

Sign Language Studies

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American Sign Language is one of the most commonly used languages in the United States and Canada. Our students take ASL courses for a many reasons: pursuing a career in the field such as teaching or interpreting, supplementing their resumes with language skills, or simply wanting to communicate better with friends and family members.

Students earning a degree in Sign Language Studies at CWI are immersed in the language and culture of the ASL community. They have the opportunity to develop receptive and expressive skills, along with the cultural awareness needed to participate in the local Deaf community. Students are able to connect with the community through local events, community service, and symposiums.

Through the study of ASL, students prepare themselves to transfer to four-year degree programs in pursuit of a variety of fulfilling careers and life opportunities. These career opportunities include teachers, interpreters, elementary education instructors, speech-language pathologists and many more. Achieving an AA in Sign Language Studies will provide a strong foundation in the basic language skills and cultural knowledge that will allow students to achieve their academic and professional goals.

MISSION

Our mission is to provide students with a multi-cultural language learning experience that will broaden their perception of the world and their place in it. We believe the study of American Sign Language provides communicative proficiency at the appropriate level and a connection with the American Deaf Community and Deaf Culture, deepens cultural awareness and empathy, and inspires lifelong learning essential to personal and professional success.

WHY THIS PROGRAM

The Sign Language Studies program is designed to help students apply language skills and continue developing these skills for personal enrichment. Completion of the program will result in an Associate of Arts degree in Sign Language Studies and fulfills the general education requirements at all Idaho public universities. This program can supplement any degree with second language skills which will help build your resume.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

- Develop receptive and expressive language skills at the intermediate level
- Communicate in a second language in meaningful real world contexts
- Develop cultural awareness and connect with local Deaf Community

STUDENT CLUBS

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ASL Club - old

Welcome to CWI's ASL club! We are here to support students and the Deaf community. We have big plans this year that include "Silent Lunches" where we can gather to socialize, share ideas, offer support, practice sign language skills...

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Sign Language Studies - Associates of Arts Degree, 24 Months

Course Delivery Styles: In-Person

CAREER INFORMATION

By pursuing advanced degrees, Sign Language Studies majors may enter a variety of professional fields including teaching and interpreting. Through the study of ASL, students prepare themselves to transfer to four-year degree programs in pursuit of a variety of fulfilling careers and life opportunities. These career paths could include teachers, interpreters, elementary education instructors, speech-language pathologists and many more. Completing an AA in Sign Language Studies will provide a strong foundation in the basic language skills and cultural knowledge that will allow students to achieve their academic and professional goals.

PROFESSIONS

- Elementary Teachers
- Secondary School Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- Tutors
- College Instructors
- Interpreters
- Medical Interpreters
- Court Interpreters
- Classroom Interpreters
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Audiologists

LOCATIONS

Nampa Campus Academic Building
5500 E. Opportunity Dr. Nampa, ID 83687

Ada County Center Pintail Building
1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709

Nampa Campus Aspen Classroom Building
6002 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

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