

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

ISU EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETING PROGRAM IN BOISE

1. **When will the courses for this degree start?** The start date for ISU Educational Interpreting (EDINTERP) courses is scheduled for fall 2009. New cohorts will begin fall semester of every odd year (2009, 2011, etc.).
2. **Where will these courses be offered?** These courses will be offered at the ISU Academic Facility in the Treasure Valley area. Most of the courses will be taught by an on-site professor. Others may be taught concurrently with the Pocatello campus using the distance learning system.
3. **Are there required prerequisites to start the EDINTERP program as a junior?** YES, the expectation is that you would have completed either the ISU Sign Language Studies A.S. degree or a program "comparable" to the ISU Sign Language Studies program. If you did not graduate from an ITP or a program like ISU's but have a general A.S. or A.A. degree, you may take an ASL challenge exam for proper placement. Contact Emily Turner, Director; SLS/Ed Interpreting; 282-5341, turnemil@isu.edu to see if you qualify.
4. **Can I take American Sign Language (ASL) courses from BSU?** Yes, BSU has ASL I-IV and these classes are equivalent to ISU's American Sign Language courses. After completing these courses at BSU, they will have to be transferred to ISU. Contact the Modern Language and Literature Department at BSU for more information: <http://modlang.boisestate.edu/index.htm>.
5. **Do I need to apply?** Yes, you need to apply to ISU (indicate code 1235 as major) by May 1st and pay the \$40 admission fee (<http://www.isu.edu> or email: info@isu.edu for information) **AND** once you have Associates degree (or comparable) you need to apply to the Educational Interpreting program by April 1st: http://www.isu.edu/departments/csed/prog_ei/edinterp_app_form.pdf
6. **Do I need to pay for tuition at both universities?** Dual enrollment – as long as students are enrolled for at least 8 credits at either university, they don't have to pay tuition at the other university. They do, however, still have to pay applicable course fees and application fees. If a student is part-time at both institutions contact the Director of Enrollment and Student Services for options.
7. **Can I take courses on-line or by Independent Study?** ISU offers some on-line general education courses. In addition, students may take Independent Study correspondence courses through the University of Idaho: www.uidaho.edu/isi. A maximum of 16 credits of correspondence study may be applied toward a baccalaureate degree at ISU.
8. **How do I know if I have met the ISU General Education (GE) Goal requirements?** If you have an A.S. or A.A. degree (after 1987) from BSU, BYU, CSI or NIC in Idaho or TVCC in Oregon, the ISU general education requirements are probably complete. The BYU-Idaho A.A.S. degree sometimes lacks a speech class and an appropriate math class. Students from these institutions who did not receive the A.S./A.A. degree but who completed all GE requirements may be "core certified" by their institution's Registration and Records Office. Students with a B.S./B.A. from any accredited college or university have met ISU GE goal requirements. ISU - A.S. degree graduates also have met the requirements. All other students must submit transcripts for a course by course evaluation (at time of admission application) at ISU. All GE deficiencies must be resolved by the end of the junior year. Your assigned advisor can help with this process.

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9. **How many credits may I transfer to ISU?** A maximum of 70 lower division credits may be transferred into ISU. Lower division credits do not automatically transfer to fulfill requirements in the major (upper division) and will be considered on a course by course basis through departmental petition. Your advisor can help with this process.
10. **Which degree requirements do I complete?** The ISU EDINTERP program is a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree must complete ISU Goals 1, 2, 3; Goals 4 and 5, or 12 hours in the physical or 12 hours in biological sciences; two of Goals 6, 7, 8; and three of Goals 9, 10A OR 10B, 11, and 12. Note that the goal requirements differ slightly if you transfer in less than vs. more than, 58 lower division credits. The EDINTERP (upper division) major is 64 credits and a total of 128 credits are required for graduation (see the suggested course sequence sheet). Of the last 40 credits applied to meet graduation requirements, 32 must be taken in residence at ISU. Residence is defined as the ISU-Pocatello or Boise campuses, web.
11. **Do I need an advisor?** YES, you can not register for classes each semester until you have met with your advisor and he/she has approved your schedule AND removed the computer block. Your advisor is your advocate, can help with problems, and should be consulted regularly. Any petitions are initiated with your advisor.

Note: Ali Crane is the Director of Enrollment & Student services in Boise; [373-1706](tel:373-1706); 12301 W. Explorer Dr. W., Suite 102; 83713. She can help you with the ISU/BSU general education equivalent courses. You may also contact Linda Humphreys, Assistant Professor; Ed Interpreting; 373-1765; lindahum@isu.edu

12. **Can I take courses out of sequence?** Generally, NO. Most courses are designed to be taken (offered) in sequence (I, II, III etc.) and most have required prerequisites. Advisor/course instructor approval is required to take a course without the prerequisite course. A grade of B- or better is required to progress to the next course in the sequence.
13. **Is there any option to the full-time, academic year program?** YES, you can be a part-time student, however, your program length would be extended and you may be ineligible for financial assistance.
14. **How do I finance my education?** You can apply to the ISU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.isu.edu/departments/finaid/>) for loans and scholarships. In addition, students may be eligible to apply for the *Stafford Loan Forgiveness Program*:
http://www.isu.edu/departments/csed/prog_ei/loan_forgive_2005.pdf
15. **What if I'm not an Idaho resident?** Students from Utah are likely to receive a waiver of nonresident tuition because of a reciprocal agreement. Students indicate their residency on the ISU applications. If you want to attend the program but are not a resident of Idaho or Utah, but are from a western state, you may qualify for a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) program called Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) which allows you to pay half of the normal resident fees as your non-resident tuition (in addition to the normal resident fees). For WUE consideration, you need to apply to the ISU Scholarship Office (<http://www.isu.edu/departments/scholar>) by the February 15 deadline.
16. **What does the "DL" mean after some of the courses on the Suggested Course Sequence Sheets?** It means those "didactic" courses are taught using the interactive compressed video system between the two campuses. All "skills" courses are taught "on-site." DL classes allow for an economy of instruction and allow students on both campuses to interact with each other and a variety of ISU EDINTERP instructors.