# **Deaf Studies**

## **Bachelor of Arts**

# Description

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Deaf Studies program offers students a comprehensive understanding of Deaf culture, history, language, and community. This program examines areas including American Sign Language linguistics, Deaf history and culture, advocacy, interpreting and translation, and social justice issues impacting the Deaf community. Students will gain a strong academic foundation and practical skills related to the Deaf community. Students must complete specialized training in one of two tracks: Sign Language Interpreting or Advocacy Social Services and complete a practicum and fieldwork course during their final semester of the program.

## **Admissions Requirements**

- A high school diploma or GED
- Credentials earned outside of the US must be evaluated by an approved agency
- GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Completed application with Carolina University

## **Graduation Requirements**

- Shall have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0;
- Shall have passed all courses in his/her curriculum and made a C- or better in professional core courses;
- Shall have completed at least 24 of the final 30 hours with Carolina University.

## Courses

#### **General Education Core (36 Credit Hours)**

#### **Professional Core (51 Credit Hours)**

SL 101 - American Sign Language I 3 Credit Hours SL 102 - American Sign Language II 3 Credit Hours SL 201 - American Sign Language III 3 Credit Hours SL 202 - American Sign Language IV 3 Credit Hours SL 301 - American Sign Language V 3 Credit Hours SL 401 - American Sign Language VI **3** Credit Hours SL 171 - Deaf Culture and ConversationalLab I 1 Credit Hour SL 172 - Deaf Culture and ConversationalLab II 1 Credit Hour SL 173 - Deaf Culture and ConversationalLab III 1 Credit Hour SL 174 - Deaf Culture and ConversationalLab IV 1 Credit Hour SL 175 - Deaf Culture and ConversationalLab V 1 Credit Hour SL 176 - Deaf Culture and ConversationalLab VI 1 Credit Hour SL 221 - Religion and the Deaf Community **3** Credit Hours SL 320 - Disability Studies & the Deaf Community **3 Credit Hours** SL 344 - International Sign & Visual Gestural Communication **3** Credit Hours SL 346 - Deaf Cultural Studies **3** Credit Hours SL 400 - American Sign Language Linguistics **3** Credit Hours SL 460 - Deaf Literature & Art **3** Credit Hours SL 450 - Deaf Studies Capstone **3** Credit Hours SL 470 - Final Practicum and Fieldwork **6** Credit Hours

Select one of the following tracks:

#### Advocacy in Social Services Track (33 Credit Hours)

SL 215 - Society and Human Rights 3 Credit Hours SL 225 - Human Rights for People with Disabilities 3 Credit Hours SL 230 - Poverty Alleviation 3 Credit Hours SL 235 - Community Based Advocacy 3 Credit Hours SL 305 - Intercultural Competence and Communication 3 Credit Hours SL 310 - Transformational Development I 3 Credit Hours SL 311 - Transformational Development II 3 Credit Hours SL 330 - Short Term Community Development 3 Credit Hours <u>SL 435 - Project Design</u> 3 Credit Hours <u>SL 440 - Project Monitoring and Evaluation</u> 3 Credit Hours <u>SL 445 - Grant Writing</u> 3 Credit Hours

#### Sign Language Interpreting Track (33 Credit Hours)

SL 240 - Intro to Interpreting Profession **3** Credit Hours SL 302 - Contextual Settings: Frozen Text and Formal Interpreting **3** Credit Hours SL 339 - Contextual Settings: Medical, Mental Health, and Legal Interpreti **3** Credit Hours SL 341 - Interpreting English to American Sign Language **3** Credit Hours SL 342 - Contextual Settings: EducationalInterpreting **3** Credit Hours SL 345 - Interpreting American Sign Language to English **3** Credit Hours SL 371 - Special Topics in Deaf Studies 1 Credit Hour SL 372 - Special Topics in Deaf Studies 1 Credit Hour SL 373 - Special Topics in Deaf Studies 1 Credit Hour SL 374 - Special Topics in Deaf Studies 1 Credit Hour SL 375 - Special Topics in Deaf Studies 1 Credit Hour SL 376 - Special Topics in Deaf Studies 1 Credit Hour SL 410 - Professional Seminar I: Ethical & Strategic Business Practices in In **3** Credit Hours SL 430 - Professional Seminar II: Ethics & Credentialing in Interpreting **3** Credit Hours SL 481 - Preliminary Practicum

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