

ISU EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETING (EDINTERP) ADVISING INFORMATION

UPPER DIVISION - B.S. DEGREE

1. **Do I need to apply?** Yes, you need to apply to ISU (indicate code 1235 as major) by May 1st and pay the \$30 admission fee (<http://www.isu.edu> or email: info@isu.edu for information) **AND** you need to apply to the program by April 1st:
http://www.isu.edu/departments/csed/prog_ei/edinterp_app_form.pdf
2. **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 and can document ASL skills comparable to completing ASL IV through independent competency evaluation (SLPI), you may qualify. We offer SLPI every spring in February or March.
3. **What is included in the ISU Sign Language Studies A.S. degree?** It includes ASL through level IV (16 credits), a course in Deaf Culture, introductory courses in interpreting and communication disorders, and the ISU General Education (GE) Goal requirements complete or essentially complete (see suggested course sequence sheet).
4. **How do I know if I have met the ISU General Education Goal requirements?** If you have an A.S. or A.A. degree from BYU-Idaho, CSI or NIC in Idaho or TVCC in Oregon, the ISU 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 (after 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.
5. **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.
6. **Which degree requirements do I complete?** The EDINTERP program is a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree must complete 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, 56 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.

7. **How do I declare the EDINTERP major and get an advisor?** After being admitted, you complete an ISU Declaration of Major Form and submit it to the CSED departmental student secretary. She will assign you an advisor. You should only declare the EDINTERP major when you are a junior, have acquired at least 64 credits, and have met (or essentially met) the prerequisites.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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. If you graduated from an ITP or have RID/NAD certification you may be able to work as an interpreter on campus. However, you can only work half-time and be a full-time student. ISU employees can register for a significantly reduced rate. Students transferring from BYU-Idaho, CSI and NIC should inquire of their own Financial Aid Office regarding ISU Transfer Scholarships
12. **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 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 20 deadline.
13. **Is the program offered on campuses other than the Pocatello campus?** No. However, it is possible for students in the Boise area to get an A.S. degree in Sign Language Studies by attending classes at BSU and the ISU Academic Center in Boise. Contact Emily Turner, turnemil@isu.edu for more information. We are currently working on a proposal to start the Educational Interpreting program in Boise, fall 2008. Students interested in this option must first have completed all their core requirements, ASL I-IV, CSED 126(DL), CSED 250/250L (DL), CSED 205, CSED 256 and CSED 355.
14. **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.