

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (B.A.) CONCENTRATION IN ADVOCACY

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 concentration in Advocacy

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.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Curriculum		
<i>Communication</i>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
DSDE 1371	ASL I	3
<i>Mathematics</i>		
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	
SPSC 1301	Space Exploration	

Language, Philosophy and Culture

Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 2300	Close Reading II	
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 2304	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
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Component Area Option

ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
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Complete any three unused hours from the core sections above.

Required Major Courses

DSDE Courses

DSDE 1372	ASL II	3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3

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DSDE 1377	Introduction to Deaf Education	3
DSDE 1378	Intro to Interpreting	3
DSDE 2371	ASL III	3
DSDE 2372	American Sign Language IV	3
DSDE 2377	Intro to ASL Structure	3
DSDE 3301	American Sign Language V	3
DSDE 3302	ASL VI	3
DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3
DSDE 4311	ASL Linguistics	3
DSDE 4350	Problem & Projects	3
DSDE Elective 3000-4000		12
<i>Advocacy Core</i>		
DSDE 3303	Interpreting for Diverse Deaf Communities	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 4350	Problem & Projects	3
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General Elective 3000-4000		3
Complete 12 credit hours from the following:		12
DSDE 2373	Visual/Gestural Communication	
DSDE 3321	Interpreting Non-Literal Expressions	
DSDE 3324	Community Application: Translating ASL Stories	
DSDE 4313	Interpreting Subjects at Secondary Schools	
DSDE 4620	Internship - Advocacy	

Total Hours 120

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
DSDE 1371	ASL I	3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	3
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
DSDE 1372	ASL II	3
HIST 1302	U S History II Since 1877	3
DSDE 1377	Introduction to Deaf Education	3
Component Area Core		3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
DSDE 1378	Intro to Interpreting	3
DSDE 2371	ASL III	3
DSDE 2377	Intro to ASL Structure	3
Lang, Phil, and Culture		3
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
Hours		15
Spring		
Creative Arts		3
DSDE 2372	American Sign Language IV	3
DSDE 4311	ASL Linguistics	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3

Science		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
DSDE 3301	American Sign Language V	3
DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3
DSDE 3322	Research Theory	3
DSDE 4350	Problem & Projects	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
Hours		15
Spring		
DSDE 3302	ASL VI	3
DSDE 3311	Advocacy and Services for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3
DSDE 4350	Problem & Projects	3
DSDE	Elective 3000-4000	6
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
DSDE 3303	Interpreting for Diverse Deaf Communities	3
DSDE 3312	Social Justice Advocacy	3
Science		3
DSDE	Elective 3000-4000	6
Hours		15
Spring		
DSDE 4350	Problem & Projects	3
DSDE Electives 3000-4000		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		120