



Instructional Faculty **[INTERNAL OPENING]** American Sign Language Studies

Recruitment #: F2529
Review Date: Immediate review | Closing on 6/10/25 at 5pm
Department: Division of Deaf Studies and Professional Studies
Salary Rate: Commensurate with experience and qualifications [[CBA](#)]

About Western Oregon University:

Western Oregon University is a regional public, mid-sized university – committed to changing lives, strengthening communities and transforming our world. Located in Monmouth, the heart of Oregon's lush Willamette Valley, WOU is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state's capital and about 75 minutes from Portland, the state's cultural hub.

Western is one of Oregon's oldest public institutions of higher education and was incorporated into the state system as a teacher training institution in 1882. The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, education and professional areas. It's known for small class sizes, a focus on sustainability and a diverse liberal arts education in a student-centered environment. Western is an emerging Hispanic Serving institution, with over 40% of undergraduates being students of color.

Position Summary:

The American Sign Language Studies (ASL Studies) program in the Division of Deaf Studies and Professional Studies at Western Oregon University seeks qualified applicants for two (2) full-time, 9-month, Instructional Faculty positions. Applicants must have expertise in teaching ASL to second language and heritage users.

The ASL Studies program was first established in 2007 and WOU is the only University offering a 3rd year of formal ASL acquisition coursework on the West coast. The foundation of this program is the acquisition of ASL, and additional classes focus on Deaf culture and history, which helps students develop strong background knowledge skills suitable for pursuing careers in various fields using ASL. This program also is a feeder program for graduate programs in Interpreting Studies and other related graduate programs. Additionally, graduates use our program as a gateway to enhance their education at a higher level using the ASL foundational skills & knowledge received during their degree program.

We offer a mix of in-person and online courses as well as asynchronous and synchronous course formats. The majority of ASL course offerings would be in-person and on campus.

Attending campus meetings and in-person teaching are required; however, we also encourage flexible course delivery modalities and faculty may be assigned online and/or hybrid courses.

Responsibilities:

- Teach undergraduate level classes in various formats (e.g., in-person, online, hybrid, synchronous, asynchronous) with possible opportunities for summer teaching and alternative/off campus teaching

- Instructional load of typically 42 WLUs per year (courses are 3 or 4 WLUs each.)
- Student advising
- May include committee work and professional development
- Participate in curriculum review and development
- Collaborate in the growth of the division
- Complete a required WOU online training course for effective online and hybrid instructional practices prior to the start of teaching or simultaneously during the first term of teaching
- Continue to grow and develop as an educator and as a member of his/her profession through formal and/or informal activities

[Click here](#) for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications.

Required Qualifications: Please ensure your application materials clearly demonstrate how you meet the following:

- An earned bachelor's degree in linguistics or a related field such as curriculum and instruction or language and teaching;
- 1-2 years of successful teaching in ASL Studies or a related field

How to Apply: To apply for this position, please upload the following required materials within the application portal. Applications missing any of the required documents will not move forward for consideration. Please include only the materials listed below:

1. WOU Employment Application form [available here](#) - unclassified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that outlines your qualifications and how they align with the position
3. Resume/CV
4. Unofficial transcripts for your highest degree earned
5. Complete and submit the Reference Check form, [available here](#) along with your application

Background/Education Check:

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. Education checks are processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

Benefits:

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities.

<http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, veteran

status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

Accommodation Requests:

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you would like to request disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in a WOU activity or event, please complete the [online request form](#) at least three (3) business days in advance. If you have questions, contact Desiree Noah at noahd@wou.edu.

Veterans Preference

Applicants are eligible to use Veterans' Preference when applying with Western Oregon University in accordance with ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235; and OAR 105-040-0010 and 105-040-0015. Preference will be given only if the applicant meets the minimum criteria of the position and electronically attach the required documentation at the time of application. For information regarding Veterans' Preference qualifications, visit <http://www.oregonjobs.org/DAS/STJOBS/vetpoints.shtml>

To stay informed about the progress of this search, we invite and encourage you to explore our career page at wou.edu/hr/employment/jobs/. Unfortunately, due to the volume, it is challenging for us to offer individual updates on the status of each application, and for that, we sincerely regret any inconvenience. We thank you for your patience and interest in employment at Western Oregon University.