



ASL/English Interpreting (221A) | A.S. Degree

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Science (A.S.) in ASL/English Interpreting degree provides a high-quality, student-centered, intensive interpreter education. The program is selective access and requires minimum level competencies in English and American Sign Language proficiency prior to enrollment. The cohort-based curriculum provides a foundation in theories of interpretation with an emphasis on interpreting skill development. In addition to coursework, students are provided progressive simulated experiences, accessible faculty and staff and ongoing diagnostic feedback. The program culminates in a skill-based internship aimed at gainful employment in the field of sign language interpretation.

Mission/Purpose

The mission of this program is to prepare students for pre-certified status, entry-level employment and the prerequisite knowledge and skills for entrance into a baccalaureate level ASL/English interpretation program.

Application

Available online at fscj.edu/admissions

Entry Requirements

Check with program to learn about course or program prerequisites.

Accreditation

The ASL/English Interpreting program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE).

Total Credit Hours: 72

JOB PROFILE

Duval and Nassau Counties

Interpreters and Translators

Local employment (2016).....	72
Number of job openings.....	3/year
Job growth (2015-2025).....	26%

Expected salaries:

- \$12.05/hr. (entry)¹
- \$18.51/hr. (average)
- \$19.70/hr. (10+ years)²

Source: EMSI Developer

Potential employers:

- Community interpreting agencies
- Independent contractors
- K-12 schools

1 Average of 10th & 25th percentile salaries
2 Average of 50th & 75th percentile salaries

As of 1/17/2017

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the program completion requirements?

To earn an A.S. in ASL/English Interpreting, students must complete the following:

1. Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
2. Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses eligible toward the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses. (A.S. Florida State College at Jacksonville GPA).
3. Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses. (All college cumulative.)
4. Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit by portfolio development do not count toward this residency requirement.
5. Complete the required credit hours, as specified by the degree, of which a minimum of 21 credit hours must be General Education requirements.
6. Earn a grade of a "C" or better in each course used to satisfy the General Education requirements and any other area designated with a "C" or better requirement.
7. Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before they may graduate.

Where are the educational courses held?

FSCJ South Campus, 11901 Beach Blvd., 32246

When is enrollment?

Fall Term: *Interpreting course sequence begins*

Spring Term: *ASL prefix courses only*

Summer Term: *ASL prefix courses only*

*May vary for transfer students from other ASL/English Interpreting programs.

How long is the program?

Program Length: 5 Terms

Total Credit Hours: 72

What other programs are related to this field?

Human Services B.S.

Early Childhood Education B.S.

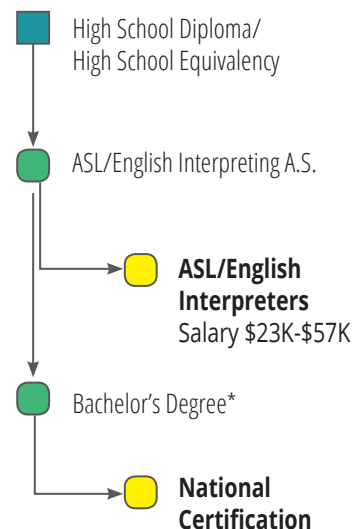
Converged Communications B.S.

Bridge Option: Students who complete the A.S. degree and an additional bridge of 15 credits in general education are eligible for the 2+2 articulation with the University of North Florida's ASL/English Interpreting B.S. The A.S. degree also satisfies the prerequisite courses for several other bachelor's programs in interpreting, both in and out of state.

What is the cost of the program?

The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$8,356.* Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$80 per credit hour. Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. Check our website to learn more about full cost of attendance and whether you may qualify for financial assistance.

CAREER PATHWAY



Source: Payscale.com

*FSCJ does not offer a bachelor's degree in ASL/English Interpreting, however a B.S. or B.A.S. in any discipline is accepted for eligibility to take the National Certification.

**Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.*

What certificate and/or license will students be prepared to complete?

Students who complete the program may be prepared to take the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) and the National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Knowledge Exam.

Where is the testing center located for the certificate and/or license?

EIPA and NIC testing is available in Jacksonville as well as other locations.

What is the average program performance?

(Based on previous program cohorts)

Average Completion Rate: 58%

Average Placement Rate: 55% (in field)

Transfer to Bachelor's Degree: 40%

(based on last four cohorts)