

Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Focus: Sign Language Interpreter	Major: American Sign Language – English Interpretation
Minimum credits at Oakland: 74	Minimum credits at Columbia: 56 (based on placement)

Degree Information

The nationally accredited ASL-English Interpretation bachelor’s degree program at Columbia College Chicago is like none other in the American Sign Language community and will prepare you for a career in interpreting. And, as a product of a highly collaborative, creatively focused arts and media institution, your education will open the door to so much more. Learn more about the major, faculty, and career opportunities at colum.edu/asl.

Admissions & Deadlines

Columbia accepts and reviews applications to our Bachelor of Arts programs on a rolling basis and it is to your advantage to complete your application as early as possible. Use the [Transfer Timeline](#) and [Transfer Checklist](#) to plan your transfer.

Tuition & Scholarships

General Tuition and Fees: colum.edu/tuition

Scholarships and Financial Aid: colum.edu/scholarships

Contact Information

Want to learn more?

Web: colum.edu/transfer

Email: transfer@colum.edu

More Information

Completion of this transfer guide does not guarantee admission to Columbia College Chicago. As language skills vary from student to student, all students must take placement tests in order to be placed at the appropriate ASL class level. Faculty members will use placement information to create a customized degree plan which will include accepting and applying Oakland Community College SLI courses to meet courses listed above.

All degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete the Columbia Core which contains the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework in addition to mission-specific graduation requirements: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, 3 credit hours of Columbia Experience coursework, and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

Oakland Community College Transfer Pathway

Year 1 - Fall	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	ENG 1510 Composition I	3	Contact Ixtel Viramontes, your Columbia College Chicago transfer admissions representative, to declare your interest in transferring: viramontes@colum.edu
	SLI 1000 American Sign Language (ASL) I	3	
	SLI 1001 Orientation to Deafness	2	
	SLI 1010 American Sign Language (ASL) II	3	

Year 1 - Winter	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	ENG 1520 Composition II*	3	Contact Ixtel Viramontes to schedule your pre-transfer Sign Language Assessment. Due Date: May 31
	SLI 1020 American Sign Language (ASL) III	3	
	SLI 1030 American Sign Language (ASL) IV	3	
	Social Science course (SOC 2620 recommended)	3	

Year 1 - Summer	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	SLI 1040 ASL V or SLI 1045 ASL VI (Elective)	3	Create your personalized transfer plan with Ixtel Viramontes, your Columbia College Chicago transfer admissions representative.
	SLI 1211 Non-Manual Grammatical Features of ASL	2	
	SLI 1600 ASL Fingerspelling and Number Use	3	

Year 2 - Fall	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	MAT 1150 Intermediate Algebra or higher math course*	4	
	SLI 1150 Interpreting: ASL to English I	3	
	SLI 1501 Deaf Culture and History	3	
	SLI 2050 Principles of Interpreting	3	
	SLI Elective Course	2	

Year 2 - Winter	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	SLI 1050 Linguistic Principles of ASL	3	Contact Ixtel Viramontes to schedule your pre-transfer Sign Language Assessment Due Date: May 31
	SLI 1550 Interpreting: ASL to English II	3	
	SLI 2250 Interpreting: English to ASL I	3	
	Science course from General Education Distribution List	3	

Year 2 - Summer	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	SLI 2150 Interpreting: ASL to English III	3	Update your personalized transfer plan with Ixtel Viramontes.
	SLI 2450 Interpreting: English to ASL II	2	

Year 3 - Fall	Oakland Community College	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Action Item
	SLI 2800 Interactive Interpreting	3	Complete Columbia's spring transfer application at apply.colum.edu . Due Date: October 1
	SLI 2900 ASL - English Interpreting Internship	2	
	Humanities course from General Education Distribution List*	3	
	Literature course from General Education Distribution List*	3	

*Course not specifically required for OCC major, but should be taken prior to transfer in order to graduate in a timely fashion from Columbia. Failure to do so could result in additional time to graduation.

Columbia College Chicago Required Courses

Major Courses:

SIGN 101 American Sign Language I	SIGN 305 Multicultural Issues
SIGN 102 American Sign Language II	SIGN 310 Advanced American Sign Language
SIGN 125 Deaf Culture*	SIGN 325 Theory of Interpretation
SIGN 128 Introduction to Interpreting*	SIGN 340 Foundations of Interpreting
SIGN 201 American Sign Language III	SIGN 341 Interpreting Dialogic Discourse
SIGN 202 American Sign Language IV	SIGN 342 Interpreting Simultaneous Discourse
SIGN 228 Linguistics of ASL*	SIGN 343 Interpreting Advanced Discourse
SIGN 235 Foundations of Translation	SIGN 481 Interpreting Practicum I
	SIGN 482 Interpreting Practicum II

Three credits from the following list:

- SIGN 115 Intro to Classifiers in American Sign Language
- SIGN 160 ASL Fingerspelling
- SIGN 211 Deaf Representations in the Media
- SIGN 221 Historical & Cultural Perspectives on Deaf American Artists and Art
- SIGN 242 Music Interpreting
- SIGN 260 Creativity and ASL
- SIGN 299 Topics in ASL-English Interpretation
- SIGN 315 Deaf Education
- SIGN 330 Interpreting for Special Populations within the Deaf Community
- SIGN 365 ASL Literature
- SIGN 495 Directed Study: ASL/English Interpretation
- SIGN 496 Independent Project: ASL-English Interpretation

Additional Graduation Requirements taken at Columbia

- CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation
- Humanities or Literature course with DEI designation
- History course
- Science course with lab
- Social Science course

*These courses will be taken at Oakland and transfer as follows:

- SLI 1050 Linguistic Principles of ASL = SIGN 228 Linguistics of ASL
- SLI 1501 Deaf Culture and History = SIGN 125 Deaf Culture
- SLI 2050 Principles of Interpreting = SIGN 128 Introduction to Interpreting