

B.A. Sign Language Interpreting | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 100% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

100% Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

POPULAR CAREERS

- **Community Interpreting:** medical interpreting, performance interpreting, legal interpreting, community events, etc.
- **Educational Interpreting:** elementary school, middle school, high school
- **Video Relay Service (VRS) Interpreting:** opportunities across the United States for in-center and at-home settings

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Colleges & universities, private interpreting agencies, video relay companies, independent contracting, school districts, medical facilities

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- **Interpreting Practicum (35 hours)**
 - Direct observation
 - Personal webpage project
 - Certification project
 - Personal budget project
 - Personal policy project
- **Interpreting Internship (400 hours)**
 - Local & out-of-state opportunities
 - Placement support
 - Certified interpreters
 - Online component
- **Research Project**
 - Interpreting-related research paper
 - Formal TerpTalk presentation
- **ASL Learning Lab**
 - All Deaf lab staff
 - Open 40 hours/week, with 12 student stations
 - Videophone and GoReact software available
- **Language Mentors**
 - State-funded program; four hours/month; Deaf mentors
- **Service Learning (250 hours)**
 - Deaf Awareness Carnival
 - Burst of Sign performance
 - Volunteer interpreting
 - Teacher's assistant



WHY STUDY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING?

The accredited sign language interpreting program prepares students to interpret in a variety of settings. The program has been developed in accordance with the Conference of Interpreter Trainers (CIT) recommended course of study and is based on a broad foundation of liberal arts, sciences, professional education, research and practicum. Students must pass the intermediate level of the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) and a spoken English assessment to be admitted into the sign language interpreting program. The staff includes seven deaf members.

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FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and INTR program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Complete ASL 101, 110 and 111.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore interdisciplinary minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Connect with upper-level sign language interpreting majors.
- Complete language assessments.
- Complete program application.
- Begin developing your ePortfolio.
- Secure an ASL mentor.
- Meet with your academic advisor regularly.
- Seek out opportunities to use ASL.

- Apply to graduate by Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Apply for internship opportunities.
- Complete INTR 355 with 35 hours of interpreting observation.
- Complete INTR 455 with 400 internship hours with a certified interpreter.
- Follow the tenets of the code of professional conduct.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus organizations such as Augustana Deaf Awareness.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs and augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal.
- Attending a variety of signing events both on and off campus.
- Participate in the DA Fall Carnival and Spring Burst of Sign performance.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus activities and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.
- Volunteer in the Deaf community.

- Sit for the National Interpreter Certification written knowledge exam.
- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend professional interpreting workshops and trainings.
- Build a network of professional interpreters.
- Join professional interpreting organizations.
- Participate in mock interviews.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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