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Subject:	Proposal to revise the ASL Minor
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Kristin:

The proposal from the American Sign Language (ASL) program to revise the ASL Minor was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on October 7, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2027).

The Office of the University Registrar will work with you on any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Val Williams (.1415), or me.

I wish you success with this important program development.

Randy

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Dear Randy and Katie,

Please find attached a proposal to revise the ASL Minor. The ASC Curriculum Committee (ASCC) approved the revision on Friday, September 18, 2026.

We are now advancing the proposal for review by CAA. The attached documents are: (1) the actual proposal and (2) the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 cover letter to ASCC .

Please use this email as a cover letter indicating that the proposal has been duly reviewed and approved by the appropriate ASC curricular bodies (including the full ASC Curriculum Committee).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Bernadette

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September 16, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On September 8, 2026, Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 reviewed a request from the American Sign Language Program to make changes to their American Sign Language Studies minor, which necessitates making corrections to their advising sheet. The increased availability of additional courses in American Sign Language is the basis for the requested modifications, which I summarize here:

- Make ASL 3105 an elective instead of a core course so that students will have more flexibility to personalize their study of ASL and Deaf communities;
- Remove English 2277, Linguistics 2000, and Linguistics 2000H from the elective options, given the expanded availability of additional ASL courses;
- Correct the title of ASL 3650 to *Deaf Culture and History*;
- Update the course title and credit hours associated with ASL 4189S to "Immersive Service Learning Within Deaf Communities" due to its approval for GE Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World with a 4 credit hour HIP Service Learning component;
- Change ARTSSCI 5797 to ASL 3797 and update the course title to "Study at a Foreign Institution;"
- Add all new ASL courses offered by the ASL Program (ASL 3450, 3750, 4104, 4250, and 4350).

Adding more ASL courses as elective options for students taking the minor will not affect students currently in the process of completing it.

A&H Subcommittee 1 voted unanimously to approve the request. The proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Warm regards,



Dr. Mary Anne Beecher, Professor
Chair, ASC Curriculum Subcommittee 1

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May 5, 2026

Dear ASC Curriculum Committee,

The American Sign Language Studies minor was first approved in 2020. Over the past six years, the ASL Program has grown exponentially. In April, the Ohio Department of Higher Education approved the new major, ASL: Applied Communication and Community Studies. In 2025, we established OSU's relationship with the Study Abroad for Deaf and Signers in Siena, Italy. Thanks to investment by the College, our instructional staffing has more than doubled, we hired an Associate Professor (serving 50% in the ASL Program/Buckeye Sign Language and Multimodal Collaborative and 50% in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), and two instructors were promoted to Assistant Professors of Teaching. A Director of Undergraduate Studies, Language Director, and Assistant to the Language Director have also been appointed within the ranks.

Although separate from the ASL Program, the Buckeye Sign Language and Multimodal Collaborative was established in 2024 to collaborate across the university and local communities with interests in multimodal languaging. This academic year, the center hosted five presentations/workshops for the university and deaf communities. The collaborative also runs the post-baccalaureate ASL Elementary-Level Teaching Certificate, (inaugural cohort during Spring 2026). Two of the certificate courses have cross-enrollment with undergraduates in the minor and major.

The increasingly rich experiences afforded by our new initiatives and courses, leads to today's revision request for the ASL Studies Minor Advising Sheet. The proposal includes the following changes:

1. ASL 3105: shift from a core course to an elective. Reducing the number of core courses provides students increased flexibility to personalize their study of ASL and Deaf communities. For example, instead of taking ASL 3105 to learn about ASL Literature (ASL poetry, storytelling art forms, etc.), a student may wish to pursue more development of signed conversation skills and understanding of the signing communities.
2. English 2277, Linguistics 2000, Linguistics 2000H: remove three elective options taught in English by departments outside of the ASL Program
3. ASL 3650: course title correction to Deaf Culture and History
4. ASL 4189S: revise course title and credit hours because the course was revised and approved for the GE Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World category with a 4 CH HIP Service-Learning component
5. ARTSSCI 5797 to ASL 3797: update course title
6. ASL 3450, ASL 3750, ASL 4104, ASL 4250, ASL 4350: add all new ASL courses offered by the ASL Program within the major

Students who have already declared the minor will not be negatively impacted. By adding new elective options, students have greater flexibility in completing the minor.

We appreciate the College and the Curriculum Committee for their ongoing support. The ASL Program is thrilled to continue the momentum and provide innovative programming for the university.

Sincerely,

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Current/Old Advising Sheet w/ Track Changes

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The American Sign Language (ASL) Studies Minor will add to the undergraduate major field of study by creating professionals who can utilize ASL relevant to their field, create direct interactions with local Deaf communities, and generate opportunities for research currently unexplored.

The ASL Studies Minor consists of 12 hours of course work and up to 12 hours of prerequisites.

Prerequisite Courses (0-3 courses; 0-12 CH)
To complete the required minor coursework (see required courses below), students must first demonstrate intermediate proficiency through ASL 1103. This proficiency can be demonstrated by:

- The Seal of Biliteracy
- Placement testing
- Credit by examination
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- A combination of testing and coursework

The beginning course sequence for ASL is as follows:
ASL 1101 (4) > 1102 (4) > 1103 (4)

Core Course (1 course; 3 CH):

- **ASL 2104**: American Sign Language Conversational Discourse I (3)

Elective Courses (3 courses; 9 CH):
Choose three of the following courses; only one elective may be taught in English (E).

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- **ASL 3797**: Study at a Foreign Institution (up to 6)

Students who complete the Siena, Italy Study Abroad for Deaf and Signers may earn credit for ASL 3104 and ASL 3350 for a total of six credit hours.

ASL Studies Minor Program Guidelines

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