

# University of Houston

## American Sign Language Interpreting Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the UH American Sign Language Interpreting program in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Please review the enclosed information carefully. The deadline for admission for the fall semester is **May 1<sup>st</sup>** for current UH students and **August 1<sup>st</sup>** for transfer students. There is a maximum annual enrollment capacity.

### **Prerequisites**

Applicants must have successfully completed Intermediate American Sign Language III, ASLI 2301 prior to applying. Students may be concurrently enrolled in Intermediate American Sign Language IV, ASLI 2302, and Introduction to the American Sign Language Interpreting Profession, ASLI 2333, when applying for the program.

### **Current UH students – deadline to apply to the major is:                      **May 1<sup>st</sup>****

UH students should declare ASLI as their major prior to applying. If you have not declared ASLI as your major, complete a general petition form and submit it to Marla Moreno-Jordan, CRS Room 123. {<http://www.uh.edu/academics/forms>}.

### **Transfer Students – deadline to apply to the major is:                      **August 1<sup>st</sup>****

Transfer students must first apply to UH. The last day to apply to UH for the fall is June 1<sup>st</sup>. (Note: There is a separate application for international students.)

Once accepted as a UH student, then complete the application to the ASLI Program.

Transfer students must also attend Advising and Registration for Transfer (ART) students prior to registering for classes. Transfer credits will be evaluated during ART. Information about registering and attending an ART conference can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.uh.edu/admissions/admitted/conferences/transfer/index.php>.

The following courses will transfer\*:

- ASLI 1301: Elementary American Sign Language I
- ASLI 1302: Elementary American Sign Language II
- ALI 2301: Intermediate American Sign Language III
- ASLI 2302: Intermediate American Sign Language IV
- ASLI 2311: American Sign Language Visual and Gestural Communication
- COMD 3301: Deaf Culture
- ASLI 1310: Fingerspelling in American Sign Language
- ASLI 2333: Introduction to the American Sign Language Interpreting Profession

If your transfer courses do not transfer as direct equivalencies, you may submit a Transfer Credit Petitions along with a course description and syllabi. The Transfer Credit Petition form can be found at: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/forms/#transferpetition>. All petitions must be approved by the ASLI Coordinator. If you wish to have your classes evaluated prior to transferring, submit unofficial transcripts for review by the ASLI Advisor and faculty.

\*Based upon the evaluation of your application, you may be asked to repeat certain courses in ASLI.

## **Application Requirements**

Students applying must present the following at the time of application in a single packet. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

1. Completed application along with unofficial transcripts and copies of syllabi for each ASL language course completed, if required along with statement of interest. (20 points)
2. A 3 minute video sample of his/her ability to produce American Sign Language e-mailed using <http://www.sendspace.com/> with link to the ASLI Admissions Committee at [asli@uh.edu](mailto:asli@uh.edu) , discussing one or more of the following topics: (20 points)
  - A. Recent news topic of interest to the Deaf community;
  - B. Compare and contrast Deaf and Hearing cultures;
  - C. Explanation of why ASL should be considered a foreign language; or
  - D. Summary of the life of a famous Deaf person.

Before uploading and sending the video link, preview it for the following characteristics:

- ✓ Appropriate and adequate lighting;
  - ✓ Clarity and quality of the recording;
  - ✓ Angle and focus of camera to ensure that the video displays your signing space in its entirety;
  - ✓ Appropriate background (solid color); and
  - ✓ Professional dress and grooming (t-shirts, tank tops, v-neck shirts, or hats are not acceptable).
3. Two signed letters of recommendation - you should fill out the top of each recommendation form and then make copies of the form for each reference. Letters may be sent to the ASLI Admissions Committee via facsimile, email to [asli@uh.edu](mailto:asli@uh.edu) or mail. (10 points)
  4. Select applicants will be scheduled for an interview after all materials are received and the application deadline has passed. (40 points)

Send the complete application packet to:

