

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - MINOR

College of Sciences and Humanities
 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.

Contact Information

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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 ¹	3
ASL 29202	INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II ¹	3
ASL 39201	ADVANCED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: NARRATIVE AND STORYTELLING	3
ASL 39202	ADVANCED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: PRACTICAL COMMUNICATION	3
American Sign Language (ASL) Electives (20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		6
Minor Elective, choose from the following:		3
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) course		

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 21

¹ Students with a background in American Sign Language, whether acquired informally or through coursework, should contact MCLS@kent.edu to take an ASL placement assessment. Students with prior knowledge of American Sign Language may be able to fulfill one or more of the prerequisite and intermediate language courses through an Alternative Credit option, or by starting in a higher level course than ASL 19201 via placement.

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.