

# American Sign Language B.A. Concentration in Advocacy - 4 Year Degree Plan

2026-2027

Lamar University's **Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language** with a concentration in **advocacy** prepares you for working with the deaf community. Each student must complete a required departmental core of courses, which includes ASL, linguistics of fingerspelling, global deaf communities, etc. In addition, each student will complete the pedagogy courses required for licensure. The program is offered only on-campus and will gain documented proficiency in ASL, validity within the deaf community and networking opportunities within the professional community. - Contact UAC at [advising@lamar.edu](mailto:advising@lamar.edu), 409-880-8822, [lamar.edu/findadvisor](http://lamar.edu/findadvisor)

NOTE: Degree plans may change over a four-year period. This may not be the most current list of course requirements for your program. It is always advised that you check Degree Audit in Banner Self-Serv or your advisor for the most up-to-date degree requirements and to track your progress toward a degree.

FIRST YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	DSDE 1371	ASL I	3	___	DSDE 2371	ASL III	3	___
	DSDE 1372	ASL II	3	___	DSDE 2372	American Sign Language IV	3	___
	ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	___	ENGL 1302	Composition II	3	___
	HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	3	___	MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	3	___
	DSDE 1379	ASL Structure	3	___	DSDE 2382	ASL Linguistics	3	___
	Hours	15	___		Hours	15	___	

SECOND YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	DSDE 2380	ASL V	3	___	Creative Arts		3	___
	DSDE 2381	ASL VI	3	___	POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3	___
	DSDE 1377	Introduction to Deaf Education	3	___	DSDE 3311	Advocacy and Services for Deaf/Hard of Hearing	3	___
	DSDE 2384	Linguistics and Fingerspelling	3	___	Life and Physical Science		3	___
	DSDE 1378	Intro to Interpreting	3	___	Language, Philosophy and Culture		3	___
	Hours	15	___		Hours	15	___	

THIRD YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3	___	PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3	___
	DSDE 3322	Research Theory	3	___	Component Area Option		3	___
	POLS 2302	Intro American Government II	3	___	DSDE 3328	Deafhood and Allyship	3	___
	DSDE 3307	ASL Literature	3	___	Electives		6	___
	COMM 1315	Public Speaking I	3	___				___
	Hours	15	___		Hours	15	___	

FOURTH YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	DSDE 3303	Interpreting for Diverse Deaf Communities	3	___	DSDE 4308	Teaching ASL as a Second Language	3	___
	DSDE 3312	Social Justice Advocacy	3	___	DSDE 4320	Global Deaf Communities	3	___
	DSDE 4309	Practicum	3	___	Elective		3	___
	Elective		3	___	DSDE 4620	Internship Advocacy	6	___
	Life and Physical Science		3	___				___
	Hours	15	___		Hours	15	___	