ASLI Admissions Committee  
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
100 Clinical Research Services Center  
University of Houston  
Houston, TX 77204-6018

**University of Houston  
American Sign Language Interpreting  
Application Form**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email2: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the BEI Test of English Proficiency?  Yes  No Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the BEI Basic Performance Test?  Yes  No Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the RID Knowledge Examination?  Yes  No Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Academic history:*

Check the applicable box:

**Current UH student** – attach a copy of your unofficial transcript(s) along with a copy of the syllabus for ASL 1 - 4, Deaf Culture and/or Introduction to Interpreting **IF** you did not complete them at UH.

**Transfer student** – attach a copy of your unofficial transcript(s) along with a copy of the syllabus for ASL 1 - 4, Deaf Culture and Introduction to Interpreting.

Which colleges/universities have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Statement of interest:*

Submit a 1-page, double-spaced statement of interest in the ASL Interpreting major. Answer the following questions: Why are you pursuing the profession of sign language interpreting? What are your professional goals regarding the field of interpreting? Why have you chosen to apply with University of Houston's ASLI Program?

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*Interview availability:*

If selected, the following days are set for face-to-face interviews:

Current UH students: Third and Fourth week of May

Transfer students: Second and Third week of August

On interview day, applicants can expect to be interviewed by the ASLI Admissions Committee. They will also be asked to complete a writing sample demonstrating their knowledge of ASL, Deaf culture and the field of Interpreting. The interview process will last for roughly 1.5 hours.

**University of Houston  
American Sign Language Interpreting  
Recommendation Form**

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

*OPTIONAL: I hereby waive my right of access to the material recorded below.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Student applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Recommendation submitted by:**

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the applicant?     ITP Instructor     Employer     Personal reference

*Fill out the appropriate section of the recommendation form.*

My recommendation for this applicant is:

- Strongly recommend
- Moderately recommend
- Do not recommendation (explain below)
- Recommendation with reservation (explain below)

Additional comments: In the space below or in an attached letter, include any facts or issues about the applicant you think might be helpful to the admissions committee as it makes its decision.


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**FOR INSTRUCTORS:**

**Provide details about each course (maximum 3 courses) in which you taught the applicant:**

Course 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this applicant based on his/her educational performance? Explain.


What, in your judgment, are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses as a student?


Please circle the rating for the applicant on the following dimensions:

	Exceeds Expectations	Satisfactory Skill	Needs Improvement	Not Acceptable	Unable to Judge
American Sign Language Skills	4	3	2	1	N/A
Oral English Language	4	3	2	1	N/A
Written English Language	4	3	2	1	N/A
Social Skills	4	3	2	1	N/A
Study Skills	4	3	2	1	N/A
Motivation	4	3	2	1	N/A
Professionalism & ethical behavior	4	3	2	1	N/A

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Signature

Title

Date form completed

**The entire form should be submitted via fax to the ASLI Admission Committee at (713) 743-2926  
or it can be scanned then emailed to [asli@uh.edu](mailto:asli@uh.edu).**

**Thank you.**

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**FOR EMPLOYERS:**

**Applicant employed since:** \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

**Job title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this applicant based on his/her work performance and social skills? Explain.


What, in your judgment, are the applicant's strengths and weakness?


Please circle the rating for the applicant on the following dimensions:

	Exceeds Expectations	Satisfactory Skill	Needs Improvement	Not Acceptable	Unable to Judge
Oral English Language	4	3	2	1	N/A
Written English Language	4	3	2	1	N/A
Work Skills	4	3	2	1	N/A
Social Skills	4	3	2	1	N/A
Motivation	4	3	2	1	N/A
Professionalism & Ethical behavior	4	3	2	1	N/A

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**FOR PERSONAL REFERENCE:**

From where do you know this applicant?  Professional work  Religious affiliation  Community

How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you recommend this applicant for this Program? Explain.


What, in your judgment, are the applicant's strengths and weakness?


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