



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]					
ASL 19201 Elementary American Sign Language I	4				See note 1 on page 2; fulfills College General Requirement
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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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 Sciences; see note 5 on page 2
College General Requirement	3				Must be from Kent Core Social Sciences; see note 6 on page 2
General Elective (upper division)	3	■			
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
Note: 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	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 2 on page 2
General Electives	6				
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
Required: complete the Sign Language 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	■			



Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

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Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
Required: complete the Sign Language Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI); make an appointment for a graduation audit					
ANTH 48214 Politics of Culture	3	■	C	■	Offered intermittently; should be taken at the earliest opportunity, to ensure completion of this requirement; fulfills writing intensive requirement; see note 2 below
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 below
Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]					
General Electives	16				See note 4 below; 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	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	42	36	Kent Core or General Elective/ SOC 32570	ASL 49309 or ANTH 48214	Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr	2.000	2.000

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Composition (6-8 credit hours) <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences category and minimum one course from fine arts category</i>	Recommended: HIST 11050 or HIST 11051; may fulfill global diversity requirement	9
Social Sciences (6 credit hours)	Recommended: ANTH 18210 and SOC 12050 (prerequisite for SOC 32570); may fulfill diversity requirement	6
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
Additional (6 credit hours)	May fulfill global 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 48214 must 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.

Note 6: 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.



Note: Students interested in completing teacher licensure should use this major map with an Education minor and contact the department's pedagogy coordinator for advising.

Foreign Language Note: Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, and the American Sign Language major requires Intermediate I and II of the same language.

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin their university foreign language experience beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by: (1) passing a course beyond the Elementary I through Intermediate II level or (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Advanced Placement (AP) exam or credit through the International Baccalaureate (IB) program; or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete the remaining hours with general electives.

Kent Core

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 (2.000) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr 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.

