AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF STUDIES PROGRAM (C114)

The American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program is open to both Deaf and non-deaf students and provides intensive preparation in:

- American Sign Language (ASL) and English
- an orientation to Deaf culture
- current social issues affecting Deaf people

The curriculum combines:

- opportunities to learn and practice ASL
- classroom teaching about the structure and features of ASL

Students will have the opportunity to:

- learn, understand and participate in basic conversations in ASL
- develop stronger skills in spoken and written English
- develop a basic understanding of the role of the ASL-English Interpreter

YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

Although there is no field placement requirement in the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program, students will have the opportunity to practice through simulation experiences in the classroom.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This program is approved for OSAP funding, provided the applicant meets OSAP eligibility criteria.

Tuition

$3,683.00 *

* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the first two semesters of programs starting in Fall 2019. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in Fall 2020 and at later dates.

REQUIRED COURSES

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General Education Electives

YOUR CAREER

ASL skills facilitate communication with Deaf people in a wide variety of health-care, business, educational and social service settings.

Fluency in ASL is an asset for anyone who interacts with members of the Deaf community or with the general public. To broaden employment prospects, combine this certificate with:

- business
- early childhood education
- teaching
- nursing
• counselling
• other diplomas and degrees

Note that this program does not prepare you to be an ASL-English Interpreter, Deaf Culture Instructor, or ASL Instructor. Should students wish to pursue this profession, we encourage C114 graduates who meet program requirements to apply for the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language – English) (C302) program at George Brown College.

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates may apply to the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language – English) (C302) program at George Brown or similar programs at other colleges if they wish to become Sign Language Interpreters.

This program is a recommended prerequisite for the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language- English) (C302).

For graduates wishing to work with the Deafblind, they can apply to George Brown’s Intervenor for Deafblind Persons (C108) program. The General Education Elective taken in C114 will count as credit toward the C108 program requirements.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

• Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
• Grade 12 English (C or U)
• Questionnaire

ASL and Deaf Studies program applicant questionnaire (C114)

** MATURE STUDENT STATUS (19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NO OSSD)

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit (s) needed in English. Please note that George Brown is committed to ensuring that applicants will succeed in their program of choice and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Applicants may be required to have grades higher than the minimum requirements stated.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

"The American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program at George Brown is a tremendous program whose rewards equal the effort that any participant invests in it. I was able to progress from knowing minimal ASL to being accepted into the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation program, also at George Brown College. The professors are generous, wonderful teachers who are patient but also ready to push eager students to achieve their goals. I highly recommend this program as a means to gaining insight into the fascinating and inspiring world of Deaf Culture in Canada through a key point of entry: American Sign Language."

Kate Alton (Graduate 2018, American Sign Language and Deaf Studies)

"The American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program is a great opportunity to meet Deaf community members and practice ASL full-time, in a Deaf environment. It builds a strong foundation in ASL and Deaf culture. This program is the best way to learn ASL in a fun and interactive environment!"

Nahed Dajjani (Graduate 2020, American Sign Language and Deaf Studies)

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LINKS REFERENCE

1https://collegeapply.ontariocolleges.ca/?collegeCode=GBTC&programCode=C114&lang=en
5http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/intervenor-for-deafblind-persons-program-c108/
6http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/documents/applicant-questionnaire-C114.pdf
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