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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

General Information

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

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 Hispanic/Latino
 Native American/Native Alaskan 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:

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