AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - B.A.

About This Program
Ready to explore a captivating new language and culture? Look no further than Kent State University's American Sign Language Bachelor's degree program. With an innovative curriculum and endless opportunities to connect with a vibrant community, your journey towards fluency starts today. Read more...

Contact Information
• Program Coordinator: mcls@kent.edu (%20mcls@kent.edu) | 330-672-2150
• Speak with an Advisor
• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery
• Delivery: In person
• Location: Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
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

Accreditation
The American Sign Language teacher licensure program (through this major and the Education minor) is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

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.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State’s campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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American Sign Language (ASL) Upper-Division Electives (40000 level only) 6

Major Electives, choose from the following: 6

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<td>FUNDAMENTALS OF AUDIOLOGY FOR STUDENTS WITH HEARING LOSS</td>
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<td>LISTENING, LANGUAGE AND PHONEMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING LOSS</td>
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Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) 1

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General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours) 50

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

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
   - ARAB 21401
   - ASL 19401
   - CHIN 25421
   - MCLS 10001
   - MCLS 20001
   - MCLS 20091
   - MCLS 21417
   - MCLS 21420
   - MCLS 22217
   - MCLS 28403
   - MCLS 28404

Students with previous study in American sign language should take the American Sign Language Placement Test and enroll in the correct course based on their score. Students who must enroll in either (a) Intermediate I or (b) a 2+ on the ASL Proficiency Interview (administered off-site) upon completion of ASL 39202.
American Sign Language (ASL) Elective (20000, 30000 or 40000 level) 3
American Sign Language (ASL) Upper-Division Elective (40000 Level) 3
General Electives 9

Credit Hours 15

Semester Eight
American Sign Language (ASL) Elective (20000, 30000 or 40000 level) 3
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General Electives 8

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