

American Sign Language, Minor

The American Sign Language and Interpreting Education (ASLIE) program curriculum is an intensive program of study dedicated to preparing individuals to interact in a positive and supportive manner with members of the American Deaf Community. This program is designed to assist students in acquiring competence in American Sign Language, developing an understanding of the American Deaf Community and its culture, and applying their linguistic and cultural skills and knowledge to a particular academic area of study.

The program offers a wide array of courses as well as volunteer, internship, and practicum opportunities. For students wishing to pursue a minor in ASL, the program is committed to providing opportunities that will allow them to acquire the linguistic, cognitive, and ethical decision-making skills as well as the sociocultural knowledge necessary to work in positive and supportive ways with Deaf people.

Minor Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified.

Students are required to complete a minimum of seven classes. A maximum of two of those seven course requirements may be fulfilled by transfer credit.

Required Culture Courses

These courses must be taken at Northeastern University, not via study abroad or fulfilled via transfer credit.

Code	Title	Hours
CLTR 1120	Introduction to Languages, Literature, and Culture	4
DEAF 1500	Deaf People in Society	4

Required Language Courses

Students may waive up to four AMSL language courses by taking the ASL proficiency assessment in the ASL and Interpreting Education (ASLIE) program. Waived courses must be replaced by electives to meet the required number of courses in the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
AMSL 1101	Elementary ASL 1	4
AMSL 1102	Elementary ASL 2	4
AMSL 2101	Intermediate ASL 1	4
AMSL 2102	Intermediate ASL 2	4

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		
AMSL 3101	Advanced ASL 1	4
AMSL 3102	Advanced ASL 2	4
DEAF 2500	Deaf History and Culture	4
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	4
AMSL 1511	ASL Classifiers	4
DEAF 1550	Dynamics of the Deaf/Blind Community: Culture, History, and Communication	4
AMSL 4992	Directed Study	4

GPA Requirement

2.000 GPA required in the minor