

B.A. American Sign Language

Plan of Study

For this major, students must meet the minimum graduation requirements including the completion of 120 credits, 45 of which must be numbers 2000 or higher, including 24 credits in the major and 12 credits in related courses; meet the CLAS general education and concentration requirements, and have an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (see, [CLAS BA Degree Requirements](https://catalog.uconn.edu/college-of-liberal-arts-and-sciences/)). Students shall submit their plan of study with an ASL advisor, and request approval from the Registrar by the end of the 4th week of the semester in which they expect to graduate. Students completing a double major must file a plan of study for each major. ASL 1101-1104 are prerequisites and the credits do not count towards the major. Students must satisfy courses within the following three sections:

1. **Students must complete the following 15 credits:**

ASLN 3305 Advanced American Sign Language I 3

ASLN 3306W Advanced American Sign Language II 3

ASLN/LING 3800 Structure of ASL 3

LING 2850 Intro to Sociolinguistics of the Deaf Community 3

LING 3850 Cultural and Linguistic Variation in the Deaf Comm. 3

1. **Students must complete one of two concentrations: Deaf Studies or Interpreting ASL and English.** 
   1. **Deaf Studies Concentration: Students must complete a minimum of 9 credits, of which, a minimum of 6 credits must be from group A. All 9 credits may be satisfied from Group A.**

GROUP A:

ASLN 3266 Methods of Teaching American Sign Language 3

ASLN/WGSS 3254 Women and Gender in the Deaf World 3

ASLN 3650 Deaf Writers and ASL Literature 3

ASLN 3360 Deaf Art and Artists 3

GROUP B:

ASLN 3193 Foreign Study 3

ASLN 3290 Field Study 3

ASLN 3292 Experiential Learning Up to 3

ASLN 3295 Special Topics 3

ASLN 3298 Variable Topics 3

ASLN 3299 Independent Study 3

* 1. **Interpreting ASL and English Concentration: Students must complete courses in Group A (12 credits) with an additional 3 credits from Group B.**

GROUP A:

ASLN 2500 Introduction to Professional Interpreting 3

ASLN 2600 Process of Interpreting 3

ASLN 2700 Interpreting in Educational and Other Settings 3

ASLN 2800 Consecutive Interpreting 3

GROUP B:

ASLN 3193 Foreign Study 3

ASLN 3290 Field Study 3

ASLN 3292 Experiential Learning Up to 3

ASLN 3295 Special Topics 3

ASLN 3298 Variable Topics 3

ASLN 3299 Independent Study 3

1. **Related Courses: Students must also complete 12 additional credits required in 2000, 3000 and 4000-level related courses other their chosen concentration. Courses can include:**

* Courses in any modern or classical language.
* Any English, Linguistics, Psychology or Philosophy course.
* Any course that is directly related to second language acquisition.
* Any Human Rights courses or any courses covering disability related topics.
* Any History, Political Science, Art History, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics or Geography course that focuses on Deaf culture or people who are Deaf.
* Any course that does not meet these specific requirements should be approved by the advisor.

**Information Literacy**

                Courses offered in the proposed ASL Major already incorporate varying levels of information literacy skills applied for the purpose of conducting research in Deaf culture, the study of ASL, interpreting ASL and English and ASL literature.  Instruction in research methods as well as where and how to access relevant information, including primary and secondary sources in American Sign Language such as video libraries and data bases, are discussed.    Students are actively engaged in academic inquiry and use multiple strategies for revising and enhancing their searches, applying evaluation criteria to an information source, as well as, setting ethical standards in gathering, use, and dissemination of information.  Information literacy skills are further developed by way of academic composition of ASL embedded in the required, in the major W course, ASLN 3306W, Advanced American Sign Language II.  Research and information skills appropriate to the discipline will be developed in the process of teaching academic composition of ASL.   The following courses include assignments that incorporate information literacy skills:

ASLN 3650, Deaf Writers and American Sign Language Literature

ASLN 3298, Deaf Art and Artists

ASLN/LING 3800 Structure of American Sign Language

LING 2850 Introduction to Sociolinguistics of the Deaf Community

LING 3850 Cultural and Linguistic Variation in the Deaf Community

ASLN 3266 Methods of Teaching American Sign Language

ASLN 3306W Advanced American Sign Language II

               ASLN 3306W verifies advanced information literacy exit expectations.   In addition, students will be required to take both literature and Deaf culture courses that also address this competency.

**Writing in the Major**

To satisfy the writing in the major, all students must take ASLN 3306W.

**Pass/Fail**

Pass/Fail grading option may not be applied to any ASL, Deaf studies or interpreting courses.

**Study or Work Abroad**

Participation in a study or work abroad program in a language rich environment is allowed for ASL majors. With the advisor’s consent, any of the above courses may be replaced by ASLN 3293 Foreign Studies. Up to 9 credits taken in study abroad programs in an American Sign Language rich environment may count toward the major. Students can enroll in either a UConn-sponsored or non-UConn sponsored program. In either case, students must consult with the advisor to determine which courses will receive credit.

**Declaring a Major**

After meeting with an ASL advisor, majors can be declared electronically at the following website: <http://ppc.uconn.edu/> . They are entered by CLAS and once on a student’s record, confirmation email will be sent. From there, student may submit a final plan of study.

**Declaring a Double Major**

Please click the following link: [Declaring Double Major](https://clasadvising.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/530/2016/02/Double-Major-Form.pdf)

**Additional Applicable Rules:**

* A minimum of 15 of the major credits must consist of American Sign Language courses taken in residence. Up to 9 credits may be met by ASLN 3293.
* Only up to 6 credits may be transfer credits.
* AP credits may not be used toward the major.
* A single course cannot satisfy more than one requirement.

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Date by which major requirements will be met: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I approve the above program for the Major in American Sign Language Studies:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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