

American Sign Language Studies

Associate of Arts Degree

Transfer Program

This program at NIC will prepare students for transfer to a four-year program in pursuit of careers in the signing professions. Course work is designed to provide information on the linguistic, historical, and cultural background of the American deaf community.

An associate's degree with emphasis in American Sign Language Studies meets the general education requirements at all Idaho public universities. Course selection should be coordinated to meet requirements for the intended transfer institution's related majors. Such related majors may include: Deaf Studies, Early Childhood Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Sign Language Interpreting. Other professions that would benefit from this acquired skill and knowledge may include careers in human services, education, social services, and business.

Note: This is not an Interpreter Training Program (ITP), but most courses transfer to satisfy some ITP requirements at the transfer institution.

Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (see pages 48-49)

Area of Study	Credits
GEM 1 - Written Communication	6
GEM 2 - Oral Communication	3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing	3-5
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing	8
GEM 5 - Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing ¹	3
GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing	6
GEM 7 - Institutionally Designated	4

Program Requirements

Course No.	Title	Credits
ASL-101	Elementary American Sign Language I	5
ASL-102	Elementary American Sign Language II	5
ASL-126	Introduction to American Sign Language	3
ASL-201	Intermediate American Sign Language I	4
ASL-202	Intermediate American Sign Language II	4
ASL-207	Deaf Culture and Community	3
ASL-210	American Sign Language Linguistics	3
ASL-225	Signing Professions	3
ASL-260	Creative Sign Language	3

Elective Requirements

Courses 100-level or higher	0
Total Credits (minimum) 66	

Notes:

¹ This General Education Requirement is partially met by the Program Requirements.