

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING STUDIES (BS)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2024–Spring 2025 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

## Bachelor of Science in American Sign Language Interpreting Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)  
 Department: Classical and Modern Languages (<http://louisville.edu/modernlanguages/>)  
 Academic Plan Code(s): ASLIBS

## Program Information

UofL's American Sign Language Interpreting Studies (ASLIS) program provides students the training needed to function as qualified interpreters. This includes learning ASL, understanding the basics of ASL linguistics, Deaf history and culture, and the fundamentals of the interpreting process. We emphasize communicative and cultural competency as well as critical thinking abilities that can be used in both academic and non-academic careers.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

## Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	31
	College/School Requirements	7
	Program/Major Requirements <sup>1</sup>	55
	Supporting Courses	28
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

<sup>1</sup> Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

## Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BS in ASLIS not automatic. Entry requires functional fluency in ASL and basic interpreting competencies, a minimum overall GPA of 2.25, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in ASL and ITP courses. The final exam in ITP 220 also serves as part of the ASLIS screening process for entry into the major. Once accepted into the major, students need to work closely with their advisor. Seniors are required to complete roughly 450 hours in an advanced interpreting practicum. For more details, contact the Department.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink (<https://ulink.louisville.edu/>).

## General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>*</sup>	31

The following course is required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirements:

ITP 115	Introduction to Deaf Culture - D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
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\*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

## College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences Requirements</b>		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
Foreign Language: incorporated into plan requirements listed below <sup>1</sup>		
	Electives in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences at the 300 level or above <sup>2</sup>	6
WR: two approved courses at the 300-level or above <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>7</b>

## Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisite Courses</b>		
ITP 115	Introduction to Deaf Culture - D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) (may also be used as general education credit)	
ITP 220	Processing Skills for Interpreters <sup>4</sup>	3
ITP 225	Introduction to Interpreting	3
<b>Core Courses</b>		
ITP 210	Fingerspelling and Number Systems	3
ITP 310	Multiculturalism and Interpreting	3
ITP 320	English to ASL Interpreting I	3
ITP 325	ASL to English Interpreting I	3
ITP 350	Historical Perspectives on the Deaf Community - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ITP 370	Interpreting in Specialized Settings - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ITP 390	Linguistics and ASL	3
ITP 420	English to ASL Interpreting II	3
ITP 425	ASL to English Interpreting II	3

ITP 435	Educational Interpreting - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ITP 445	Interpreting in Healthcare Settings	3
ITP 470	Practicum in Interpreting I	3
ITP 490	Discourse Analysis	3

**Practicum**

ITP 495	Practicum in Interpreting II - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	10
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**Minimum Total Hours** **55**

**Code** **Title** **Hours**

**Supporting Courses**

ASL 101	American Sign Language 1	3
ASL 102	American Sign Language 2	3
ASL 201	American Sign Language 3	3
ASL 204	American Sign Language IV for Majors	3
ASL 301	American Sign Language Classifiers	3
ASL 302	American Sign Language Literature	3
ASL 400	American Sign Language Presentation Techniques	3
ASL 405	Advanced American Sign Language	2
Electives in the Division of Humanities, other than Interpreter Training, at the 300 level or above		3
General Elective		2

**Minimum Total Hours** **28**

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

**Code** **Title** **Hours**

**Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)**

Requirement fulfilled by completing:

ITP 495	Practicum in Interpreting II - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
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<sup>1</sup> Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to courses counted toward General Education.

<sup>3</sup> May be incorporated into the other degree requirements.

<sup>4</sup> The final exam in ITP 220 is part of the ASLIS screening process, which determines a student's eligibility to enter the program in the following fall.

**Flight Plan**

**Year 1**

Fall	Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101 Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101 Introduction to College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ASL 101 American Sign Language 1	3
ITP 115 Introduction to Deaf Culture - D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3

General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC	3

**Hours** **16**

**Spring**

ASL 102 American Sign Language 2	3
ENGL 102 Intermediate College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ITP 350 Historical Perspectives on the Deaf Community - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Historical Perspective Global Diversity - SBHD2	3
General Elective	1

**Hours** **16**

**Year 2**

**Fall**

ASL 201 American Sign Language 3	3
ITP 210 Fingerspelling and Number Systems	3
ITP 225 Introduction to Interpreting	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science with Lab - B	4
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities AH	3
General Elective	1

**Hours** **17**

**Spring**

ASL 204 American Sign Language IV for Majors	3
ITP 220 Processing Skills for Interpreters	3
ITP 310 Multiculturalism and Interpreting	3
ITP 390 Linguistics and ASL	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S	3

**Hours** **15**

**Year 3**

**Fall**

ASL 301 American Sign Language Classifiers	3
ITP 320 English to ASL Interpreting I	3
ITP 370 Interpreting in Specialized Settings - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ITP 490 Discourse Analysis	3
Natural Science or Social Science Elective (300 level or above)	3

**Hours** **15**

**Spring**

ASL 302 American Sign Language Literature	3
ITP 325 ASL to English Interpreting I	3
ITP 420 English to ASL Interpreting II (with consent of instructor)	3
ITP 435 Educational Interpreting - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
Humanities Elective (non-ITP) (300 level or above)	3

**Hours** **15**

**Year 4**

**Fall**

ASL 400 American Sign Language Presentation Techniques	3
ITP 425 ASL to English Interpreting II	3
ITP 445 Interpreting in Healthcare Settings	3
ITP 470 Practicum in Interpreting I	3
Natural Sciences or Social Science Elective (300 level or above)	3

**Hours** **15**

**Spring**

ASL 405 Advanced American Sign Language	2
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ITP 495	Practicum in Interpreting II - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	10
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

**Degree Audit Report**

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

**Flight Planner**

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

**To create these reports:**

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
  - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
  - b. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
  - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)