Prospective Undergraduate Interpretation Students:

Gallaudet University is the only university in the world that offers both an undergraduate and a graduate degree in ASL-English Interpretation. Gallaudet provides a unique opportunity for interpretation majors to live, study, and interact with Deaf people from the United States and around the world.

Majoring in interpretation will provide a strong foundation for entering the field of interpretation and for pursuing an advanced degree. Toward this end, the Department of Interpretation offers both a Bachelor of Arts (BAI) degree and a Master of Arts (MAI) degree in the field of interpretation. Both the BAI and the MAI programs are open to Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students.

This application is designed for current Gallaudet students interested in applying for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Interpretation Program. Students wishing to major in interpretation must be degree-seeking students at the undergraduate level.

If you are not currently enrolled in a program at Gallaudet University and would like to receive more information on becoming a student at Gallaudet, please contact the Office of Admissions at admissions.office@gallaudet.edu or contact them toll-free at 1-800-995-0550 to receive an application and other admissions related material.

Prospective students who are not Deaf or hard of hearing must be accepted into the Hearing Undergraduate Students (HUGS) program in order to apply for the BAI program. Please contact the Office of Admissions for more information about the HUGS program.

Thank you for choosing interpretation as a possible undergraduate major!

Sincerely,
The Department of Interpretation
All current undergraduate students who wish to major in interpretation must apply for admission to the BAI program by completing and returning this application form to the Department of Interpretation in the Kellogg Conference Hotel, Room 3101 or by email at interpretation@gallaudet.edu. Only a limited number of students can be accepted.

Admission requirements:

- minimum of two letters of recommendation from current and/or former professors
- official transcript with a 2.75 or higher cumulative grade point average
- screening to demonstrate proficiency in ASL and English
- interview with the BAI Admissions Committee

Current Gallaudet students who are considering applying to the program are encouraged to take one or more of the following courses that are part of the program requirements, but which are available without formal admission to the program major:

- INT 101 Introduction to Interpretation
- INT 223 Interactive Discourse Analysis

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Gallaudet University Department of Interpretation
Bachelor of Arts in Interpretation Program Application

Applicant Information

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.

Full legal name ____________________________________________
Last                                    First

Preferred name ___________________ Maiden name ___________________

Gallaudet ID number ___________________ Birth date ___ / ___ / ___

Home address ______________________ Street or P.O. box ___________
Apt. number ______________________ City ____________________
State __________________________________ Zip code ____________

Email ___________________________ Pager _______________________

The following information is confidential and will not affect your consideration for admission.

Ethnic Background: (optional)

- African American
- Asian American/Pacific Islander
- Native American/Native Alaskan
- Hispanic/Latino
- White/Non-Hispanic

You are:  Deaf  hard of hearing  hearing

How long have you been using American Sign Language? ____________________

What is your signing ability? (Check one)

- I don’t sign
- Beginner - know a few signs or phrases, but cannot have a conversation with a deaf person
- Able to converse with a deaf person about everyday familiar topics, but need things repeated and misunderstandings are frequent
- Able to converse with ease about everyday, familiar topics
- Able to converse with ease about everyday topics and academic, professional, or technical topics
- Completely fluent (native or near-native signer)
**Student Classification:**

What year are you currently enrolled in Gallaudet?
- [ ] Freshman  - [ ] Sophomore  - [ ] Junior  - [ ] Senior  - [ ] Not enrolled

Second Degree/Double Major Applicants Only:
What is your current major?

Major________________________ Specialization ______________________

Are you a Gallaudet employee?  - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

Are you a Gallaudet employee’s immediate family member?  - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

**Postsecondary Education Information:**

A. Have you ever taken courses in interpretation?  - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

If yes, list all community colleges, colleges, and universities at which you have taken interpreting courses. Please enclose an official transcript(s) with the registrar’s seal or signature. Course descriptions must be mailed directly from your school(s) to our department immediately. If you are still enrolled at another college or university, please send transcripts showing work in progress now and, when available, final transcripts.

1) Name of college or university__________________________________________
Dates Attended: From month/year______________ To month/year______________

2) Name of college or university__________________________________________
Dates Attended: From month/year______________ To month/year______________

3) Name of college or university__________________________________________
Dates Attended: From month/year______________ To month/year______________

B. Did you graduate from another college?  - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No
If yes, list the college where you earned your degree.

1) Name of college or university__________________________________________
Dates Attended: From month/year______________ To month/year______________

2) Name of college or university__________________________________________
Dates Attended: From month/year______________ To month/year______________

3) Name of college or university__________________________________________
Dates Attended: From month/year______________ To month/year______________

**Essays:**

There are limitations to what grades, test scores, and recommendations can tell us about any applicant. Your answers to the following essays will help us learn more about you so we can fairly evaluate your academic commitment and readiness for entering the Department of Interpretation. We hope that in writing these essays you will reflect on your attitudes, values, and perceptions. Please answer both essays completely and attach your typed essays to this application.

**Essay One:**
List and explain in detail all community, employment, or extracurricular activities you were involved with during the past three years.

**Essay Two:**
Describe why you want to become an interpreter. Describe what academic skills you possess that will help you succeed.

**Applicant Certification:**

I understand that falsifying or withholding information in completing this application may result in the cancellation of my admission to the Department of Interpretation. I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature________________________ Date___________

Please send your completed application to:

Department of Interpretation
Kellogg Conference Hotel, Room 3101
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue NE
Washington, DC  20002-3695