

# Universities That Accept ASL In Fulfillment Of Foreign Language Requirements

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PLEASE NOTE: This list is for colleges and universities that accept ASL in fulfillment of GRADUATION requirements. It does NOT address ADMISSION requirements. See the new Notes section below for more specific information about schools and 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. Anderson University, SC
4. Antioch College (Ohio)
5. Arcadia University
6. Arizona State University
7. Augsburg College (Minneapolis, MN)
8. Augustana University
9. Austin College
10. Baylor University (only in School of Education and the College of Health and Human Sciences)
11. Bethel College (Indiana)
12. Boston University
13. Bowling Green State University
14. Brandeis University
15. Brigham Young University
16. Brown University
17. Butler University (Indiana)
18. Cabrillo College (California)
19. California State University system: All 23 CSU campuses accept ASL in fulfillment of the foreign language graduation requirement
20. Capital University (Columbus, OH)
21. Catholic University
22. Central Connecticut State 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. Framingham State University
44. Fresno Pacific University
45. Gardner-Webb University
46. George Mason University
47. Georgetown University
48. Goshen College
49. Holy Cross College (Worcester, MA)
50. Howard University
51. Howard Payne University
52. Illinois State University
53. Indiana University
54. Kent State University
55. Lamar University
56. Linfield College
57. Loyola University
58. Lubbock Christian University
59. MacMurray College (Jacksonville IL)
60. Madonna University
61. Mary Hardin Baylor University
62. Maryville College
63. McDaniel College
64. Messiah College
65. Miami University (Oxford OH)
66. Michigan State University
67. Montclair State University
68. Neumann University (Aston, PA)
69. New College of Florida
70. New Mexico Highlands University
71. New York University (School of Education)
72. National Technical Institute for the Deaf (Rochester, NY)
73. North Greenville University (SC)
74. Northeastern University

75. Northern Arizona University
76. Northern Illinois University
77. Ohio State University
78. Ohio University
79. Oklahoma State University
80. Oregon State University
81. Pacific Lutheran University
82. Portland State University
83. Purdue University
84. Radford University (Radford, VA)
85. Russell Sage College (Troy, NY)
86. Sacramento Community College
87. San Antonio College
88. San Diego State University
89. Saint Francis University
90. Scripps College (Claremont, CA)
91. Southern Connecticut State University
92. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
93. Southern Methodist University
94. Southern Oregon University
95. Stanford University
96. SUNY Albany
97. SUNY Brockport
98. SUNY Buffalo
99. SUNY Empire State
100. SUNY Fredonia
101. SUNY Geneseo
102. SUNY Oneonta
103. SUNY Oswego
104. SUNY Plattsburgh
105. SUNY Stony Brook
106. Stephen F. Austin University
107. Tennessee Temple University
108. Texas A&M University - Central Texas
109. Texas A & M University - College Station
110. Texas A & M University - Commerce
111. Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi
112. Texas State University
113. Texas Tech University
114. Texas Wesleyan University
115. Texas Woman's University
116. Truman State University
117. Tufts University
118. University of Akron
119. University of Alaska (Fairbanks)
120. University of Arizona
121. University of Arkansas (Little Rock)
122. University of Buffalo
123. University of Calif. at Berkeley
124. University of Calif. at San Diego
125. University of Calif. at Davis
126. University of California Los Angeles
127. University of Central Florida
128. University of Chicago
129. University of Cincinnati
130. University of Colorado-Boulder
131. University of Connecticut
132. University of Findlay (Ohio)
133. University of Florida
134. University of Georgia (Athens)
135. University of Hawaii (Manoa)
136. University of Iceland
137. University of Illinois-Chicago
138. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
139. University of Iowa
140. University of Kansas
141. University of Louisville (KY)
142. University of Maryland
143. University of Massachusetts
144. University of Maine at Machias
145. University of Miami
146. University of Michigan
147. University of Minnesota
148. University of Missouri (all campuses)
149. University of Nevada-Reno
150. University of New Hampshire (Durham)
151. University of New Hampshire (Manchester)
152. University of New Mexico
153. University of North Carolina (Asheville)
154. University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
155. University of North Carolina (Charlotte)
156. University of North Carolina (Greensboro)
157. University of North Carolina (Wilmington)
158. University of North Florida
159. University of North Texas (Denton)
160. University of Northern Colorado
161. University of Northern Iowa
162. University of Oregon
163. University of Pennsylvania
164. University of Pittsburgh
165. University of Rochester
166. University of San Francisco
167. University of South Florida
168. University of Southern Florida
169. University of Tennessee
170. University of Texas - Austin
171. University of Texas - Pan American

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| 172.University of Texas-San Antonio      | 186.Washington State University                            |
| 173.University of Tulsa                  | 187.Weber State University                                 |
| 174.University of Utah                   | 188.West Virginia University (School of Journalism majors) |
| 175.University of Vermont                | 189.Western Oregon University                              |
| 176.University of Virginia               | 190.Western Washington University                          |
| 177.University of Washington             | 191.William Rainey Harper College (Palatine, IL)           |
| 178.University of West Florida           | 192.William Woods University                               |
| 179.University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire | 193.Wright State University (Ohio)                         |
| 180.University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  | 194.Xavier University (Cincinnati)                         |
| 181.University of Wyoming                | 195.Xavier University (Louisiana)                          |
| 182.Utah State University                | 196.Yale University  |
| 183.Utah Valley University               |  |
| 184.Vassar College                       |  |
| 185.Virginia Tech                        |  |

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**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**

**California**

All 23 California State University campuses accept ASL in fulfillment of the foreign language graduation requirement

**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.”

<http://www.unm.edu/~wilcox/UNM/univlist.html>