

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The American Sign Language (ASL) minor offers students the opportunity to acquire proficiency in ASL and gain a deeper understanding of Deaf culture, communication, and history. This program provides both linguistic and cultural knowledge, equipping students with the skills to engage with the Deaf community in a variety of personal, professional, and educational settings.

Through a combination of language courses, cultural experiences, and studies in Deaf culture, students will develop a strong foundation in ASL focusing on conversational fluency and grammar in both expressive and receptive communication. The minor also explores the social, historical, and political dimensions of Deaf culture, allowing students to appreciate the complexities and diversity of the Deaf community.

An ASL minor is valuable for students pursuing careers in fields such as education, social services, healthcare, business, linguistics, and communication. The skills gained in this program can enhance personal interactions and expand professional opportunities, promoting inclusivity and accessibility for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing.