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International Special Student Program (ISSP)

Offering a unique opportunity to study at Gallaudet University

The International Special Student Program (ISSP) is designed for people from outside the United States who are interested in studying at Gallaudet for **up to one year**. The ISSP is individually designed to meet the needs of each person by allowing them to take courses for credit or non-credit (audit) at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Once accepted to the ISSP, you will enjoy the benefits afforded to a student in Gallaudet's undergraduate or graduate program. There are also great opportunities for self-directed research. While ISSP is a non-degree program, college course credits are earned that may be applied toward a future degree at Gallaudet or elsewhere.

BENEFITS

- Personal contact with the ISSP program coordinator via webcam before arriving on campus.
- Assistance from Gallaudet faculty in selecting the right courses ("Learning Agreement").
- Learning in a barrier-free environment designed for deaf people.
- Living in Washington, DC - one of the world's most exciting and influential cities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- See the sheet, "Is ISSP Right For You?"

HOW TO APPLY

- Download the application at <http://goo.gl/NFjgGf>
- Complete the application package and include academic transcripts and letters of recommendation.
- Application must be received by the deadline: **April 1 for Fall semester, October 1 for Spring semester.**

For more information, please visit

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IS ISSP RIGHT FOR YOU?

The International Special Students Program (ISSP) is for **non-U.S. students who are not pursuing an academic degree at Gallaudet University**. The ISSP is a one- or two-semester program that is customized to meet the needs of each scholar.

Program Costs

International students must demonstrate proof of adequate financial resources for their stay at Gallaudet University. This is a regulation of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that must be met by all international students before they may obtain a student visa. International applicants should be sure they have the necessary funding before pursuing their plans to study Gallaudet. Financial aid and scholarship opportunities for international students attending the ISSP at Gallaudet University are not available. Except in rare circumstances, international students are not eligible for federal, state, or university aid or scholarships.

Fees for international students at Gallaudet can be found on the following website:

http://www.gallaudet.edu/finance_office/student_financial_services/tuition_and_fees.html. Please note that the list of developing countries on the website is updated annually in July by the U.S. Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, as amended.

*Language Requirements for Admission to Gallaudet University

Due to Gallaudet University's unique nature, every member of the campus community is encouraged to reach his or her potential in being bilingual in the visual modalities of American Sign Language (ASL) and written English.

Required English language skills

Gallaudet will determine the skill level in English that it feels is appropriate to help ensure an applicant's academic success at the University. For undergraduates, these standards comply with ACT, and for graduates, they comply with the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or by an alternative measure adopted by certain graduate programs. If the applicant has difficulty in taking these tests, an alternative test may be acceptable, such as the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), although any alternative must be approved by Gallaudet. The applicant should arrange to have the English test results provided to Gallaudet by the application deadline.

Required American Sign Language skills

For undergraduate admissions, the University does not require an applicant to have a specific level of ASL competency prior to admission. Admitted students without prior knowledge of ASL are encouraged to participate in the JumpStart program, which acquaints them with ASL and learning in a visual environment, and/or take ASL classes online or in the first semester after being admitted to the University.

At the graduate level, applicants who seek to become special (non-degree) students are required to possess "working knowledge" of ASL, as interpreted by each department within the Graduate School and specified in the 2014-2015 University Catalog. Graduate applicants are referred for ASL skills evaluation that is based on their proposed area of study. If the applicant has prior sign language skills and has been evaluated after taking the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview test, the student must provide the results of the test; if not, department administrators will interview the applicant to determine his/her readiness to study at Gallaudet without classroom communication support.

*Gallaudet's English Language Institute (www.gallaudet.edu/wlc/eli.html) provides intensive English as a Second Language and American Sign Language training for U.S. and international deaf and hard of hearing students.

Available Courses

Find Gallaudet's academic courses at (http://www.gallaudet.edu/academic_catalog.html)

If you are seeking a degree from Gallaudet University: apply for undergraduate admission (www.gallaudet.edu/undergraduate_admissions.html) or graduate admission (www.gallaudet.edu/rgs/graduate_school/graduate_admissions.html).