

American Sign Language and Linguistics, BS (Boston)

The American Sign Language (ASL) & Linguistics combined major is an intensive program of study dedicated to preparing students to interact in a positive and supportive manner with members of the American Deaf Community while simultaneously providing students with an understanding of the theoretical, cultural, and social components of all human language, including ASL, so that they can better understand how ASL is related to spoken languages and other signed languages. This curriculum is designed to assist students in acquiring competence in American Sign Language; and in developing an understanding of the American Deaf Community and its culture, the acquisition and analysis of human languages (signed and spoken), and how human languages work in everyday use (e.g., comprehension, generation, translation).

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

American Sign Language Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Language Requirement		
AMSL 1101	Elementary ASL 1	4
AMSL 1102	Elementary ASL 2	4
AMSL 2101	Intermediate ASL 1	4
AMSL 2102	Intermediate ASL 2	4
AMSL 3101	Advanced ASL 1	4
Social and Cultural World		
DEAF 1500	Deaf People in Society	4
DEAF 2500	Deaf History and Culture	4
Interpreting		
INTP 3500	The Interpreting Profession	2
INTP 3510	Interpreting Inquiry Texts	4

Linguistics Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Linguistics Foundations		
LING 1150	Introduction to Linguistics	4
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	4
Linguistic Structure		
Complete three of the following:		12
LING 3420	Phonetics	
LING 3422	Phonology	
LING 3424	Morphology	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
Psychology of Language		
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
PSYC 2320	Statistics in Psychological Research	4
PSYC 3464	Psychology of Language	4
Linguistics Electives		
Complete two courses (not counted elsewhere) from the following:		8
LING 3420	Phonetics	

LING 3422	Phonology
LING 3424	Morphology
LING 3442	Sociolinguistics
LING 3450	Syntax
LING 3452	Semantics
LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3460	Historical Linguistics
LING 4654	Seminar in Linguistics
LING 4891	Research Seminar in Linguistics
or LING 4970	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1
or LING 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 2
or LING 4991	Directed Study Research
or PSYC 4991	Directed Study Research
PSYC 4610	Laboratory in Psycholinguistics
PSYC 4658	Seminar in Psycholinguistics
Seminar Requirement	
Complete one course (not counted elsewhere) from the following:	
LING 4654	Seminar in Linguistics
LING 4891	Research Seminar in Linguistics
PSYC 4658	Seminar in Psycholinguistics

Integrative Courses

Code	Title	Hours
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	4
INTP 4940	Interpreting Research Capstone	4
LING 3412	Language and Culture	4

Combined Major GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.750 GPA required in all ASL courses

Minimum 2.500 overall GPA required

Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 90 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS

Year 1			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMSL 1101		4 AMSL 1102	4
DEAF 1500		4 LING 2350	4
LING 1150		4 LING 3412	4
NUpath/Elective		4 NUpath/Elective	4
		16	16
Year 2			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMSL 2101		4 AMSL 2102	4
DEAF 2500		4 DEAF 2700	4
PSYC 1101		4 PSYC 2320	4
NUpath/Elective		4 NUpath/Elective	4
		16	16

Year 3			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMSL 3101		4 Linguistic Structure course	4
INTP 3500		2 Linguistic Structure course or Linguistics Elective	4
INTP 3510		4 PSYC 3464	4
Linguistic Structure course		4 NUpath/Elective	4
NUpath/Elective		4	
		18	16
Year 4			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
INTP 4940		4 Linguistics Seminar	4
Linguistics Elective or Linguistic Structure course		4 Linguistics Elective	4
NUpath/Elective		4 NUpath/Elective	4
NUpath/Elective		4 NUpath/Elective	4
		16	16
Total Hours: 130			