

# Department of SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

## Faculty:

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## Majors:

Deaf Studies

Sign Language Interpreting

## Department Mission:

The mission of the department of sign language interpreting is to graduate students who excel in effective communication, seek to participate in a vibrant community of interpreters, and embrace the cause of equality for persons who are disenfranchised due to a degree of hearing loss.

The department challenges students to develop competency in English and American Sign Language and to possess decision-making, problem-solving and interpersonal skills. We seek to encourage students' exploration of professional and personal ethics, social justice, and their role as an interpreter within the human service sector.

## Department Distinctives:

Majors are required to take the national written exam by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. prior to leaving for their practicum.

Majors are required a 10 week Practicum course (250 hours) during their senior, spring semester. Arrangements for this course are made between the Practicum instructor and the student. A student must have his/her own transportation, locate housing, and have full-time availability for the 10 weeks. Any expenses incurred during the practicum process are the sole responsibility of the student and cannot be refunded. This includes the tuition for the course, INT 450, any testing taken related to placement, dropping courses and change of graduation application, or other incidental expenses typical of preparation for practicum. Department Chair approval required.

Due to the content and instructional format of the major, students taking any level of the American Sign Language courses at Bethel College must maintain "significant progress" in their study of an individual course. "Significant progress" means a student must receive a C or better at one level of course work within a reasonable time. The reasonable time is limited to two semesters. Failing to do so will result in the prohibition of registering and retaking the same level of ASL course. The effective date of this policy is August 25, 2003.

## Deaf Studies Major A.A. Degree

The deaf studies major is an introduction to American Sign Language and the deaf community.

The major can supplement students in other human service bachelor programs, such as education and nursing, where interpersonal relationships might benefit from the ability to communicate directly with a deaf person.

Bethel Core			HOURS
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3

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			<b>HOURS</b>
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
HIST		History elective	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature, or	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	(3)
		Math/Science with Lab	3-4
		Music/Art/Literature/Drama	<u>3</u>
			<b>27-28</b>
<b>Major</b>			
ASL	101	ASL I with Lab	4
ASL	111	ASL II with Lab	4
ASL	201	ASL III with Lab	4
ASL	204	English Idioms & ASL Equivalents	4
ASL	208	American Deaf Culture	3
ASL	211	ASL IV with Lab	4
LANG	101	Introduction to Study of Language	<u>3</u>
			<b>26</b>
		Electives needed to complete degree	<b>6-7</b>
		<b>Total credits</b>	<b>60</b>

## **Sign Language Interpreting**

The sign language interpreting major provides students with two years of study about the culture and community of deaf people including their language, American Sign Language (ASL); and then two years of study in interpreting. Studies include models of interpreting, development of cognitive skills, consecutive and simultaneous work, Demand-Control Schema, ethics, and preparation for the written national exam. Graduates of the program possess foundational interpreting skills for entry level work in most community and educational settings and are generally prepared to take RID's national performance exam within 2 years or less of graduation.

### **Bethel Core**

COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
ASL	101	ASL I with Lab	4
ASL	111	ASL II with Lab	4
HIST		History	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		College Level Math	3
		Science with Lab	4
		Literature	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1

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			<b>HOURS</b>
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
			<b>54</b>
<b>Major</b>			
ASL	201	ASL III with Lab	4
ASL	204	English Idioms & ASL Equivalents	4
ASL	208	American Deaf Culture	3
ASL	211	ASL IV with Lab	4
ASL	312	Advanced Deaf Studies	3
ASL	315	American Sign Language V	3
INT	301	Interpreting I with Lab	4
INT	302	Interpreting II with Lab	4
INT	304	Fundamentals of Interpreting	3
INT	401	Interpreting III with Lab	4
INT	402	Interpreting IV with Lab	4
INT	417	Interpreter Certification/Evaluation	2
INT	418	Job Market Analysis in Interpreting	2
INT	450	Interpreting Practicum	8
LANG	101	Introduction to The Study of Language	3
SOC		Sociology Elective	<u>3</u>
			<b>58</b>
		Electives needed to complete the degree	<b>8</b>
		<b>Total credits</b>	<b>120</b>

### **American Sign Language Minor**

ASL	101	ASL I with Lab	4
ASL	111	ASL II with Lab	4
ASL	201	ASL III with Lab	4
ASL	204	English Idioms & ASL Equivalents	4
ASL	208	American Deaf Culture	3
ASL	211	ASL IV with Lab	<u>4</u>
		<b>Total credits</b>	<b>23</b>

