American Sign Language Certificate

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Overview

The American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate program will lead students to: a high degree of proficiency in ASL; an understanding of the structure of ASL as a visual/gestural language; and an understanding of important issues in deaf culture and education. This certificate program could conveniently accompany various undergraduate majors including, but not limited to, linguistics, communication science, and various undergraduate disciplines that serve as the basis for graduate-level degrees and certificates in the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education. The program draws on the academic strengths and resources of the Department of Linguistics in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, and on the Department of Instruction and Learning in the School of Education.

Currently, the program has a limited enrollment of 20 students per academic year. Each applicant will be required to go through an evaluation process. Applications are accepted early during the spring term of each academic year, and students will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance into the program before registering for fall classes.

Requirements

This certificate program requires completion of 18 credits, not including the prerequisite course credits. Students must successfully complete performance on skills and knowledge evaluations to declare this certificate.

Prerequisite courses

Students must pass the prerequisite courses with a letter grade of B or higher.

ASL 0101 American Sign Language 1
ASL 0102 American Sign Language 2

Category 1

ASL 0103 American Sign Language 3
ASL 0104 American Sign Language 4

Category 2

ASL 1615 Deaf Culture

Category 3

Choose one of the following courses
LING 1000 Introduction to Linguistics
CSD 1020 Nature of Language

Category 4

Choose one of the following courses
ASL 1705 Structure of Sign Languages
ASL 1715 Structure of American Sign Language and English

Category 5

Choose one of the following courses
ASL 1635 Analysis of ASL Literature
ASL 1725 Sociolinguistics of Sign Language
ASL 1800 Introduction to ASL-English Interpreting
ASL 1909 Topics in Sign Language Studies

Grade Requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in each course that counts toward the certificate.

Satisfactory/No Credit Option

There is no limit to the number of courses that can be taken on the S/NC basis for this certificate. The two prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Students interested in the certificate should contact the Less-Commonly-Taught-Languages Center (LCTL@Pitt.edu, 412-624-5512), CL G-47, for application packets or additional information.