

American Sign Language, Minor

The American Sign Language and Interpreting Education program, or ASLIE, curriculum is an intensive program of study dedicated to preparing individuals to interact in a positive and supportive manner with members of the American Deaf Community. This program is designed to assist students in acquiring competence in American Sign Language, developing an understanding of the American Deaf Community and its culture, and applying their linguistic and cultural skills and knowledge to a particular academic area of study.

The program offers a wide array of courses as well as volunteer, internship, and practicum opportunities. For students wishing to pursue a minor in ASL, the program is committed to providing opportunities that will allow them to acquire ASL linguistic skills and cultural sensitivity, as well as the sociocultural knowledge necessary to work in positive and supportive ways with Deaf people.

Minor Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any prerequisite courses where specified.

Students are required to complete a minimum of five classes. A maximum of two of those five course requirements may be fulfilled by transfer credit.

Required Culture Courses

These courses must be taken at Northeastern University, not via study abroad or fulfilled via transfer credit.

Code	Title	Hours
CLTR 1120 or DEAF 2500	Introduction to Languages, Literature, and Culture Deaf History and Culture	4
DEAF 1500	Deaf People in Society	4

Required Language Courses

Students may replace one or both of the following courses with electives if they successfully complete the ASL proficiency assessment in the ASL and Interpreting Education program.

Code	Title	Hours
AMSL 2101	Intermediate ASL 1	4
AMSL 2102	Intermediate ASL 2	4

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
AMSL 1511	ASL Classifiers	
AMSL 3101	Advanced ASL 1	
AMSL 3102	Advanced ASL 2	
AMSL 4992	Directed Study	
DEAF 1550	Dynamics of the Deaf/Blind Community: Culture, History, and Communication	
DEAF 2500	Deaf History and Culture	
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	

GPA Requirement

2.000 GPA required in the minor