Roadmap: American Sign Language - Bachelor of Arts
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This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [14 Credit Hours]					
Required: students interested in completing teacher licensure should contact the department's pedagogy coordinator for advising					
ASL 19201 Elementary American Sign Language I	**4**				**See note 1 on page 2; fulfills College General Requirement**
US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE	1				Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Two: [16 Credit Hours]					
ASL 19202 Elementary American Sign Language II	**4**				**See note 1 on page 2; fulfills College General Requirement**
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]					
ASL 29201 Intermediate American Sign Language I	**3**				**See note 1 on page 2; fulfills College General Requirement**
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]					
ASL 29202 Intermediate American Sign Language II	**3**				**Students must present a cumulative portfolio and achieve a passing score to move forward; See note 1 on page 2; fulfills College General Requirement**
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
College General Requirement	3				Must be from Kent Core Basic Science and Social Science; see note 5 on page 2
College General Requirement	3				
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3				
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
Required: students pursuing the Education minor must complete all education prerequisites before starting MCLS courses					
ASL 39201 Advanced American Sign Language I	**3**	■		■	**Offered fall only**
ASL 49108 American Sign Language Linguistics I	**3**	■		■	**Offered fall only**
ASL 49309 Introduction to Deaf Studies	**3**	■		■	**Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement: see note 2 on page 2**
General Electives (lower or upper division)	6				
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
Required: complete the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI); make an appointment for a graduation audit					
ASL 39202 Advanced American Sign Language II	**3**	■		■	**Offered spring only see note 3 on page 2**
ASL 49109 American Sign Language Linguistics II	**3**	■		■	**Offered spring only**
ASL 49401 Deaf Culture and Community	**3**	■		■	**Offered spring only**
SOC 32570 Inequality in Societies	**3**	■		■	**Fulfills domestic diversity course requirement**
General Elective (upper division)	3	■			

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Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
Required: completion of Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) with "Intermediate +" to register for ASL 49201 and 49601. SCPI scores must be on department file before registration					
ANTH 48214 Politics of Culture	**3**	■		■	**Offered intermittently; should be taken at the earliest opportunity, to ensure completion of this requirement; see note 2 on page 2**
ASL 49201 Advanced Proficiency	**3**	■		■	**Offered in fall only**
ASL 49350 American Sign Language Literature	**3**	■		■	**Offered in fall only**
ASL 49601 Activity Design, Implementation and Evaluation	**3**	■		■	**Offered in fall only**
General Elective (upper division)	3	■			See note 4 on page 2
Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]					
General Electives (lower or upper division)	16				See note 4 on page 2; number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division credit hours

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Diversity Course Global / Domestic	Writing-Intensive	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	42	36	Kent Core or General Elective / SOC 32570	ASL 49309 or ANTH 48214	2.0	2.0

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Additional (6 credit hours) *Must be selected from two Kent Core categories*	May fulfill global diversity requirement	6
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) *Must include one laboratory*		6-7
Composition (6-8 credit hours) *ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297*	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) *Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences category and minimum one course from fine arts category*	Recommended: HIST 11050 or HIST 11051; may fulfill global diversity requirement	9
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
Social Sciences (6 credit hours) *Must be selected from two curricular areas*	Recommended: ANTH 18210 and SOC 12050 (prerequisite for SOC 32570; may fulfill diversity requirement	6

Note 1: Students majoring in American Sign Language may have some proficiency in the language through high-school study or previous exposure to the language as a heritage language. Students wishing to see if it is possible to begin the ASL sequence in a course beyond ASL 19201 should take the KSU American Sign Language Placement Test, offered free of charge once a month during the academic school year.

Note 2: To satisfy the writing-intensive course requirement (see description below), either ASL 49309 or ANTH 4821must be earned with minimum C grade.

Note 3: Off-site evaluation through the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI), resulting in a proficiency level of Intermediate or above is required in order to proceed in the major (a level of Advanced is required before student teaching for students also pursuing the Foreign Language Teaching/Pedagogy minor for licensure).

Note 4: ASL 49096 Individual Investigation is a recommended elective. Students should consult with their major advisor at least one semester before registering since a completed, approved research proposal is required before taking the course.

Note 5: One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). Students may take the courses listed in the "introductory" sequences with the restrictions noted above in the Kent Core Basic Science section. The course may not be from the student's major.

One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Applied Conflict Management (CACM), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (JUS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Note: All courses taken from the list of major program requirements are used in the calculation of the major GPA.

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Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core for course list.

Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity for course list.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade.
Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Upper-Division Requirement

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

Foreign Language

Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/foreign-languages for course list.