

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

 Frederick Community College



**Program Contact**

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# American Sign Language Studies

*Introduces students to the rich history and culture of the Deaf community. Students will gain fluency and mastery of American Sign Language (ASL) by acquiring foundational skills and knowledge of the Deaf community.*

## **American Sign Language Studies Area of Concentration within Arts & Humanities A.A. Degree**

Students gain a solid foundation to further their studies in ASL, interpreting, and education of the Deaf or other related fields. Students will transmit their knowledge and promote respect for the rich history and culture of their local Deaf community. Students will be required to complete the ASL Proficiency Interview before graduation.

## **American Sign Language Studies Certificate**

Students gain cultural competency by becoming involved in their local Deaf community through coursework and internships. Students gain a solid foundation to further their studies in American Sign Language, interpreting, and education of the Deaf or other related fields. Students will transmit their knowledge and promote respect for the rich history and culture of their local Deaf community.

All courses in this certificate apply toward the fulfillment of requirements for the American Sign Language (ASL) Studies Area of Concentration within the A.A. degree in Arts & Humanities. Students will be required to complete the ASL Proficiency Interview before graduation.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- Compare and identify linguistic components of and relationships between languages, spoken and signed.
- Create new local and global understandings of d/Deaf languages and cultures through assessments of current knowledge and independent research.
- Critically judge and assess the quality of current ways of thinking about language and culture on local and global scales.
- Converse fluently in ASL with peers, both Deaf and hearing, by applying the language in conversations, ASL storytelling, or narratives.
- Explain and apply the ASL grammar structures in dialogues.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the Deaf culture, heritage, and Deaf values through signed presentations, papers, and written exams.

## **Internship Program**

Internships help students integrate what is taught in the classroom with what is required in the workplace. Students take internships to develop knowledge and skills valued by employers. Students in the American Sign Language Certificate program at Frederick Community College (FCC) receive credit for internships.



## Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

## Transfer Note

To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution, visit [artsys.usmd.edu](https://artsys.usmd.edu) or consult a College advisor. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

View required course listings: [frederick.edu/ASL](https://frederick.edu/ASL)

**For more information:**

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