AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (B.A.) TEACHER CERTIFICATION CONCENTRATION

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: American Sign Language

Concentration: Teacher Certification

Total Hours: 120

Vision Statement

DSDE, acclaimed as a pioneer and nationally recognized bilingual program in the field of Deaf Education and Deaf Studies, leads in innovation in education, research, and service to Deaf individuals.

Mission Statement

The department of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education (DSDE) cultivates and inspires students with research base innovative learning opportunities to become scholars, service providers, and advocates.

Program Learning Outcomes

Prepare confident candidates who can achieve state and/or national certification and enter the profession as a competent practitioner.
Demonstrate competency in receptive and expressive skills through visual/gestural communication, register adaptation and linguistically competent communications.
Demonstrate ASL discourse and pragmatic skills through authentic language experiences in a variety of forums and on a variety of topics.
Foster an environment that encourages and supports students entering careers in the field or in graduate school.

Degree Information

Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language with Teacher Certification

The bachelor's degree program in American Sign Language (ASL) prepares students for teaching in schools offering ASL for "foreign language" credit in an EC-12 program. Each student must complete a REQUIRED departmental core of courses. In addition, each student will complete the pedagogy courses required for licensure.

All students must satisfy provisions of the Texas Success Initiative program, which are listed elsewhere in this catalog. College Readiness courses do not count in the GPA (except for determining full-time status and issues related to probation and suspension) and do not count toward graduation.

Students completing the teacher certification track are required to meet the requirements for entrance into the teacher preparation program. Candidates for Clinical Teaching must pass the Lamar University Professional Roles and Responsibilities (PPR) and the TExES 184 prior to beginning Clinical Teaching

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Curriculum		
Communication		
COMM 1321	Business and Prof Speech	3
or COMM 1315	Public Speaking I	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Mathematics		
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	3
Life and Physical Sciences		
Select two of the following:		6
BIOL 1308	General Biology (Non-Science Majors)	
BIOL 1315	Plants and Human Society (Non-Majors)	
BIOL 2306	Environmental Science	
CHEM 1306	Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences	
CHEM 1308	Biochemistry for Allied Health Sciences	
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 1312	General Chemistry II	
GEOL 1390	Introductory Environmental & Physical Geology	
PHYS 1305	Elementary Physics I Lecture	
PHYS 1307	Elementary Physics II Lecture	
PHYS 1311	Introduction to Astronomy Lecture	
Language, Philosophy and Culture		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 2300	Ethics and Literature	
ENGL 2322	British Literature	
ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	
ENGL 2376	African-American Literature	
PHIL 1370	Philosophy of Knowledge	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
Creative Arts		
Select one of the following:		3
ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
COMM 1375	Film Appreciation	
COSC 1324	The Art of Computer Game Development	
DANC 2303	Dance Appreciation	
MUSI 1306	Music Appreciation	
MUSI 1309	Jazz History and Appreciation	
MUSI 1310	History of Rock and Roll	
PHIL 1330	Arts and Ideas	
THEA 1310	Theatre Appreciation	
American History		
Select two of the following:		6
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	
HIST 1302	U S History II Since 1877	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Government/Political Science		
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3

Component Area Option		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
Complete any 3 unused hours from the core sections above		3
Required Major Courses		
DSDE 1371	ASL I	3
DSDE 1372	ASL II	3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
DSDE 1377	Introduction to Deaf Education	3
DSDE 1378	Intro to Interpreting	3
DSDE 1379	ASL Structure	3
DSDE 2371	ASL III	3
DSDE 2372	American Sign Language IV	3
DSDE 2380	ASL V	3
DSDE 2381	ASL VI	3
DSDE 2382	ASL Linguistics	3
DSDE 2384	Linguistics of Fingerspelling	3
DSDE 4308	Teaching ASL as a Second Language	3
DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3
DSDE 4309	Practicum	3
DSDE 4310	Sign Langs & Sign Codes	3
Electives		6
Teacher Education		
EDUC 2310	Intro to Teacher Education	3
EDUC 2342	Diversity of Learners	3
EDUC 3300	Human Devel & Learning	3
READ 3326	Content Area Reading	3
EDUC 3380	Secondary Curric/Methodology	3
EDUC 4340	Manag Early Chldh Clssrm Envir	3
EDUC 4620	Clinical Teaching	6
Total Hours		**120**

[1] Students must meet Educator Prep program requirements

First Year		
Fall		**Hours**
DSDE 1371	ASL I	3
DSDE 1372	ASL II	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	3
DSDE 1379	ASL Structure	3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
DSDE 2371	ASL III	3
DSDE 2372	American Sign Language IV	3
MATH 1332 or MATH 1333	Contemporary Mathematics I or Contemporary Mathematics II	3
DSDE 2382	ASL Linguistics	3
	Hours	**15**
Second Year		
Fall		
DSDE 2380	ASL V	3
DSDE 2381	ASL VI	3
DSDE 1378	Intro to Interpreting	3
DSDE 2384	Linguistics of Fingerspelling	3
HIST 1302	U S History II Since 1877	3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
Creative Arts		3
DSDE 1377	Introduction to Deaf Education	3
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
EDUC 2310	Intro to Teacher Education	3
COMM 1321	Business and Prof Speech	3
Life & Physical Science		3
	Hours	**18**
Third Year		
Fall		
Language, Philosophy & Culture		3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
EDUC 3300	Human Devel & Learning	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3
EDUC 2342	Diversity of Learners	3
	Hours	**18**
Spring		
DSDE 4310	Sign Langs & Sign Codes	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
DSDE 4309	Practicum	3
Component Area Option		3
DSDE 4308	Teaching ASL as a Second Language	3
Life & Physical Science		3
	Hours	**18**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
READ 3326	Content Area Reading	3
EDUC 3380	Secondary Curric/Methodology	3
EDUC 4340	Manag Early Chldh Clssrm Envir	3
Electives		6
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
EDUC 4620	Clinical Teaching	6
	Hours	**6**
	Total Hours	**120**