

# American Sign Language (ASL) Minor



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# The ETSU College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences, American Sign Language Minor

## Who is it for?

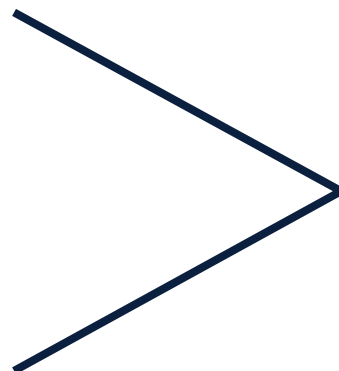
American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most studied second or foreign language in the US. A minor in ASL is appropriate for students interested in studying ASL as a unique language and for understanding the linguistic and cultural aspects of Deaf communication. It would be of particular interest for students pursuing humanities and social work, linguistics, and health care careers.

## Why enroll?

There is an urgent need within health care professions to assist individuals who are deaf and use ASL to facilitate their access and utilization of health care services. Communication challenges between the deaf and their health care providers are significant issues and have a direct effect on patient health and outcomes. A better understanding of the communication needs of individuals who are deaf and of deaf culture is needed. By learning sign language, you are helping improve access to healthcare for diverse populations.

## What are the required courses?

Course Number	Title	Credits
ASLC 2010	American Sign Language I: Basic	3
ASLC 2020	American Sign Language II: Intermediate	3
ASLC 3010	Introduction to Deaf Culture	3
ASLC 3020	Linguistic Perspectives on ASL	3
ASLC 4010	American Sign Language III: Grammar Proficiency	3
ASLC 4020	American Sign Language IV: Advanced	3



**6 courses  
18 credit hours**

## Are there prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites for ASLC 2010 or ASLC 3010. The ASL courses build on one another, so you will need to take ASLC 2010 before taking the other American Sign Language courses.

## Does the ASL minor lead to certification?

The ASL minor does not lead to certification to be an interpreter for the Deaf. However, the program helps prepare for the certification by providing extensive training and skills in ASL and meet the course requirements in deaf culture and ASL literature.

## Who do I contact for more information about the ASL minor?

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