

The student must earn a grade of *B* or better in all certificate of advanced study coursework. Students who fail to earn at least a *B* in a course may repeat it for an improved grade. Please note that grade substitution is not permitted at the graduate level and that a GPA of at least 3.0 must be accumulated for certificate of advanced study coursework.

## Certificate in Conversational American Sign Language

The Certificate in Conversational American Sign Language will be awarded to students who first complete the 12-unit program of study consisting of four advanced deaf studies classes and then pass the departmental proficiency interview in American Sign Language. The recipients of the certificate are considered fluent and possess the expressive and receptive communication skills needed to successfully communicate with deaf and hard-of-hearing children, youth, and adults.

The following list includes the required courses. Students must complete all the coursework with a *C* grade or better.

### Required (12 units)

CDDS 94S, 106, 136S, 139

**Note:** No course substitutions may be made without the department's approval. CDDS 91, 92, 93, and 94S are prerequisites for CDDS 136.

## Certificate of Special Study in Creative Writing

The Certificate of Special Study in Creative Writing is a 12-unit program intended for those persons who wish to study the art of literary writing in addition to earning a degree in English or another area, or without matriculating for a degree. Admission to the program requires the consent of both the creative writing program coordinator and the chair of the department. The certificate program will comprise a minimum of 12 units of upper-division work. The required courses for the certificate program include

- ENGL 161: Advanced Writing of Poetry
- ENGL 163: Advanced Writing of Fiction
- ENGL 164: Advanced Writing of Creative Nonfiction (formerly Advanced Prose Writing)

Students may take 12 units composed of two courses in one genre (courses may be repeated one time) and one in either of the other genres; or students may take one course in each of the three genres.

Recommended: at least one course at the upper-division level in an area of contemporary literature.

Note: Prerequisites for the certificate may be waived only with permission of the advisor and specific course instructor.

## Certificate of Advanced Study - Criminal Justice Counseling Specialist

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Individuals who are fully classified and advanced to candidacy in (or graduates of) the M.S. in Counseling program (Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling option) and M.S. in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling may elect to take courses leading to the Criminal Justice Counseling Specialist Certificate of Advanced Study. The certificate program is designed to enhance professional skills for counseling service within the criminal justice system. In addition to coursework required for the M.S. in Counseling (Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling option) and M.S. in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, students seeking the Criminal Justice Counseling Specialist Certificate of Advanced Study are required to take a total of 16 units in Criminology (in addition to prerequisite CRIM 100 or equivalent), 6 units of which may be used as electives in the M.S. in Counseling (Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling option) and the M.S. in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling with approval of a faculty advisor.