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The Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #163 on December 7, 2009:

MOTION:

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve a Minor in American Sign Language.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2010

RATIONALE: See the program proposal #23-UNP on file in the
 Governance Office, 314 Signers' Hall.

Requires completion of 15 credits from the following: ASLG F101, ASLG F202, ASLG F203, ASLG F204, ASLG 205, and ASLG F110 (a 1-credit course that may be repeated for up to 3 credits).

Minor, American Sign Language

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.

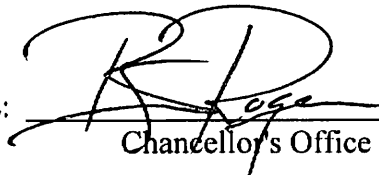


President, UAF Faculty Senate

7 Dec 2009

Date

APPROVAL:



Chancellor's Office

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Proposed Catalog Layout:

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. Courses that are taken for the minor may not be used to fulfill the core Perspectives requirements.

Program Justification and Impacts:

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.

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.