REQUEST FOR A NEW MINOR

SUBMITTED BY:

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See http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

TITLE OF MINOR:
American Sign Language

*Number of credits required for completion (minimum is 15):
15

*"Unless otherwise specified by the appropriate academic unit, a course may be used more than once toward fulfilling degree, certificate, major and minor requirements. Credit hours for these courses count only once toward total credits required for the degree or certificate. Certifying that the student has met all major and minor requirements is the responsibility of the student's department faculty, who notify the Registrar's Office." From the General University Requirements section of "How to Earn a Bachelor's Degree" in the UAF Catalog.

Do all the required courses currently exist?
Yes

If not, list the corresponding New Course paperwork associated with this request:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED MINOR. Include reasons justifying its creation; objectives of the minor and relationship of the required courses to those objectives.

The objectives of the American Sign Language Department are to provide a depth and breadth of knowledge of the American Deaf culture and history. Each student will be proficient in their ability to sign clearly, to be understood and to comprehend native signers. Students of ASLG will have a greater understanding of diversity, and empathy for people with differing abilities. Critical thinking skills will be developed while acquiring signing skills in ASL. Students will be required to participate in community events and to fully develop an ethical responsibility to the community in which they live.

B. PROPOSED MINOR REQUIREMENTS AS THEY WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG:

Samples provided on page 2 of this form.

1. Complete a minimum of 15 credits from the following classes:
   ASLG 101 - American Sign Language I - 3 credits
   ASLG 202 - American Sign Language II - 3 credits
   ASLG 203 - American Sign Language III - 3 credits
   ASLG 204 - American Sign Language IV - 3 credits
   ASLG 205 - American Sign Language V - 3 credits
   ASLG 110 - American Sign Language Practice - 1 credit - Can be repeated for up to 3 credits

2. Minimum credits required: ......................................................... 15

*Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Note: Courses designated as humanities that are taken for the minor may also be used to fulfill humanities distribution requirements for the B.A. degree.

C. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

TVC fully funds these courses currently. All courses area already offered and adjunct faculty hired by TVC currently teach these courses.
D. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action? Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

The ASLG Department is a part of Academic Programs through TVC and does not currently impact any other departments. This change will only positively affect enrollment in that students who desire this minor will continue their coursework at UAF instead of leaving to attend other colleges that do currently offer this degree.

F. PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE MINOR:

List faculty currently teaching the required and elective (if any) courses, with a brief statement of duties and qualifications.

Adjunct faculty currently teaching the ASLG courses:
Mary Ann Carey
Wendy Cogley
Kathryn Dohner
Lizanne Hansen
Dan Labrosse

Lizanne Hansen acts as faculty mentor for the student ASLG group.

G. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PROPOSED MINOR’S OBJECTIVES TO THE "PURPOSES OF THE UNIVERSITY”.

Include additional justifying information to support creation of the minor such as projected and present enrollments; need or public demand for the minor; support of other programs by the minor’s creation, etc.

Creating a minor for American Sign Language will provide a more complete education for our students. We have students who are taking three or four of these ASLG classes who do not go on to take the final three to six credits as it is not listed as a minor. If students have the opportunity to get a minor by taking one or two more courses, this will provide an opportunity for the instructors to engage the students and for the students to interact with the deaf community, to work on projects within the community and to more fully develop an awareness of the American Deaf culture and history. This also provides an opportunity for ASLG students to complete their university education with a minor which otherwise might not be offered. We have had requests for an ASLG minor for years, and the current avenue is through petition only. The need for ASL teachers and interpreters is great in our community and will only continue to grow as the population grows. Having ASL available as a minor will help educators, students, employees, and the community in general.

APPROVALS:

[Signatures and dates]

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

[Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee Date]

Final approval will be at the level of the Chancellor or Chancellor’s Designee, following vote of approval by the Faculty Senate.