American Sign Language (Minor)

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- Minor in American Sign Language

**Minor in American Sign Language (4.0 credits)**

Open to all undergraduate degree students.

**Requirements:**

1. 3.0 credits in ASLA
2. 1.0 credit in ASLA at the 3000-level or higher
3. Subject to approval of the School, a maximum of 2.0 credits may be substituted for the above by taking courses at the 2000-level or higher in another discipline relevant to the language
4. The remaining requirements of the major discipline(s) and degree must be satisfied.

**Total Credits: 4.0**

**Placement for Language Students**

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Students who are found to be registered in an inappropriate level of the course will be deregistered following assessment by their instructor (and/or the Director of the School). It is crucial for students to complete the placement test in a manner that truly demonstrates their language proficiency.

Students should note that they cannot go backward in a sequence of levels in language courses.

**Regulations**

In addition to the requirements listed here, students must satisfy:

1. the University regulations including the process of Academic Performance Evaluation (see the Academic Regulations of the University section of this Calendar).

**American Sign Language (ASLA) Courses**

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ASLA 2110 [1.0 credit]  
**Intensive Second-Year American Sign Language**  
Further study of American Sign Language to reach a more advanced level of proficiency in a range of situations. Equal emphasis on oral and written language. Compulsory attendance. Precludes additional credit for ASLA 2010 and ASLA 2020. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in ASLA 1020 or ASLA 1110, or permission of the School. Eight hours a week (one term).

ASLA 3010 [0.5 credit]  
**Third-Year American Sign Language I**  
Receptive and expressive mastery of grammar and lexicon of American Sign Language. Advanced conversation skills across different registers. Advanced insight into the culture of the deaf community. Compulsory attendance. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in ASLA 2020, ASLA 2110, or permission of the School. Three hours a week.

ASLA 3020 [0.5 credit]  
**Third-Year Advanced American Sign Language II**  
Continuation of third-year American Sign Language. Receptive and expressive mastery of grammar and lexicon of American Sign Language. Advanced conversation skills across different registers. Advanced insight into the culture of the deaf community. Compulsory attendance. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in ASLA 3010, or permission of the School. Three hours a week.

ASLA 4010 [0.5 credit]  
**Fourth-Year American Sign Language I**  
Focus on the development of receptive and productive skills above what is expected in everyday conversation. Skills in specific contexts such as social services, health, business and government. Compulsory attendance. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in ASLA 3020, or permission of the School. Three hours a week.

ASLA 4020 [0.5 credit]  
**Fourth-Year American Sign Language II**  
Continuation of fourth-year American Sign Language. Focus on the development of receptive and productive skills above what is expected in everyday conversation. Skills in specific contexts such as social services, health, business and government. Compulsory attendance. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in ASLA 4010, or permission of the School. Three hours a week.

ASLA 4900 [1.0 credit]  
**Independent Study**  
Research in a topic in American Sign Language or deaf culture under the supervision of a member of the School. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year standing in the Minor in American Sign Language, grade of C or higher in ASLA 4020 or equivalent, or permission of the School.

ASLA 4901 [0.5 credit]  
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