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DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Minor in Deaf Studies

A minor in Deaf Studies was established by Valdosta State University to provide students with knowledge and skills in American Sign Language (ASL) as well as Deaf Culture and linguistics. Students pursuing a minor in Deaf Studies are exposed to the uniqueness of ASL as a world language while acquiring cultural knowledge that will enable them to successfully interact with the American Deaf community. The curriculum is designed to promote a cultural and linguistic understanding of Deaf individuals while encouraging students to analyze existing stereotypes pertaining to this population, so they in turn can effectively educate hearing members of society.

The Deaf Studies Minor is housed in the Department of Teacher Education within the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education at Valdosta State University. Students can enroll in the program as traditional/on campus residents, or complete coursework through distance learning/video conferencing technology. The Department offers undergraduate programs in ASL/ Interpreting, Deaf Education, Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, and Physical Education and master's degree preparation in Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Elementary Education, Special Education: Adapted Curriculum, and Special Education: General Curriculum.

CURRICULUM (18 HOURS)

DEAF 2998 (Any semester, prior to or concurrently with ASLS 2110 and 2120)

	Entry to the Profession for Minors	0 credit hours
ASLS 2110 (Summer only)	American Sign Language I -	3 credit hours
ASLS 2120 (Summer only)	American Sign Language II -	3 credit hours
ASLS 2310 (Fall only)	American Sign Language III -	3 credit hours
ASLS 3180 (Spring only)	American Sign Language IV -	3 credit hours
DEAF 3130 (Fall only)	Orientation to Deaf Education: Communication, Culture and Language -	3 credit hours
DEAF 3150 (Spring only)	Deaf Community, Culture, and History -	3 credit hours

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