AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
www.kent.edu/mcls

Examples of Possible Careers*
Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary
• 5.7% faster than the average
• 30,600 number of jobs
• $69,920 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators
• 20.0% much faster than the average
• 77,400 number of jobs
• $52,330 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
• 3.8% about as fast as the average
• 1,050,800 number of jobs
• $62,870 potential earnings

Contact Information
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• Speak with an Advisor
• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
• Kent Campus

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Bachelor of Arts degree in American Sign Language presents American sign language as a culture- and community-based language that interacts with other world languages. Through techniques—including immersion and bilingual-bicultural comparison classes, community interaction, research, lab activities and use of digital video technology—students gain documented proficiency in American sign language, validity within the deaf community and networking within the professional community.

Admission Requirements
The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:
All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

University Requirements
All students in a bachelor’s degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.

**Kent Core Requirements**

Kent Core Composition (KCMP) 6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) 3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) 9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) 6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) 6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL) 6

**Total Credit Hours:** 36-37

**Program Requirements**

**Major Requirements**

**Code** | **Title** | **Credit Hours**
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ASL 19201 | ELEMENTARY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I | 3
ASL 19202 | ELEMENTARY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II | 3
ASL 29201 | INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I | 3
ASL 29202 | INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II | 3
ASL 39223 | SOCIOLUMINIGUSTRIS OF THE DEAF COMMUNITY (WIC) | 3
or ASL 49309 | INTRODUCTION TO DEAF STUDIES (ELR) (WIC) | 2
ASL 49108 | AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LINGUISTICS I | 3
ASL 49201 | ADVANCED PROFICIENCY | 3
ASL 29212 | APPLIED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE GRAMMAR | 3
or ASL 29213 | FINGERSPELLING, NUMBERS AND DEPICTION | 3
ASL 39095 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE | 3
ASL 39223 | SOCIOLUMINIGUSTRIS OF THE DEAF COMMUNITY (WIC) | 2
ASL 49091 | SEMINAR IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LINGUISTICS | 3
ASL 49092 | PRACTICUM IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ELR) | 3
ASL 49109 | AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LINGUISTICS II | 3
ASL 49309 | INTRODUCTION TO DEAF STUDIES (ELR) (WIC) | 2
ASL 49350 | AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LITERATURE | 3
ASL 49401 | DEAF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY | 3
ASL 49601 | ACTIVITY DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION | 3

**Major Electives, choose from the following:**

- ANTH 48214 | POLITICS OF CULTURE (ELR) (WIC) | 2

**Total Credit Hour Requirement** 120

Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.

**Graduation Requirements**

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1. Students with previous study in American sign language study should take the American Sign Language Placement Test and enroll in the correct course based on their score. Students who must enroll in any of prerequisite course based on their placement test score will earn general elective credit hours toward the degree.

2. A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

3. One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOG) or Physics (PHY). The course may be not be from the student's major.

4. One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.
• To earn the degree, students must successfully:
  • Complete community service projects in ASL 29202
    ASL 39201 and ASL 39202
  • Show documentation of a proficiency level of Intermediate or
    above on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (administered
    off-site)
  • Successfully complete the capstone project in ASL 49201.

• Program Note
  • Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical
    Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course
    availability may change at any time. Visit the department’s
    website for course offering projections and advising with course
    planning.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.
Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and
Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹
To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary
I and II in any language, plus one of the following options²:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
   • Intermediate I of the same language, or ARAB 21401, ASL
     19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091,
     MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS
     28404

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the
foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level
at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I
level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and
fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course
beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit
through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State
University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable
to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the
requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they
will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific
languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or
require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to
pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.
## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

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