

GENERAL AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES (B.A.)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: American Sign Language

Concentration: Advocacy

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 a track in Advocacy

The bachelor's degree program in American Sign Language (ASL) prepares students for working with the Deaf community. 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.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Curriculum		
<i>Communication</i>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
COMM 1321	Business and Prof Speech	3
	or COMM 1315 Public Speaking I	
<i>Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	3
<i>Life and Physical Sciences</i>		
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	
<i>Language, Philosophy and Culture</i>		
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	
<i>Creative Arts</i>		
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	
<i>American History</i>		
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	
<i>Government/Political Science</i>		
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
<i>Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>		
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
<i>Component Area Option</i>		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
Complete any three unused hours from the core sections above.		
Required Major Courses		
<i>DSDE Courses</i>		
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

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DSDE 1379	ASL Structure	3
DSDE 2371	ASL III	3
DSDE 2372	ASL IV	3
DSDE 2380	ASL V	3
DSDE 2381	ASL VI	3
DSDE 2382	ASL Linguistics	3
DSDE 2384	Linguistics of Fingerspelling	3
DSDE 3303	Interpreting for Diverse Deaf Communities	3
DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3
DSDE 3311	Advocacy and Services for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3
DSDE 3312	Social Justice Advocacy	3
DSDE 3322	Research Theory	3
DSDE 3328	Deafhood and Allyship	3
DSDE 4308	Teaching ASL as Second Lang	3
DSDE 4309	Practicum	3
DSDE 4320	Global Deaf Communities	3
DSDE 4620	Internship - Advocacy	6
Electives		12
Total Hours		120

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		Hours
DSDE 2371	ASL III	3
DSDE 2372	ASL IV	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	3
DSDE 2382	ASL Linguistics	3
Hours		15

Second Year

Fall		Hours
DSDE 2380	ASL V	3
DSDE 2381	ASL VI	3
Lang, Phil, and Culture		3
DSDE 2384	Linguistics of Fingerspelling	3
DSDE 1378	Intro to Interpreting	3
Hours		15

Spring		Hours
Creative Arts		3
DSDE 1377	Introduction to Deaf Education	3
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
DSDE 3311	Advocacy and Services for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3
Life and Physical Science		3
Hours		15

Third Year

Fall		Hours
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
DSDE 3322	Research Theory	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3

COMM 1315 or COMM 1321	Public Speaking I or Business and Prof Speech	3
Hours		15
Spring		Hours
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
Component Area Option		3
DSDE 3328	Deafhood and Allyship	3
Electives		6
Hours		15
Fourth Year		Hours
Fall		Hours
DSDE 3303	Interpreting for Diverse Deaf Communities	3
DSDE 3312	Social Justice Advocacy	3
DSDE 4309	Practicum	3
Electives		3
Life & Physical Science		3
Hours		15
Spring		Hours
DSDE 4308	Teaching ASL as Second Lang	3
DSDE 4320	Global Deaf Communities	3
Electives		3
DSDE 4620	Internship - Advocacy	6
Hours		15
Total Hours		120