MINOR IN DEAF STUDIES

Curriculum

The minor in Deaf Studies is designed to enable students to understand and have greater awareness of, understanding of, and expertise in the Deaf community, their culture and language. Practical application of language use, cultural appreciation and understanding of deafness from a diversity viewpoint are stressed through three unique minor tracks, each with their own focus related to an integral aspect of the Deaf community. The minor prepares students from various majors to more greatly understand the population in which they provide services (Diversity track), the culture in which the Deaf individual is a member (Culture track), and develop proficiency in the cultural language of American Sign Language (Language track). The Deaf Studies minor is open to any WCU student with an interest in the area.

Core Requirements

- KIN/CSD 110 American Sign Language I 3
- KIN/CSD 111 American Sign Language II 3

Choose one of the following track:

Culture Track

- KIN/CSD 210 Intermediate American Sign Language I 3
- KIN/CSD 211 Intermediate American Sign Language II 3
- KIN 255 Introduction to Deaf Studies 3
- DST 357 Deaf Culture Perspectives 3

Language Track

- KIN/CSD 210 Intermediate American Sign Language I 3
- KIN/CSD 211 Intermediate American Sign Language II 3
- KIN 310 Fingerspelling and Numbers in ASL 3
- KIN 410 Linguistics of ASL 3

Diversity Track

- KIN 255 Introduction to Deaf Studies 3
- KIN 355 Deaf History 3

Select two of the following:

- DST 357 Deaf Culture Perspectives
- KIN 457 ASL Literature
- KIN/CSD 210 Intermediate American Sign Language I
- KIN/CSD 211 Intermediate American Sign Language II
- CSD 203 Speech and Hearing Science
- CSD 204 Speech and Language Development