

# Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

Culture and language intertwine in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) in American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Studies. Gain an understanding of Deaf studies and social justice, advanced ASL and interpreting. This degree consists of tracks designed for those who have completed a minimum of ASL I-IV, Deaf and heritage language users, working interpreters and graduates of Interpreter Education Programs.

Coursework and skill development provides a strong foundation in language and cultural education for those interested in fields such as social work, education, legal, medical, ASL/English interpretation and more. In addition, Deaf or hearing, heritage ASL users gain a deeper understanding of their home language and culture while earning a valuable professional credential.

## Undergraduate Admission

### Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu/>) website.

The major requires as total of at least 30 credit hours (completed through 10 courses at three credit hours each). Students are recommended to consult with their academic success coach prior to enrolling in course work to ensure that all pre-requisites are met.

Courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ASLD 311	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
ASLD 312	Intersectionality and Deaf Communities	3
ASLD 313	Social Justice and Allyship with Deaf Communities	3
ASLD 505	American Sign Language V (ASL V)	3
ASLD 506	American Sign Language VI (ASL VI)	3
ASLD 588	Internship in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies	3

or ASLD 589 Research Experience in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

Select at least four electives from the following list:

ASLD 414	Historical Foundations of Deaf Education
ASLD 428	Special Topics in Deaf Studies: _____
ASLD 501	Introduction to the ASL/English Interpreting Profession
ASLD 502	Theories of Interpreting: Co-Constructions of Meaning
ASLD 520	American Sign Language Linguistics
ASLD 521	Discourse Analysis of ASL
ASLD 523	ASL Pragmatics and Syntax
ASLD 530	American Sign Language Literature
ASLD 589	Research Experience in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
ASLD 608	ASL/English Interpreting Observation Practicum
ASLD 626	Topics in ASL Vocabulary and Discourse: _____
ASLD 631	Advanced American Sign Language Literature
ANTH/LING 320	Language in Culture and Society
LING 343	Bilingualism
LING 435	Psycholinguistics I

Students wishing to sit for the interpreting credentialing exam are strongly encouraged to complete the ASL/English Interpreting certificate (Introduction and Professional Interpreting) in addition to their bachelor's in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies. Completion of the bachelors and certificate programs may result in the need to complete additional coursework. Please consult with your academic success coach for additional information.

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies can be found here: [American Sign Language and Deaf Studies \(https://catalog.ku.edu/professional-studies/american-sign-language-ba-bgs/ba-asld/\)](https://catalog.ku.edu/professional-studies/american-sign-language-ba-bgs/ba-asld/), or by using the left-side navigation.

A sample 4-year plan for the BGS degree in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies can be found here: [American Sign Language and Deaf Studies \(https://catalog.ku.edu/professional-studies/american-sign-language-ba-bgs/bgs-asld/\)](https://catalog.ku.edu/professional-studies/american-sign-language-ba-bgs/bgs-asld/), or by using the left-side navigation.