

ASL Studies

Certificate Programs



Western Oregon
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ASL Studies program recognized the need to offer ASL certificate option(s) to better serve the community at large and our current students. Also, the General Education curriculum changed the language requirement affecting the student enrollment for our ASL courses and with this certificate option(s), it will help and improve our enrollment numbers.

We developed these certificates in response to the community's request in need of competencies in skills and knowledge in ASL for their professions in public safety services (law enforcement, fire services, emergency services) and community members (parents, family members, neighbors, educators, etc).

ASL Studies: Culture

Mission

The ASL Studies: Culture certificate will equip students and community members in developing cultural competencies and in-depth knowledge of the diversity in the Deaf communities as it pertains to their field of study and careers.

Learning Outcomes

1. Develop knowledge to enhance students' perspectives in Deaf cultural studies.
2. Practice sensitivity and understanding toward diverse Deaf communities.

Core Courses

ASL 315 American Deaf Culture Credits: 3

ASL 320 Deaf Women Studies Credits: 3

ASL 340 Introduction to the Deaf Latino Community Credits: 3

ASL 360 Black Deaf Culture Credits: 3

ASL 429 American Deaf History Credits: 3

Elective Credits: 3

ASL 327 Deaf Cinema History Credits: 3

ASL 440 Mental Health in the Deaf Community Credits: 3

Other ASL elective courses may be selected in consultation with an ASL major advisor

Total Credits: 18



ASL Studies: Linguistics

Mission

The ASL Studies: Linguistics certificate is designed to prepare students and community members to broaden their perspectives on the study of ASL as a language and to incorporate linguistic knowledge as it pertains to their field of study and careers.

Learning Outcomes

1. Develop an in-depth understanding of ASL linguistics concepts in application to language learning.
2. Portray the ability to recognize and analyze ASL linguistics features.

Core Courses

LING 310 Introduction to Linguistics Credits: 4

ASL 353 Linguistics of ASL Credits: 3

ASL 413 ASL Cherology/Phonology Credits: 3

ASL 414 ASL Morphology Credits: 3

ASL 415 ASL Syntax & Semantics Credits: 3

ASL 456 First and Second Language Acquisition: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Credits: 3

Elective Credits: 3

ASL 420 Sociolinguistics of Deaf Communities Credits: 3

ASL 460 Black American Sign Language Credits: 3

Other ASL elective courses may be selected in consultation with an ASL major advisor

Total Credits: 22

