

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)/DEAF STUDIES MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences

Program Website (<https://linguistics.cornell.edu/undergraduate-program/#asl-deaf-studies-minor-requirements->)

## Program Description

The American Sign Language (ASL)/Deaf Studies minor offers the opportunity to pursue an interdisciplinary course sequence focusing on American Sign Language and Deaf culture. The courses offered range across a variety of different disciplines, to provide a broad and compelling perspective on ASL and the Deaf community.

## Additional Information

The minimum grade for courses applied to the minor is C-.

Students may apply up to one course from study abroad programs, from another institution, or an independent study toward this minor.

Interested students should consult with the Linguistics Director of Undergraduate Studies, Helena Aparicio, 210 Morrill Hall.

Students who declare the minor will consult with either the Director of Undergraduate Studies or ASL/Deaf Studies Minor Advisor Brenda Schertz ([bschertz@cornell.com](mailto:bschertz@cornell.com)), 215 Morrill Hall, on the selection of courses appropriate to their academic objectives.

## Program Information

- All coursework for this major is in person, in Ithaca, unless otherwise noted.
- Total Credits Required: 15 minimum.

## Minor Requirements

The American Sign Language (ASL)/Deaf Studies minor consists of five courses with a minimum total of 18 credits. A student must currently be taking or have completed ASL 1102 American Sign Language II to declare the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ASL 2202	Intermediate American Sign Language II <sup>1</sup>	4
ASL 2301	Modern Deaf Culture	3
LING 1101	Introduction to Linguistics <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>ASL/Deaf Studies Electives</b>		
Select a minimum of one course from the following:		3
ASL 3201	ASL Literature	
ASL 3215	Deaf Art, Film and Theatre	
ASL 4410	American Sign Language Linguistics	
<b>Interdisciplinary Electives</b>		
Select one of the following:		3-4
BSOC 2051	Ethical Issues in Health and Medicine	
FGSS 4035	Intersectional Disability Studies	
GOVT 3087	International Human Rights Law and Advocacy	
ILRGL 4033	Disability Law	

ILRGL 4360	Global Comparative Disability Policy
LING 2215	Psychology of Language
LING 2221	Language and Society
LING 2223	Language and the Law
LING 3344	Superlinguistics: Comics, Signs and Other Sequential Images
PHIL 2455	Introduction to Bioethics

<sup>1</sup> or proficiency at this level

<sup>2</sup> Introduction to Linguistics is vital for an accurate understanding of the structure and function of ASL as a language like any other though in a different modality

## Suggested Course Sequence for the ASL/Deaf Studies Minor

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ASL 1101	American Sign Language I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ASL 1102	American Sign Language II	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ASL 2201 & LING 1101	Intermediate American Sign Language I and Introduction to Linguistics	8
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ASL 2202 & ASL 2301	Intermediate American Sign Language II and Modern Deaf Culture	7
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ASL 2301	Modern Deaf Culture (Offered in the even numbered years)	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ASL 3215	Deaf Art, Film and Theatre	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
ASL 4410	American Sign Language Linguistics (offered in the odd number years)	
Elective		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

<sup>1</sup> Complete any courses if not able to take them earlier.

## First-Year Writing Seminars

Consult the John S. Knight website for times, instructors, and descriptions.