

California 2025-2026 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog State University, Long Beach

Courses

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American Sign Language

ASLD 101 - American Sign Language 1

(4 units)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: One GE Foundation course.

For those who are beginning ASL, or who have had less than two years of high school ASL or equivalent. Introduction to pronunciation, receptive and expressive conversational skills without voice, and grammatical structures of American Sign Language (ASL). Development of appropriate linguistic/cultural behaviors and awareness of and respect for Deaf Culture.

Letter grade only (A-F).

ASLD 102 - American Sign Language 2

(4 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 101](#)
or equivalent.

Second semester introduction to pronunciation, receptive and expressive conversational skills without voice, and grammatical structures of American Sign Language (ASL). Includes development of appropriate linguistic/cultural behaviors and awareness of and respect for Deaf Culture.

Letter grade only (A-F).

ASLD 124 - American Deaf Cultures

(3 units)

Prerequisite: None

The course will explore issues of language, consciousness, culture, self-representation, identity, and social construction within and between groups. Focus will be on cultural oppression, power, contributions of folklore, literature, plays, Deaf art, and the impact of modern technology on multiple discourses of Deaf culture within America.

Letter grade only (A-F). Lecture 3 hours. No knowledge of a signed language or prior experience with this culture is required.

ASLD 151 - Mexican Sign Language 1

(4 units)

Effective Spring 2026 prerequisites will be: One GE Foundation course.

Basic knowledge and skills of Lengua de Señas Mexicana (LSM) and Mexican Deaf culture.

Expressive and receptive skills, grammar, cultural context and Mexican Deaf history. Fundamentals needed to initiate and partake in and understand basic LSM conversations with LSM users.

Letter grade only (A-F). Not repeatable for credit.

ASLD 152 - Mexican Sign Language 2

(4 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of ASLD 151 with a grade of 'C' or higher.

Effective Spring 2026 prerequisites will be: ASLD 151 with a grade of 'C' or better. One GE Foundations course.

Continued development of proficiency in Mexican Sign Language / Lengua de Señas Mexicana (LSM), alongside fostering deeper comprehension of Deaf Mexican culture. Through structured lessons, students enhance expressive and receptive skills, focusing on vocabulary, grammar, and interactive exercises within cultural context.

Letter grade only (A-F). Not repeatable for credit.

ASLD 201 - American Sign Language 3

(4 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 102](#)

or consent of instructor.

Low-to-mid intermediate-level ASL focusing on receptive and expressive conversational skills without voice, using manual and nonmanual, spatial, and temporal grammatical structures.

Letter grade only (A-F). (Lecture 4 hours.)

ASLD 202 - American Sign Language 4

(4 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 201](#)

or consent of instructor.

Mid-to-high intermediate level ASL focusing on receptive and expressive ASL skills without voice, using manual and non-manual, spatial, and temporal grammatical structures.

Letter grade only (A-F). Lecture 4 hours.

ASLD 211 - Beginning Interpreting and Ethics 1

(3 units)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: ASLD 124, ASLD 201 or consent of instructor.

This course is designed to provide students with the historical, theoretical, and practical knowledge of the ASL-English interpreting profession.

Letter grade only (A-F). (Lecture 3 hours.)

ASLD 212 - Beginning Interpreting and Ethics 2

(3 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 124 or consent of instructor](#)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: LING 170 / ANTH 170; ASLD 202 or consent of instructor.

This course is designed to provide students with the cognitive skills needed to begin translating from English to ASL, and ASL to English.

Letter grade only (A-F). (Lecture 3 hours.)

ASLD 305 - ASL Literature and Poetry

(4 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 124](#)

and [ASLD 202](#)

; or consent of instructor.

This course is an advanced course in receptive and expressive ASL skills in interactive and literary styles.

Letter grade only (A-F). Lecture 3 hours, Lab 2 hours.

ASLD 306 - American Sign Language Linguistics

(3 units)

Prerequisite: [LING 170](#)

/ [ANTH 170](#)

and [ASLD 102](#)

. Both are required.

Analyses of linguistic structures of American Sign Language (ASL) varieties in the USA. Comparisons of spoken and signed languages, and of signed languages globally.

