

# Lakeland

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROGRAM GUIDE

Applied Studies Division

## American Sign Language (ASL)

- Associate of Applied Science Degree in American Sign Language (ASL) Studies

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# American Sign Language (ASL)



American Sign Language (ASL) is one of the five most commonly used languages in the United States. American Sign Language is a vital language and is used for communication with and amongst Deaf people, nonverbal individuals and individuals with speech impediments.

## Career Opportunities

Northeast Ohio is home to a relatively large Deaf population and boasts several organizations that create a regular demand for skilled individuals who are familiar with Deaf culture and American Sign Language. In particular, there is a shortage of trained educational interpreters in Northeast Ohio. Many of our graduates transfer to local interpreting programs and are expected to fill this growing need.

## Lakeland's Program

Lakeland's American Sign Language studies program offers a two-year course of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree in applied American Sign Language. Lakeland's program offers a foundation in American Sign Language studies and acquaints students with basic issues of concern to the Deaf community. The program offers an opportunity for individuals who plan to work in the Deaf community to increase their understanding of American Sign Language and Deaf culture in order to strengthen their knowledge and their communication skills.

## The Lakeland Advantage

- American Sign Language classes average less than 15 students fostering interaction with peers and faculty.
- Lakeland's faculty are well respected members of the Deaf community, including native speakers and licensed interpreters.
- Opportunities for refining language skills are offered through engaging student-centered classes and integrated extracurricular activities.
- Students receive opportunities to partner with local Deaf organizations and community members.



## Lakeland Community College Admission Requirements

For admission into Lakeland, students must be a high school graduate or have obtained a high school diploma equivalency. Please consult Lakeland Community College's Enrollment Guide (available on Lakeland's website at [lakelandcc.edu/enrollment](http://lakelandcc.edu/enrollment)) for specific admissions requirements and procedures.

## For more information










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## Applied American Sign Language Studies (9312)


### Associate of Applied Science Degree

This program is designed to give students a foundation in American Sign Language (ASL) and to acquaint them with basic issues of concern to the Deaf community. Furthermore, the program offers an opportunity to individuals already working in the Deaf community to increase their understanding of ASL and Deaf culture in order to strengthen their knowledge and their communication skills. This program will give students sufficient training to:

1. allow for effective communication with Deaf persons in informal settings in teaching, human services, or healthcare;
2. enhance their credentials for employment opportunities which do not require interpreter certification but do assign value to skills in ASL and knowledge of Deaf culture;
3. earn the academic qualifications for entry into advanced studies at universities offering sign language programs;
4. enter an interpreter training program, after which they may sit for a certification examination, sponsored by the national licensing organization.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>First Semester</b>		
ASLI 1100	Introduction to American Sign Language I 	4
ASLI 1550	Deaf History and Culture 	3
COMM 1000	Effective Public Speaking	3
ENGL 1110 or ENGL 1111	English Composition I (A) <sup>1</sup> or English Composition I (B)	3
FYEX 1000	First Year Experience	1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ASLI 1200	Introduction to American Sign Language II 	4
ASLI 2700	Resources Concerning the Deaf Community 	3
ENGL 1120	English Composition II	3
PSYC 1500	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCY 1150	Principles of Sociology	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
ASLI 1700	Deaf Literature 	3
ASLI 1800	American Sign Language I 	4
Select course(s) from the Arts and Humanities Electives list		3
Select course(s) from the Related Electives list		3
Select any course as a general elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
ASLI 1830	American Sign Language: Discourse 	3
ASLI 1850	American Sign Language II 	4
ASLI 2750	Applied Issues Concerning the Deaf Community 	3
Select course(s) from the Related Electives list		3
Select any Mathematics course from MATH 1330 or higher		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup> English course selection is based on placement test results (ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B) is 4 credits, only 3 credits apply to the degree).

 This course is designated as a technical course in the program. Students must earn a "C" grade or higher in the course to fulfill the college's graduation requirements policy.

## Electives

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Related Electives</b>		
COMM 1100 or COMM 2000	Effective Interpersonal Communications Advanced Public Speaking	3
ENGL 2275	Multicultural Literary Studies	3
HMSV 1115	Introduction to Human Services	3
HMSV 1215	Dealing with Diversity	3
LING 1500	Introduction to Linguistics	3
PHIL 1500	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2700	Ethics	3
PSYC 2800	Social Psychology	3
SOCY 2000	Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	3
THEA 1200	Acting I	3
<b>Arts and Humanities Electives</b>		
ARTS 1120	Art Appreciation	3
ARTS 2220	Survey of Art I	3
ARTS 2230	Survey of Art II	3
ENGL 2250	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENGL 2260	Survey of American Literature II	3
ENGL 2280	Survey of British Literature I	3
ENGL 2290	Survey of British Literature II	3
HUMX 1100	Introduction to Humanities	3
HUMX 1200	The American Experience in the Arts	3
MUSC 1200	Music Appreciation	3
MUSC 1215	World Music	3
MUSC 1800	Popular Music: Rock, Jazz, Country, and Hip-Hop	3
MUSC 2200	Music History and Literature I	3
MUSC 2250	Music History and Literature II	3
PHIL 1500	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2000	Comparative Religion	3
PHOT 1000	History of Photography	3

### Quality Education

Professors at Lakeland are experts in their fields with real-world experience. Lakeland prepares you for a high-demand career or for transfer to a four-year college or university. Access to bachelor's and graduate degrees is available on campus from partner institutions through Lakeland's Holden University Center ([lakelandcc.edu/uc](http://lakelandcc.edu/uc)).

### Affordable Tuition

Lakeland's tuition is about one-third the cost of most four-year schools. More than 50 percent of Lakeland students receive some form of financial assistance ([lakelandcc.edu/tuition](http://lakelandcc.edu/tuition)).

### Convenience

Lakeland offers convenient day, evening, weekend and online courses ([lakelandcc.edu/schedule](http://lakelandcc.edu/schedule)).

### Focus on Students

Lakeland offers a variety of student services to help you succeed, such as counseling, tutoring, computer labs, career services, free parking and affordable child care.

## Opportunity starts HERE

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**Apply** online: [lakelandcc.edu/apply](http://lakelandcc.edu/apply)

### Accreditation

Lakeland Community College is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and participates in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, phone: 800.621.7440, [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org).

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