What is American Sign Language/English Interpreting?

Vincennes University combined with Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis has created a major in American Sign Language. This program is designed to transfer into a 2 + 2 arrangement, for a Bachelor of Science degree in ASL/English Interpreting. The Bachelor of Science program in American Sign Language/English Interpreting will educate students to become community interpreters who possess analytical skills, a breadth of knowledge, and an ability to combine and integrate the diverse and complex aspects of human language behavior in society (IUPUI Department of English, 2008).

Employment and Graduate School Information

Employment Outlook
Employment of interpreters and translators is expected to grow much faster than the average. Employment growth reflects an increasingly diverse U.S. population, which is expected to require more interpreters and translators. Demand will likely remain strong for translators of frequently translated languages, such as French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Demand also should be strong for translators of Arabic and other Middle Eastern languages and for the principal East Asian languages: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition, Interpreters and Translators)

Salary Expectations
The national median annual salaries of careers that can be obtained with an American Sign Language/English Interpreting degree are (O*Net 2012-2013):

- Teacher $55,050*
- Interpreter $45,430
- Psychologist $67,650*
- Social Worker $54,560*
- Speech Therapist $69,870

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary. Salary information is based on national salary ranges and expectations which are greatly impacted by location and relative cost of living.)

Graduate/Professional School Opportunities
Some American Sign Language/English Interpreting students pursue advanced studies in one of the following areas:

- Psychology
- Law
- Education
- Public Affairs
- Social Work
- Public Administration
- Public Policy

Possible Career Opportunities
* Career option requires additional training or education

- Diplomat
- Interpreter
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Speech Therapist
- Teacher
- Translator

Where Could I Work?

- Business Architectural firms
- Education
- Health Care
- Law
- Government (Federal, State, Local)

Interest Cluster–SCE
Majors and careers can be clustered into 6 broad interest areas that correspond with your personal qualities and work/academic environments. Based on the research of Dr. John Holland, this clustering system provides a preliminary way to identify undergraduate majors and careers that might be a satisfying fit for you. To learn more about this major’s interest cluster, go to: go.iupui.edu/interests

Where Can I Get More Information?

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