

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF STUDIES, MINOR

The ASL/Deaf Studies Program at Penn offers ASL instruction grounded in Deaf cultural experiences and perspectives for the purpose of attaining ASL proficiency for real-world applications in both coursework and future professional endeavors. The course of study for the minor in ASL and Deaf Studies is interdisciplinary, with foundations in language, content, and theory-based courses. Furthermore, as our program has long-standing and steadfast commitment to working in and with local Deaf community organizations for meaningful, mutually beneficial outcomes, we partner with local Deaf community organizations to integrate academic rigor and Deaf cultural values into our coursework. We do so with two organizations primarily, the Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre in Swarthmore, PA and Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Ultimately, these collaborative relationships manifest in a research-based capstone course, Academically Based Community Service in ASL and Deaf Studies, providing opportunities for merging research with practice in a Deaf community setting.

For more information: <http://www.ling.upenn.edu/undergraduate/minor-asl> (<http://www.ling.upenn.edu/undergraduate/minor-asl/>)

Code	Title	Course Units
Minor Requirements		
<i>Advanced ASL Content & Theory Courses</i>		
ASLD 1030	Advanced ASL and Deaf History	1.0
or ASLD 1031	Deaf Literature, Performance, Art, and Film	
ASLD 1032	Deaf Culture	1.0
<i>Linguistic Foundational Courses</i>		
LING 0001	Introduction to Linguistics	1
LING 0600	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	1
<i>Capstone Fieldwork</i>		
ASLD 1033	ASL/Deaf Studies - ABCS	1.0
<i>Cross-Disciplinary Elective</i>		
Select 1 course unit of Cross-Disciplinary elective		1
Total Course Units		6

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
