

Remote Sign Language Interpreter Services

What you should know before a class with a Remote Sign Language Interpreter

- A Sign Language Interpreter uses their hands to translate spoken word into ASL for Deaf / Hard of Hearing (HoH) students, as well as translate ASL into spoken word.
- Remote Interpretative Services are provided virtually through a microphone, ASL video relay service, and the student's computer laptop or tablet.
- The instructor may be required to wear a wireless / Bluetooth microphone while lecturing.
- Please speak clearly into the microphone, there is a 1-3 second delay in translation.
- The student will receive the relayed ASL transcription video on their laptop/tablet.

Before showing a video in class, please check to see if the media is captioned and have the captions turned on for viewing.

Please provide the SAS Office with any course materials as soon as it is available, such as any web or paper-based material (Handouts, PowerPoint slides, readings, etc.), as well as any unique vocabulary, acronyms, technical jargon, etc. that you will be using during class.

- The handouts should be submitted early, this allows the interpreter(s) a chance to prepare and convey accurate information in real time.

Communication with a Deaf / HoH student using a Remote Sign Language Interpreter

- Communicate directly with the individual who is Deaf or hard of hearing.
- Interpreter(s) will convey auditory information via sign language. This auditory information includes:
 - Identifying the speaker(s)
 - Typing all dialogue (what you and other students say, no redactions)
 - Descriptions of environmental sounds (e.g. music, alarms, cell phones ringing).
- An interpreter can only accommodate one speaker at a time. Please remember to:
 - Repeat student questions before answering.
 - Encourage the class to take turns speaking (speak only when called upon).
 - Encourage students to speak clearly.
- The interpreter is a communication facilitator, striving to ensure that communication is accessible between Deaf and hearing people. While working as a neutral communication facilitator, the interpreter will not serve as a participant.