

BA in American Sign Language

Program Requirements

120 credit hours are required for graduation. Students must earn a 2.000 overall GPA, a 2.000 Wichita State GPA, and a 3.000 GPA in their major. Students also must complete graduation requirements for the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the WSU General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>).

The major in ASL consists of 36 credit hours of coursework within one of the following tracks, each of which includes 12 credit hours of ASL foundation courses and 9 credit hours of upper-division course work in deaf culture, interpreting and nonverbal communication.

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements ¹		34-35
College Requirements		
Select courses to complete all LAS Competency Areas ¹		36
Required ASL Courses for All Tracks		
ASL 104/CSD 270	Introductory American Sign Language	3
ASL 105	Elementary American Sign Language I	3
ASL 106	Elementary American Sign Language II	3
ASL 204	Intermediate American Sign Language	3
MCLL 482	Intro to Sign Language Interpreting	3
MCLL/CSD 518	Deaf Culture	3
MCLL 520	ASL: Visual-Gestural Communication	3
Track Requirements		
Select one of the tracks below		15
Open Electives		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		13-14
Total Credit Hours		120

¹ Required major courses may also count towards General Education and/or LAS Competencies. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

The Structure of Language Track

The nature of language, language acquisition and ASL linguistics. In addition to the required ASL courses for all tracks, this track includes the courses below. Students in this track are strongly encouraged to pursue additional coursework in structural linguistics.

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses for the Structure of Language Track		
LING 151	Nature of Language	3
LING 315	Introduction to English Linguistics	3
ANTH 352	Linguistic Anthropology	3
MCLL 351	Linguistics and World Languages	3
MCLL 670	Interpreting Interaction: Translation and Consecutive Interpretation	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Language and Culture in Context Track

Historical foundations of the profession, deaf culture, deaf studies and social justice concerns. In addition to the required ASL courses for all tracks, this track includes the courses below. Students in this track are strongly encouraged to pursue additional coursework in sociolinguistics.

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses for the Language and Culture in Context Track		
LING 151	Nature of Language	3
LING 663	Languages and Language Attitudes in USA	3
ANTH 352	Linguistic Anthropology	3
MCLL 351	Linguistics and World Languages	3
MCLL 670	Interpreting Interaction: Translation and Consecutive Interpretation	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Interpreting Methods Track

Theories of interpretation and translation along with ethics and protocols for interpreting in legal, medical and educational settings. In addition to the required ASL coursework for all tracks, this track includes the courses below. Students in this track are strongly encouraged to pursue additional coursework in translation and interpreting.

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses for the Interpreting Methods Tracks		
LING 151	Nature of Language	3
MCLL 351	Linguistics and World Languages	3
MCLL 370	American Sign Language Elocution	3
MCLL 570	American Sign Language and English Translation	3
MCLL 670	Interpreting Interaction: Translation and Consecutive Interpretation	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Applied Learning

Students in the BA in American Sign Language are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by successful completion of MCLL 670 Interpreting Interaction: Translation and Consecutive Interpretation or MCLL 570 American Sign Language and English Translation, a course that allows students to experience how English and ASL, as discrete sign systems, convey messages in business, medical and educational settings among others.