Letter grade only (A-F).

ASLD 311 - Intermediate Interpreting and Ethics 1

(4 units)

Corequisite: [ASLD 305](#)

; admission to the BA Option in ASL-English interpreting; or consent of instructor

Prerequisite/Corequisite: [ANTH 170](#)

/[LING 170](#)

, [ASLD 124](#)

, and [ASLD 212](#)

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Skills in translation between ASL and English acquired within current theories of interpretation and ethics.

Letter grade only (A-F). Lecture 3 hours, Lab 2 hours.

ASLD 312 - Intermediate Interpreting and Ethics 2

(4 units)

Prerequisite: ASLD 311; admission to the BA Option in ASL-English interpreting; or consent of instructor.

Skills in consecutive interpreting between ASL and English acquired within current theories of interpretation and ethics.

Letter grade only (A-F). (Lecture 3 hours, Lab 2 hours.)

ASLD 324 - Critical Deaf and Disability Studies

(3 units)

Prerequisite(s)/ Corequisite(s): ASLD 201 or consent of instructor

This course will explore Deaf and Disability issues at an advanced critical thinking level, using Critical Race Theory, Critical Disability and Queer theory.

Letter Grade Only (A-F). Not repeatable for credit

ASLD 411 - Advanced Interpreting and Ethics 1

(4 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 312](#)

; admission to the BA Option in ASL-English interpreting; or consent of instructor.

This course will focus on simultaneous interpreting from English to ASL, contextualized by current theories of interpreting and ethics.

Letter grade only (A-F). (Lecture 3 hours, Lab 2 hours.)

ASLD 412 - Advanced Interpreting and Ethics 2

(4 units)

Prerequisite: [ASLD 411](#)

; admission to the BA Option in ASL-English interpreting; or consent of instructor.

This course will focus on simultaneous interpreting from ASL to English, contextualized by current theories of interpretation and ethics.

Letter grade only (A-F). (Lecture 3 hours, Lab 2 hours.)

ASLD 424 - Global Deaf Cultures and Languages

(3 units)

Prerequisite: [ANTH 170](#)

/[LING 170](#)

, [ASLD 101](#)

(formerly LING 151), and [ASLD 124](#)

; or consent of instructor.

This course focuses on global Deaf cultures and their signed languages.

Letter grade only (A-F).

ASLD 434 - Practicum

(3 units)

Prerequisite: admission to the BA Option in ASL-English interpreting; or consent of instructor.

Corequisite: ASLD 412.

Exposure and experience in using ASL/spoken English interpreting skills in settings with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Letter grade only (A-F).

ASLD 444 - Exam Preparation

(1 unit)

Prerequisite: admission to the BA Option in ASL-English interpreting; or consent of instructor.

Corequisite: ASLD 412.

Preparation for the Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf written exam.

Both grading options.

ASLD 456 - Sign Language Sociolinguistics

(3 units)

Prerequisites: [ASLD 305](#)

and [ASLD 306](#)

This course provides students with a wider understanding of language variations that exist within signing Deaf communities. Sociolinguistics topics include sign language variation based on age of acquisition factors, geographic factors, social factors, language contact, and unimodal/bimodal bilingualism and multilingualism.

Letter grade only (A-F). Not repeatable for credit.

ASLD 490 - Special Topics in ASL Linguistics and Deaf Cultures

(1-6 units)

Prerequisite(s): Consent of Instructor.

Investigation of topics of current interest and concern to students in ASL linguistics and allied areas.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics.

ASLD 499 - Directed Study in ASL Linguistics and Deaf Cultures

(1-6 units)

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Independent study under the supervision of a faculty member.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units in different semesters.

Linguistics

General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper division course except upper division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

ASLD 299 - Supplementary ASL Study

(4 units)

Prerequisite: Department consent.

Guided American Sign Language study program tailored to student needs, in coordination with a section of ASLD 101, 102, 201 or 202.

Letter grade only (A-F). Work agreement required. May be repeated to 8 units in different semesters.

ASLD 300 - Professional Development for ASLD majors

(1 unit)

Strategies for academic and career success for sign language linguists and professionals in deaf/disabled fields.

Credit / No Credit only. Not repeatable for credit.

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