

DEAF STUDIES AND SIGN LANGUAGES MINOR

American Sign Language (ASL) is similar to spoken languages in that it has its own grammar and vocabulary, but it is different in that it is a visual language used by the Deaf community in the United States. Students pursuing coursework in Deaf Studies have opportunities for involvement in a program that provides personal and direct interaction with members of the Deaf community using ASL as the primary means of communication. Students can apply to study for one or two semesters at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C, the world's only Deaf university, where they can experience full immersion in ASL and Deaf culture. Students can elect a minor in Deaf Studies, or, through CIS, they can develop a multidisciplinary major combining Deaf Studies with other disciplines within the College. Multidisciplinary majors incorporating ASL and Deaf Studies curriculum have included themes such as *Literacy in Deaf Education*, *Deaf Studies and the Arts*, *Social Issues in Deaf Education* and *Language Acquisition and (Deaf) Culture*.

American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Minor

Requirements

Students must complete six courses for the minor, including the following:

Code Title

ASL courses:

DFST 201	Intermediate American Sign Language 1
DFST 202	Intermediate American Sign Language 2
DFST 301	American Sign Language Comp & Conv

Deaf Studies - two courses required by Deaf Studies that are regularly offered within the program:

DFST 109	Introduction To Deaf Studies
DFST 303	Deaf Literature

One additional approved course with a focus on ASL or Deaf Studies taken at Holy Cross or another institution. This could be any of the following courses regularly offered at Holy Cross, or an approved course offered at another institution:

DFST 300	The Deaf Community: Language and Culture
DFST 350	Experience in the Deaf Community
EDUC 167	Educational Psychology
EDUC 245	Dis/Ability Theory & Practice
EDUC 340	Culture, Identity, & Schooling
PSYC 222	Sensation & Perception
PSYC 225	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 237	Psychology of Language
PSYC 353	Seminar: Language Thought and Culture
RELS 199-F14	Deaf and Disability Theology