

Deaf Studies Minor

The Deaf Studies Minor is open to all matriculated students who in their careers will want or need a professional orientation to deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals. The course of study introduces students to the communication problems and educational needs associated with deafness. The American Sign Language sequence of courses meets the college's College Core requirement for study of a second language. (ASL 103 is also offered by the College though is not part of the Deaf Studies Minor.) Students seeking to transfer credits toward the minor or count courses from their major toward the minor should consult the College's policy on minors.

Students must take the following 4 courses:

*ASL 101/American Sign Language I (offered fall and spring semesters) or ASL 101H/ Honors American Sign Language I (offered in the spring semester).

ASL 102/American Sign Language II (offered fall and spring semesters) or ASL 102H/ Honors American Sign Language II (offered in the fall semester).

DHH 105/Programs and Services for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (offered spring semesters)

SLP 304/ Audiological Assessment and Management of Hearing Loss (offered fall semesters)

Students must choose one of the following courses to complete the minor:

DHH 303/Language Development in Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (offered fall semester)

DFHH 530/Speech Development in Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (offered spring semester)**

DFHH 522/Assistive Listening Devices for Auditory Management of Deaf or Hard of Hearing Individuals (offered fall semester)**

*Students who choose to begin the study of American Sign Language as a new foreign language should enroll at the 101 level. All students who wish to continue studying ASL based on courses taken at another institution must take the TCNJ ASL Placement Test for placement in the appropriate course level. Native users of ASL must also take the placement test. The TCNJ ASL Placement Test is an in-person interview which requires that an appointment be made for the test. An appointment may be made by emailing speced@tcnj.edu.

**Undergraduate students need a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have senior status in order to take these courses. Students must also complete a form that allows an undergraduate student to take a graduate course for undergraduate credit. The form is available on the Records and Registration website.