



## **Sign Language Interpreter A.A.A.**

Curriculum Code: 0282

Effective: Fall 2020 – Summer 2025

### **Description**

The Sign Language Interpreter is a person specially trained to facilitate communication between the Deaf, Deaf/Blind, hard of hearing, and hearing communities. Employment opportunities may be in educational settings, freelance, or contracted with agencies to provide interpreter services for deaf persons. Entrance to the Interpreter Program is granted by passing a screening implemented by the Sign Language Program. State of Michigan PA 204 of 2007 states that interpreters must possess certification in order to be employed. State credentials are available through the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) in Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) for the State of Michigan. In addition to the State of MI credentials, graduates may also consider taking the Education Interpreters Performance Assessment (EIPA) or National Interpreter Certification (NIC). Not all courses in this program transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor before enrolling in any course. Students planning to enroll in the Interpreter Program must meet with a faculty advisor from the Sign Language Interpreter Program.

### **Additional Information**

Students must receive at least a 2.5 in ALL 200-level SIGN courses to complete this degree.

### **Contact Information**

Contact the Communication, Media and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number 517-483-1546 or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building, - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

### **General Education – Applied Degrees, Recommended Choices**

(For the full list of options, see [General Education](#))

- English Composition or Applied English – *Select one*  
ENGL 121, Composition I, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- English (second course)/Communications or Applied Communications  
Program of study required courses will meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences – *Select one*  
GEOG 200, World Regional Geography, 4 credits / 4 billing hours  
MGMT 234, Diversity in the Workplace, 3 credits / 3 billing hours  
SOCL 120, Introduction to Sociology, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics – *Select one*  
MATH 119, Math - Applications for Living, 4 credits / 4 billing hours  
MATH 120, College Algebra, 4 credits / 4 billing hours

- Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab – *Select one*  
 ASTR 201, Introductory Astronomy, 4 credits / 5 billing hours  
 BIOL 120, Environmental Science, 4 credits / 6 billing hours  
 CHEM 135, Chemistry in Society, 4 credits / 5 billing hours  
 ISCI 131, Integrated Physical Science, 4 credits / 6 billing hours

**Program of Study Required Courses**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3
SIGN 161	American Sign Language I	3 / 3
SIGN 162	American Sign Language II	3 / 3
SIGN 163	American Sign Language III	3 / 3
SIGN 166	Fingerspelling	3 / 3
SIGN 167	Beginning Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 176	Advanced Fingerspelling	2 / 2
SIGN 200	Applied Skill in the Workplace	2 / 2
SIGN 240	Intro to Transliteration	3 / 3
SIGN 250	Deaf Culture and History	3 / 3
SIGN 260	Linguistic Principles of ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 261	Principles of Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 263	Intermediate Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 266	Educational Interpreting	2 / 2
SIGN 267	Sign Practicum I	3 / 3
SIGN 268	Sign Practicum II	3 / 3
SIGN 270	Advanced Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 271	Advanced Sign to Voice	3 / 3

**Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – *select one***

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 164	American Sign Language IV	3 / 3
SIGN 170	Expressive/Receptive ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 294	Sign Lang Interpreting Seminar	3 / 3

**Total Credit Hours**

69-70 credits / 70-72 billing hours

## Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)	Semester II (Spring)
English Composition or Applied English Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Science or Applied Social Science SIGN 160 SIGN 161	Mathematics or Applied Mathematics Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab SIGN 162 SIGN 166

Semester III (Summer)	Semester IV (Fall)
SIGN 163 SIGN 167 Limited Choice if choosing SIGN 170	SIGN 200 SIGN 240 SIGN 250 (Fall only) SIGN 261 Limited Choice if choosing SIGN 164

Semester V (Spring)	Semester VI (Summer)
SIGN 176 (Spring and Summer only) SIGN 260 (Spring only) SIGN 263 SIGN 267	SIGN 266 SIGN 268

Semester VII (Fall)	Semester VIII (Spring)
SIGN 270 (Fall only) Limited Choice if choosing SIGN 294	SIGN 271 (Spring only)