Interpreting Services for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

At the initial time of registration, students needing sign language or captioning services must immediately notify the Office of Student Disability Services. Interpreters may be available to students for classroom lectures, fieldwork, meetings with faculty members, and for any program or activity sponsored by Central Connecticut State University. Students should discuss with their instructors or note takers an alternate plan in the event that the interpreter is absent for class.

Provision of interpreters is arranged through the Connecticut Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (CDHI). Interpreters are in high demand throughout the State of Connecticut and are assigned on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, if changes are made to your schedule just before the beginning of the semester, or during the semester, interpreting services cannot be guaranteed; deaf and hard of hearing students are eligible to receive note taking assistance.

It is pertinent for students to notify the Office of Student Disability Services immediately if he/she is unable to attend class so that the interpreter can be canceled for the day. If a student fails to show up for a scheduled interpreter two times without emailing: DisabilityServices@ccsu.edu or Byers@ccsu.edu or faxing: (860) 832-1924 or calling: 832-1900 or 832-1957, between 8 am and 4:30 pm this accommodation may no longer be provided. If students do not cancel prior to the 24 hour cancellation notice, CCSU is still obligated to pay for the interpreting services.

When students arrive late to class, they can expect their interpreters to wait for a period of fifteen minutes. Students who miss two scheduled classes without canceling interpreting services are required to contact the Office of Student Disability Services to discuss continuation of this service.