



Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

Department of Applied Psychology

Minor in American Sign Language

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steinhardt.nyu.edu/academics/sign_language
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This 16-credit minor prepares you for the intricate and intimate task of communicating, without voice, with the Deaf Community. You are immersed in Deaf culture where linguistic memes and patterns of behavior are examined in the context of grammar, slang, syntax, and geographic, localized, expressions.

Upon successful completion of the ASL Minor, you will have started down a path of new understanding and appreciation for a foreign language based on the proper execution of facial expression, handshapes, and body positioning. You'll have an excellent foundation to help extend your basic ASL fluency into the realm of interpreting, linguistics, and extended, contextual, social mores.

Is this the right Minor for you?

If you are considering a career in psychology, communication, social work, vocational rehabilitation, linguistics, or audiology, the ASL minor will help prepare you for concentrated study in the mastery of a language deeply tied to a culture and a community of shared understanding.

This minor is most appropriate for students interested in the following learning flows:

- › psychology
- › language acquisition
- › cultural memes
- › communication
- › social work
- › disability rights
- › healthcare
- › counseling
- › rehabilitation
- › mechanisms against discrimination

Who can declare this Minor?

The minor is open to all NYU undergraduate students.

How do I apply for this Minor?

Once you've decided to minor, you must apply in Albert. When you submit an application for the minor, it will be reviewed by both your home school and Steinhardt. If it is approved, the minor will appear on your transcript. If you are a Steinhardt student, you may not apply for this minor using the cross school minor application. You must use the minor declaration form which is available through your home department or the Steinhardt Office of Student Affairs.



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Program Specifics

All NYU ASL courses are restricted to matriculated undergraduates. Students with prior ASL learning may contact Janna Sweeney, Program Coordinator, to begin a fluency evaluation. Students are not permitted to place above ASL: Level II and earn the minor.

Required Courses: 16 Credits

The ASL minor may be completed in two ways:

- 1 Take ASL: Level I through ASL: Level IV
- 2 Take ASL: Level II through ASL: Level V
(If you place out of ASL: Level I)

ASL: Level I, ASL-UE 91 (4 credits)

ASL: Level II, ASL-UE 92 (4 credits)

ASL: Level III, ASL-UE 93 (4 credits)

ASL: Level IV, ASL-UE 94 (4 credits)

ASL: Level V, ASL-UE 95 (4 credits)

Further Information

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