Deaf Studies Minor

Why UMD

Deaf studies minor offers American Sign Language (ASL) competency and cultural knowledge for individuals who need or wish to communicate with employees, co-workers, family members, and friends. ASL is present in every realm of modern life, as deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind people seek education and equitable employment.

While the deaf studies minor complements degrees in virtually any field of study, it is particularly advantageous to pair with majors in education, human services, liberal arts, theatre, and business. The minor also meets the needs of students interested in pursuing further study in sign language interpreting or deaf education.

Sample Courses:

- Linguistics of American Sign Language
- Deaf Culture
- American Sign Language Skill Building Workshop

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