

**MINOR IN  
American Sign Language Studies**

**A – MINOR REQUIREMENTS – 18 HOURS (9 advanced)**

**1 – American Sign Language Core – 18 hours (9 advanced)**

ASLI 1310 American Sign Language I  
ASLI 1320 American Sign Language II  
ASLI 2310 American Sign Language III  
ASLI 3310 American Sign Language IV  
ASLI 3320 American Sign Language V  
ASLI 3323 Foundations of Deaf Culture

**Mission Statement (in alignment with the university).**

*A minor in American Sign Language (ASL) Studies will increase the communication abilities of those who work one on one with Deaf individuals. These courses will expand the linguistic support by providing students with overall proficiency in ASL in which they will be able to communicate with grammatical accuracy and use appropriate discourse strategies in a variety of communication contexts. In addition to increasing bilingual competencies, students will also develop bicultural competencies through the study of Deaf Culture. Students will become capable of managing both the linguistic and intercultural demands of ASL and working with Deaf community members.*

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- 1. Students will demonstrate the ability to formulate grammatically appropriate discourse in a variety of communication contexts using American Sign Language (ASL).**
- 2. Students will possess the professional skills and knowledge necessary for working with Deaf consumers.**
- 3. Students will develop cultural awareness by interacting with members of the Deaf community.**

*American Sign Language*

**ASLI 1310** American Sign Language I [3-0]

This course is an introduction to the basic skills needed in the production and comprehension of American Sign Language (ASL). Topics include the manual alphabet, numbers, conversational skills, culturally appropriate behaviors, and ASL grammar.

**ASLI 1320** American Sign Language II [3-0]

This course enhances students' skills in the production and comprehension of American Sign Language (ASL) and allows for the recognition and demonstration of more sophisticated grammatical features of ASL. This course increases fluency and accuracy in fingerspelling and numbers and assists students in developing conversational ability. Prerequisite: ASLI 1310.

**ASLI 2310** American Sign Language III [3-0]

This course integrates and refines production and comprehension skills in American Sign Language (ASL), which includes the recognition of sociolinguistic variations. It includes grammar review and features extensive discussions. Sentence constructions will be reviewed and communicative competencies in ASL beyond the basic level will be addressed. Prerequisite: ASLI 1320.

**ASLI 3310** American Sign Language IV [3-0]

This course is an integration of expressive and receptive skills in American Sign Language (ASL) with emphasis on literature, discourse styles, and contextualization at an intermediate level. It provides students with information on idiomatic/colloquial usages of signs as well as grammatical structures for complex sentences. Prerequisite: ASLI 2310.

**ASLI 3320** American Sign Language V [3-0]

This course will provide proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL). It includes instruction in semantically and grammatically accurate and appropriate discourse strategies in a variety of communication contexts. Prerequisite: ASLI 3310.

**ASLI 3323** Foundations of Deaf Culture [3-0]

This course provides an historical and contemporary perspective of American Deaf culture using a sociocultural model. Historical processes that formed the Deaf community in the United States will be examined. Topics addressed include the history of the Deaf, the development of a cultural identity, cultural values, communication norms, diversity, and language. Prerequisite: ASLI 1310.