

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
 Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

The American Sign Language minor provides students with opportunities to develop foundational receptive and expressive skills in American sign language, and introduces students to the study of Deaf culture.

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- Speak with an Advisor

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisite Requirements ¹		
ASL 19201	ELEMENTARY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I	
ASL 19202	ELEMENTARY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II	
Minor Requirements		
ASL 29201	INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I	3
ASL 29202	INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II	3
ASL 39201	ADVANCED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I	3
ASL 39202	ADVANCED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II	3
American Sign Language (ASL) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level only)		3
Minor Electives, choose from the following:		6
ASL 19401	EXPLORATION OF DEAF CULTURE	
ASL 29212	APPLIED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE GRAMMAR	
ASL 29213	FINGERSPELLING, NUMBERS AND DEPICTION	
SPED 43306	FUNDAMENTALS OF AUDIOLOGY FOR STUDENTS WITH HEARING LOSS	
SPED 43307	LISTENING, LANGUAGE AND PHONEMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING LOSS	

Any American Sign Language (ASL) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	21

¹ Prerequisites may be satisfied with demonstrated language proficiency.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

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. Please see the program coordinator or your academic advisor for course planning.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Engage in casual conversations with other speakers of American sign language and engage in some formal conversations.
2. Use foundational knowledge of American sign language and Deaf culture to continue learning independently.