MAJOR IN DEAF STUDIES

Requirements

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The Deaf Studies major consists of 57 units: 45 units of required courses that all students take, 9 units of DFST electives, and 3 units of non-DFST electives. The maximum number of Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) units the department will accept is 15.

In addition, all students must complete an internship (DFST 410). Students must take the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASL PI) as part of DFST 410. If the internship site requires a criminal background check, students must complete the check and have it on file before beginning the internship.

All incoming freshmen and transfer students with previous knowledge of ASL are encouraged to take a placement test to determine appropriate ASL course placement. Information about placement tests is available on the department's website. All students must take DFST 304 at Towson University. In addition, students must take a minimum of 20 units of DFST courses at Towson University.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses		
DFST 101	INTRODUCTION TO DEAF STUDIES	3
DFST 104	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I	3
DFST 105	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II	3
DFST 204	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE III	3
DFST 205	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IV	3
DFST 304	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE V	3
DFST 308	FINGERSPELLING AND NUMBER USAGE	3
DFST 311	FUNDAMENTALS OF HEARING	3
DFST 318	SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DEAF COMMUNITY	3
DFST 345	DEAF CULTURE	3
DFST 375	DEAF HISTORY	3
DFST 410	INTERNSHIP IN DEAF STUDIES	3
DFST 430	LINGUISTICS OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE	3
PSYC 101	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
or PSYC 102	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	
SOCI 101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3
or SOCI 102	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
Electives		
Select 3 DFST courses (9 units) and one non-DFST course (3 units)		12
DFST 210	CAREER EXPLORATION IN DEAF STUDIES	
DFST 220	INTRODUCTION TO INTERPRETING	
DFST 306	CLASSIFIERS IN ASL	
DFST 309	INTRODUCTION TO DEAFBLIND CULTURE & COMMUNICATION	
DFST 425	LITERATURE AND FILM IN THE DEAF COMMUNITY	
DFST 435	DEVELOPMENT OF SIGNED LANGUAGE AND READING SKILLS FOR DEAF CHILDREN	
DFST 495	SERVICE LEARNING IN DEAF STUDIES	
Non-DFST Electives		
ANTH 207	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
CLST 303	IDENTITY AND CULTURE	
FMST 201	FAMILY RESOURCES	
FMST 387	COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES	
PSYC 203	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 205	INTRODUCTION TO THE HELPING RELATIONSHIP	
SOCI 343	SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY	
SPED 301	INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL EDUCATION	
Total Units		**57**

Four-Year Plan of Study
Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
DFST 101 (Core 13)	3	DFST 105	3
DFST 104 (Core 5)	3	PSYC 101 or 102	3
SOCI 101 or 102 (Core 6)	3	Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3	Core 4	3
Core 3	3	Core 10	3
	15		15

Sophomore

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
DFST 204	3	DFST 205	3
DFST 308	3	DFST 311	3
Core 7	4	Non-DFST Elective	3
Core 11	3	Core 8	4
Core 12	3	Elective	3
	16		16

Junior

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
DFST 304	3	DFST 345	3
DFST 318	3	DFST Elective	3
DFST 375	3	Core 14	3
Core 9	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		15

Senior

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
DFST 430 or 410	3	DFST 410 or 430	3

DFST Elective	3	DFST Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	1	Elective	3
	13		**15**

Total Units 120

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate development of communication skills using American Sign Language.
2. Students will demonstrate cultural sensitivity.
3. Students will demonstrate appropriate interpersonal and intrapersonal skills.
4. Students will demonstrate competency in essential skills required of a college graduate by using software as appropriate for writing, spreadsheets, statistical analyses, for calculations or for presentations. (ILTC)