are open only to students in the interpreter training program. INTR 147 and ASL 147 are the same course; do not enroll in both.

**INTR 181 Interpreting Practicum I\* (1 Hour)****Prerequisites:** INTR 130 and INTR 145 with a grade of "C" or higher**Corequisites:** INTR 223 and INTR 226 and INTR 250 all with a grade of "C" or higher

Students will observe skilled interpreters in various interpreting situations in a variety of settings during the semester. 2 hrs. lab, field work/wk.

**INTR 223 Advanced American Sign Language\* (3 Hours)****Prerequisites:** INTR 123 or ASL 123 or FL 271 with a grade of "C" or higher**Corequisites:** INTR 250 and INTR 226 and INTR 181 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course is a continuation of Intermediate American Sign Language II. Students will learn about culturally significant topics related to the Deaf community, more complex ASL grammatical features and conversational skill development. Comprehension skills and linguistic features of ASL will be taught to a variety of contexts in simulated, typical interaction. Students will have opportunities to utilize what they learn about advanced ASL through class activities, dialogues, short stories, general conversations and class discussions. Sign comprehension and production skills will be emphasized. This course meets for six hours of internship/week.

**INTR 226 Specialized and Technical Vocabulary\* (2 Hours)****Prerequisites:** INTR 123 or ASL 123 with a grade of "C" or higher**Corequisites:** INTR 181 and INTR 250 and INTR 223 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course will expand the interpreter training students' vocabulary related to specialized and technical contexts. Students will discuss vocabulary use in a variety of contexts to include socially restricted terms and phrases Deaf people use; colloquialisms; varying registers; terminology in medical, mental health, religion, sex, drugs; and strong language in ASL. Students' development of comprehension and production skills in common formal and informal settings will be emphasized. Students will also discuss Signing Exact English (SEE II) and the differences from American Sign Language (ASL). 4 hrs. integrated lecture-lab/wk.

**INTR 242 Fingerspelling II\* (2 Hours)****Prerequisites:** INTR 147 with a grade of "C" or higher **Corequisites:** INTR 123 and INTR 131 and INTR 135 and INTR 248 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course focuses on continued development of expressive and receptive fingerspelling skills based on word and phrase recognition and expression. 3 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk.

**INTR 248 Deaf Community Ethnography\* (3 Hours)****Prerequisites:** INTR 145 or ASL 145 with a grade of "C" or higher**Corequisites:** (INTR 123 or ASL 123) and INTR 131 and (INTR 135 or ASL 135) and INTR 242 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This advanced course will provide students the opportunity to explore power and oppression issues experienced by d/Deaf people. Specific attention will be given to society's views of the d/Deaf community and the influence of various media on these views. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

**INTR 250 Interpreting I\* (6 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 131 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** INTR 181 and INTR 223 and INTR 226 all with a grade of "C" or higher

In this introduction to interpreting principles, emphasis will be on English-to-ASL and ASL-to-English skills. Students will participate in sequential drills and apply these skills in class. 10 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk.

**INTR 251 Interpreting II\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 250 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** INTR 262 and INTR 282 and AAC 150 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This is an advanced course concentrating on continued develop of English-to-ASL, ASL transliteration skills development. Students will have the opportunity to use these skills as stimulus material gradually becomes more advanced. 4 hrs. integrated lecture/lab/wk.

**INTR 262 Seminar on Interpreting\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 250 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** INTR 251 and INTR 282 and AAC 150 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course provides students with knowledge of stress management as applied to both the physical demands and mental conditions of sign language interpreting. Students will learn and apply decision-making techniques in regard to the Interpreter (RID) Code of Ethics. Additionally, the course provides students with knowledge of career development theory, career decision-making and the job-search process. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

**INTR 282 Interpreting Practicum II\* (6 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** INTR 181 with a grade of "C" or higher

**Corequisites:** INTR 251 and INTR 262 and AAC 150 all with a grade of "C" or higher

This course provides students with an opportunity to observe and interpret in an off-site setting with the supervision of an experienced interpreter. Students will actively engage in discussions relating to the difficulties and rewards of working in a realistic interpreting environment. The fieldwork totals 270 hours a semester.

**INTR 291 Independent Study\* (1-7 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** 2.0 GPA minimum and department approval

Independent study is a directed, structured learning experience offered as an extension of the regular curriculum. It is intended to allow individual students to broaden their comprehension of the principles of and competencies associated with the discipline or program. Its purpose is to supplement existing courses with individualized, in-depth learning experiences. Such learning experiences may be undertaken independent of the traditional classroom setting, but will be appropriately directed and supervised by regular instructional staff. Total contact hours vary based on the learning experience.