

American Sign Language, AA

Program Description

The Associate of Arts in American Sign Language (ASL) is stacked within the BA in ASL/English Interpreting and is designed for students that have an interest in learning and improving their conversational skills in ASL. Courses are designed to develop vocabulary and communication ability. While all students will gain foundational knowledge in ASL, some may decide to continue on to complete the BA in ASL/English Interpreting and others who select a different major may also find value in the ability to communicate in ASL in a variety of other career options. This degree is also designed to better facilitate transfer students completing an Associates degree elsewhere to know what content is required at this level so they can move seamlessly into our BA program.

Admission Requirements

Students can begin taking the required courses for the AA in American Sign Language in one of two ways:

1. By beginning with any of the lower division courses (ASL 1010, 1020, 2010, or 2020--the first class depends on a student's background in ASL). Students who begin with 1020, 2010, or 2020 may receive vertical credits for the lower classes, if needed, according to policy. ASL 1500 and ASL 2000 are not eligible for vertical credits.
2. By taking the courses in sequence.

Program Curriculum

60 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext>)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
Associate of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement		3-8

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 8 credits numbered 1000 or above in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page¹
- Complete a 1020 or higher foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)
- Receive 8 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000
- Receive 8 transfer credits GEFL 1000 (grade C or higher) in a language not currently taught at Utah Tech

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 8 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)

- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

¹ General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#foreignlanguage requirementtext>)

ASL Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ASL 1010	Beginning American Sign Language I (ALCI)	4
ASL 1020	Beginning American Sign Language II (FL, ALCI)	4
ASL 1500	Exploring Deaf Culture Through Film	3
ASL 2000	Fingerspelling and Numbers in American Sign Language	2
ASL 2010	Intermediate American Sign Language I (ALCI)	4
ASL 2020	Intermediate American Sign Language II (ALCI)	4
Electives		
Complete courses in ENGL, COMM, THEA, or approved elective credits		9
Total Hours		30

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 60 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete the Utah Tech General Education requirements.
3. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
4. Grade B or higher in each Core Discipline and Emphasis course.

Graduation Plan

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
ASL 1010	4 ASL 1020	4
ASL 1500	3 ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3 General Education (Math) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
MATH 1010	4 General Education (Social/ Behavioral Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
SSC 1010	2 General Education (Physical Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
	16	16

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
ASL 2010	4 ASL 2020	4
ASL 2000	2 General Education (Literature/ Humanities) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3

General Education (Life Science) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3 General Education (American Institutions) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Fine Arts) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3 Electives	2
General Elective		3
12		15

Total Hours 59

AA American Sign Language Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to communicate in American Sign Language at an advanced level on a variety of subjects with other users of ASL.
2. Compare and contrast personal culture with deaf culture in terms of cultural artifacts, behaviors and traditions.
3. Use American Sign Language to connect with other disciplines and acquire information.
4. Develop insight into the nature of language and culture specifically what processes and parameters define what constitutes a language and its accompanying cultural aspects.
5. Use American Sign Language to generate participation in communities at home and worldwide.