

Faculty of

**CULTURE AND THE
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



BA (HONS) BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF STUDIES

UCAS: Q160 (BA) / S756 (FE)

UCLAN IS THE UK'S LEADING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR THE TRAINING OF BSL/ENGLISH INTERPRETERS: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 60% OF INTERPRETERS WORKING IN THE UK HAVE BEEN TAUGHT ON OUR COURSES.

IN THE NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY 2016, OUR BSL AND DEAF STUDIES COURSES RANKED TOP IN THE UK WITH 100% OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION.

British Sign Language (BSL) and Deaf Studies at UCLan has been recognised for world-leading research, continuous top student satisfaction rates and pioneering work on the development of employability skills since 1993.

This undergraduate course covers all aspects of deafness as a social and cultural phenomenon and will enable students to develop a fluency in British Sign Language. The wealth of modules available to choose from gives an advantage to design a course to meet individual interests and career goals.

We have a mixed deaf and hearing team, many of whom are experts in a range of topics including linguistics, interpreting practice and translation studies, community and culture, history, education, media, politics and family relationships. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to attend community events and social gatherings with the local and national Deaf community.

There is an option of a work placement during the second or third year, which can provide valuable practical insights to support theoretical knowledge gained on the course. Many placements have also led to graduates returning to their placement hosts as employees after they graduate.

In recent years, students have been on group exchange visits to the Czech Republic, Italy and Poland. These trips provide insights into the experiences of deaf people in a wide range of cultures and contexts and are a valuable addition to our students' learning experiences.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Compulsory Modules

BSL 100 OR BSL 200
BSL 150 OR BSL 250
Deaf People in Society
Communities, Cultures and Identities
Historical Development of BSL
Employability and the Deaf
Community

Year 2

Compulsory Modules

Deaf World Debates
BSL 200 OR BSL 300
BSL 250 OR BSL350

Optional Modules

Sign Linguistics
Translation Theory
Issues in Deaf Education
Families, Deafness and Disability
Work Placement
Student Initiated Module
Childhood Diversity and Inclusive
Practice
Sociology and Education
Sign Language Literatures

Year 3

Compulsory Modules

Dissertation

Optional Modules

Insiders and Outsiders
Principles of Sign Language
Interpreting
Introduction to the Roles of Public
Service Interpreters
Political Activism and the Deaf World
Debating Disability
BSL 375 OR BSL300
BSL400 OR BSL350
Work Placement
Sexy Bodies: Sexuality and the Body
Sociolinguistics

FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and a sign language lab with extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources for receptive and productive practice work. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to attend community events and social gatherings with the local and national Deaf community.

Martin Roberts

British Sign Language and Deaf Studies Graduate

“This degree has enabled me to become a confident and competent BSL to English interpreter. I was introduced to the local deaf community in Preston and the North West and this has been pivotal to my career and employability.”

EMPLOYABILITY

Graduates from BSL and Deaf Studies degree courses enter a variety of careers and professions, including all aspects of education (teaching, lecturing, communication support, curriculum support, personal tutoring, etc), BSL/ English interpreting, other roles (such as note takers, lip speakers, communication support workers), counselling, social work, media, roles in the police, higher degrees and research. In addition, the skills and knowledge acquired and developed whilst studying with us make our graduates highly employable in a wide variety of careers not directly involving deaf people.

Twitter – @UCLanHSS

Facebook – UCLan Humanities & Social Sciences

University of Central Lancashire
Preston PR1 2HE

01772 892400
cenquiries@uclan.ac.uk
www.uclan.ac.uk