

# Universities That Accept ASL In Fulfillment Of Foreign Language Requirements

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See the new Notes section below for more specific information about schools, state acceptance of ASL as a foreign language, etc. If you have information about your school or state that you would like added to the Notes section, please [contact](#) me.

1. Abilene Christian University
2. American University
3. Antioch College (Ohio)
4. Arcadia University
5. Arizona State University
6. Augsburg College (Minneapolis, MN)
7. Baylor University
8. Bethel College (Indiana)
9. Boston University
10. Brandeis University
11. Brigham Young University
12. Brown University
13. Butler University (Indiana)
14. Cabrillo College (California)
15. California State University (Fresno)
16. California State University (Hayward)
17. California State University (Monterey Bay)
18. California State University (Northridge)
19. California State University (Sacramento)
20. California State University (San Marcos)
21. Capital University (Columbus, OH)
22. Catholic University
23. Central Washington University
24. Centralia College
25. Clark University (Worcester, MA)
26. Clemson University
27. College of St. Catherine (MN)
28. College of Southern Idaho
29. College of Staten Island
30. College of St. Rose (Albany, NY)
31. Dallas Baptist University
32. East Central Oklahoma State University
33. Eastern Illinois University
34. Eastern Washington University
35. Elms College (Chicopee MA)
36. The Evergreen College (Washington)
37. Florida A & M University
38. Florida Atlantic University
39. Florida Atlantic University Honors College (Wilkes Honors College)
40. Florida Gulf Coast University
41. Florida International University
42. Florida State University
43. Fresno Pacific University
44. Gardner-Webb University
45. George Mason University
46. Georgetown University
47. Goshen College
48. Holy Cross College (Worcester, MA)
49. Howard University
50. Howard Payne University
51. Illinois State University
52. Indiana University
53. Kent State University
54. Lamar University
55. Linfield College
56. Loyola University
57. Lubbock Christian University
58. MacMurray College (Jacksonville IL)
59. Madonna University
60. Mary Hardin Baylor University
61. Maryville College
62. Messiah College
63. Michigan State University
64. Montclair State University
65. Neumann College (Aston, PA)
66. New College of Florida
67. New York University (School of Education)
68. National Technical Institute for the Deaf (Rochester, NY)
69. Northeastern University
70. Ohio State University
71. Oklahoma State University
72. Pacific Lutheran University
73. Portland State University
74. Purdue University
75. Radford University (Radford, VA)
76. Russell Sage College (Troy, NY)
77. Sacramento Community College
78. San Antonio College
79. San Diego State University
80. Scripps College (Claremont, CA)
81. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
82. Stanford University
83. SUNY Brockport (see note below)
84. SUNY Buffalo
85. SUNY Fredonia
86. SUNY Geneseo
87. SUNY Oswego
88. Stephen F. Austin University
89. Tennessee Temple University
90. Texas A & M University - College Station
91. Texas A & M University - Commerce
92. Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi
93. Texas State University
94. Texas Tech University
95. Texas Wesleyan University
96. Texas Woman's University
97. University of Akron
98. University of Alaska (Fairbanks)
99. University of Arizona
100. University of Arkansas (Little Rock)
101. University of Buffalo
102. University of Calif. at Berkeley  
(accepted for entrance, not exit, requirements)
103. University of Calif. at San Diego
104. University of Calif. at Davis

- 105.University of Central Florida
- 106.University of Chicago
- 107.University of Cincinnati
- 108.University of Colorado-Boulder
- 109.University of Connecticut
- 110.University of Florida
- 111.University of Georgia (Athens)
- 112.University of Hawaii (Manoa)
- 113.University of Iceland
- 114.University of Iowa
- 115.University of Kansas
- 116.University of Louisville (KY)
- 117.University of Maryland
- 118.University of Massachusetts
- 119.University of Maine at Machias
- 120.University of Michigan
- 121.University of Minnesota
- 122.University of Missouri (all campuses)
- 123.University of Nevada-Reno
- 124.University of New Hampshire (Durham)
- 125.University of New Hampshire (Manchester)
- 126.University of New Mexico
- 127.University of North Carolina (Charlotte)
- 128.University of North Carolina (Greensboro)
- 129.University of North Carolina (Wilmington)
- 130.University of North Florida
- 131.University of North Texas (Denton)
- 132.University of Northern Iowa
- 133.University of Pennsylvania
- 134.University of Pittsburgh
- 135.University of Rochester
- 136.University of South Florida
- 137.University of Southern Florida
- 138.University of Texas - Austin
- 139.University of Texas - Pan American
- 140.University of Texas-San Antonio
- 141.University of Tulsa
- 142.University of Utah
- 143.University of Virginia
- 144.University of Washington
- 145.University of West Florida
- 146.University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- 147.University of Wyoming
- 148.Utah State University
- 149.Utah Valley State College
- 150.Vassar College
- 151.Virginia Tech
- 152.Washington State University
- 153.West Virginia University (School of Journalism majors)
- 154.Western Oregon University
- 155.Western Washington University
- 156.William Woods University
- 157.Wright State University (Ohio)
- 158.Xavier University (Cincinnati)
- 159.Xavier University (Louisiana)
- 160.Yale University

### **Please Note (Disclaimer):**

Some people have asked about how information is obtained for this page, and thus whether it is exhaustive and accurate. I must point out three things about the list.

First, I have not contacted these schools. The list began almost 10 years ago when I was in contact with colleagues who were able to supply reliable information. I collected this information and made it available on request. Later, I made the list available on the web. As more and more people read this list and provide new information, it has become ever more difficult to ensure the accuracy of the information. Increasingly, the data for the list comes from people -- students, faculty, or administrators -- at these schools who have contacted me and reported that the school accepts ASL as a foreign language. When I find an institution to be incorrectly listed, I immediately remove it from the list. If readers know or suspect that a listed school does not accept ASL, please let me know so that I can remove the school from this list.

Second, the type of acceptance can vary greatly from school to school. Some institutions have formal policies accepting ASL in fulfillment of the foreign language requirement. Others accept ASL only within certain colleges, divisions, or departments. Still others may accept ASL on an ad hoc basis for certain majors. I attempt to exclude schools from the list when I can determine that the "acceptance" is on an individual or ad hoc basis. I cannot guarantee that I always catch these cases, however.

Third, because this is an informal list, it is not exhaustive. There may be schools which accept ASL as a foreign language which are not listed. If readers know of schools accepting ASL in fulfillment of the undergraduate foreign language requirements which are not listed, please contact me. It is helpful if you include the email address for a contact person at the institution. It is even better if you ask an official at the institution to contact me directly.

### **Notes**

#### **Kentucky**

In Kentucky any state college or university that offers ASL must accept it as a modern language credit. When a high school student takes it at the high school level it can satisfy their modern language entrance requirement for any state school.

#### **Maryland**

The University System of Maryland (USM) now accepts ASL as a foreign language. This statewide policy will cause Maryland universities and local school boards to adopt similar policies concerning ASL instruction. Montgomery County has been the first to do so.

### **Washington**

Legislation mandates that ASL meets foreign language high school graduation and four-year admission requirements:

“Pursuant to any foreign language requirement established by the state board of education or a local school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation, students who receive instruction in American Sign Language shall be considered to have satisfied the state or local school district foreign language graduation requirement. Minimum admission standards will be established for four-year institutions, including a requirement that coursework in American Sign Language shall satisfy any foreign language requirement the board or the institution may establish as a general undergraduate admissions requirement.”

### **SUNY System**

Certain restrictions on which majors may use ASL to meet foreign language requirements may apply at SUNY system schools.

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