

## American Sign Language Studies (ASLS) .....

### Certificate (Career) \*

Designed to introduce students to the history, culture and community of the Deaf. Students work towards gaining fluency and mastery of American Sign Language by acquiring foundational skills, vocabulary, acceptance and knowledge of the Deaf community and by gaining an understanding of this unique non-verbal language. Students gain confidence by becoming involved in the Deaf community through coursework and internships.

By obtaining a certificate in American Sign Language (ASL) Studies, students have a strong foundation to further their studies in American Sign Language, interpreting, and education of the Deaf or other related fields. This certificate also provides individuals with the skills they need to work with the Deaf community and Deaf individuals more effectively. This certificate can be used to meet the elective requirements of the AA degree in general studies. Students will be required to complete the ASL Proficiency Interview prior to graduation.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Requirements	
ASLS 100 ASL Finger Spelling .....	2
ASLS 101 Visual Gestural Communication .....	3
ASLS 102 American Sign Language I .....	3
ASLS 103 American Sign Language II .....	3
ASLS 106 Introduction to the Deaf Community .....	3
ASLS 107 Introduction to Deaf History .....	3
ASLS 108 ASL Number Use .....	2
ASLS 202 American Sign Language III .....	3
ASLS 203 American Sign Language IV .....	3
ASLS 206 American Deaf Culture .....	3
INTR 103 Internship .....	3
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## ASL Studies



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Frederick Community College began offering ASL classes in the mid-1980's to meet the demand of those who had ties with the fast growing Deaf community. A certificate program in ASL studies was added in 2001.

The program at FCC offers a variety of courses related to learning ASL and more about the Deaf community. Classes include ASL I-IV, ASL Fingerspelling, ASL Numbers, Visual Gestural Communication, Introduction to the Deaf Community, Deaf History and Deaf Culture. All courses are taught by Deaf people who take pride in their language and culture and challenge the students to see from their eyes.

With the speed of technology and opportunities created by it . . . there is more and more demand for ASL interpreters in Frederick. It is one of the fastest growing fields since the boom of VideoPhones and increased general awareness about Deaf employees. FCC can offer you courses to get you prepared for that growing demand.

The College prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, religion, gender, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability of otherwise qualified individuals and any other category protected by federal, State or local law. Frederick Community College subscribes to full access to all college facilities as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and as amended. The designated coordinator for the college's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and for the Americans with Disabilities Act is Kate Kramer-Jefferson, 301.846.2409.

Frederick Community College makes every effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities. If you have accommodation needs, please call 301.846.2408. To request a sign language interpreter, please call 301.846.2476 (Voice) or 240.575.2366/866.616.7243 (Videophone). Requests for any accommodation should be made at least five working days prior to attending a scheduled event.

\* **Gainful employment** For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at [www.frederick.edu/gainfulemployment](http://www.frederick.edu/gainfulemployment).

## A Vibrant ASL Community

Frederick has an estimated 3,000 Deaf people and more than 6,000 American Sign Language users in a county with 225,000 residents. You'll see Deaf persons at the local bank, in the grocery store, or walking downtown in the historic district.

On Market Street in south Frederick is one of the oldest schools in the USA. Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) was established in 1868, only 51 years after the first school for the Deaf (American School for the Deaf) was established in Hartford, CT.

## Frederick County Public Schools

FCC ASL Studies Program has a great partnership with local high schools that offer ASL classes. Frederick County high school students who take ASL often show their desire to learn more about the language and culture of deaf people. FCC ASL Studies Program is a wonderful stepping stone to receive awareness, knowledge and historical perspective of deaf people. Check with the program manager today!



*David A. Martin received the Stephen M. Ryan Teacher of the Year award presented by the American Sign Language Teachers Association.*

## Gallaudet University

Washington, D.C. boasts as the city with the only four-year liberal arts university serving solely the Deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Many ASL related and Deaf cultural events are held in D.C., an hour from Frederick.

## Why Frederick Community College?

The Deaf population in Frederick County has doubled in part because of the great academic and athletic programs at Maryland School for the Deaf which serves Deaf children in Maryland from birth to 21. Because of the proximity of MSD and Gallaudet, FCC ASL students have more opportunities within the ASL culture.

## Maryland ASL Teachers Association (MD-ASLTA)

Frederick has one of the nation's most active ASL Teacher's associations. MD-ASLTA is affiliated with the National ASLTA. Members of MD-ASLTA are in the field of ASL instruction and maintain the current professional development changes happening in ASL instruction. Members have the opportunity to share information, Deaf-related events, and new strategies in the field in Frederick County and neighboring counties. The ASL program's goal is to have all ASL faculty affiliated with this organization.

David A. Martin, program manager in ASL studies, is a lifelong resident of Frederick who wants to share with YOU his passion and the love of ASL and Deaf people in Frederick County.

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