



# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES (ASLS)

### Associate of Arts (A.A.)

The American Sign Language Studies (ASLS) Program at Delgado Community College is the only academic interpreting program in Louisiana. Graduates from this program are prepared to work in a variety of entry-level settings for a diverse population and to begin the national certification process. Here's what you can learn in the program:

### American Sign Language (ASL)

- ASL is a visual language.
- The shape, placement, movement, facial expressions, and body movements are important parts in conveying information.
- ASL is accepted by many high schools, colleges, and universities in fulfillment of modern and "foreign" language academic degree requirements.

Check out National Association of the Deaf (NAD) at [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org).

### Interpreting

- According to [discoverinterpreting.org](http://discoverinterpreting.org), "Interpreting happens whenever two people or two groups of people do not share a common language but need to or want to communicate with each other in order to conduct business or share information and ideas."
- The demand for skilled interpreters far exceeds the number of qualified professionals.
- Credentialed interpreters work in a variety of settings – educational, vocational rehabilitation, medical, legal, mental health, theatrical, governmental, and religious.

Check out Discover Interpreting at [www.discoverinterpreting.org](http://www.discoverinterpreting.org).

### How to begin

- Enroll in ASLS 101: American Sign Language. This pre-requisite will give you the foundation for courses leading to an A.A. in ASLS.
- Check ASL Interpreting program requirements at [www.dcc.edu/academics/communication/american-sign-language.aspx](http://www.dcc.edu/academics/communication/american-sign-language.aspx).

### Course Sequence for A.A. in ASLS

1st Fall	1st Spring	2nd Fall	2nd Spring
ASL II Fingerspelling & Numbers Deaf Culture English 101 General Education	ASL III Intro to Interpreting ASL/English Translations General Education General Education General Education	ASL IV English-to-ASL ASL-to-English General Education General Education	Advanced ASL Special Topics Interpreting Practicum General Education General Education

### Pursue an advanced degree!

2+2 Articulation Agreement: Delgado students with an A.A. in ASLS will be admitted as juniors into Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of New Orleans.

### More Information

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