

Welcome to American Sign Language Placement for Kent State University

Thank you for your interest in studying ASL at Kent State. To help facilitate your placement in ASL we have moved placements to an online video language sample to be submitted via [your Kent State Google Drive](#).

Q: Do I need placement if I want to learn ASL but I have not taken any classes before?

A: If you have no prior knowledge of ASL, you do not need an ASL placement. You should simply register for the Elementary ASL I course (ASL 19201).

Q: I have taken ASL in high school and I want to continue learning more. Which placement interview should I submit?

A: If you have taken an ASL class either in high school or through a community non-credit course or two, you should select the level you feel most comfortable entering. Keep in mind, two years of high school might be similar to one semester at the college level.

Q: I'm not sure where I am in terms of proficiency. How do I know which level to submit my video for?

A: Use the provided prompts and the description of what you should know how to do at each level as a guide. Your actual placement is based on your language sample. If you submitted your video for a level higher or lower than your actual proficiency, we'll do our best to place you where we think you belong. Keep in mind that some levels are not offered every semester and course offerings by KSU campuses vary.

Q: I'm transferring from another Ohio college or university that is TAG (Transfer Assurance Guide) approved. How does that affect my placement?

A: TAG approved courses will transfer to Kent State according to state guidelines. You will be able to register for the next course in the sequence up to and including Intermediate ASL II. Even so, you can complete a placement with KSU if you want to ensure you get the best fit for your proficiency level.

Q: I took ASL as a College Credit Plus (CCP) course. How do I know which class to register for?

A: If the CCP course was offered through Kent State or if the CCP course was from a TAG approved course from another Ohio college or university, you can sign up for the next ASL course in the sequence. If you have difficulties with transfer credits, refer to [this guide](#) or contact the transfer office from the links listed.

Q: I have some advanced ASL knowledge. Where should I start?

A: Students who have native, near-native or advanced proficiency should contact [Larry Nehring](#) (ASL Instructor) to make arrangements for an in-person interview.

Summary

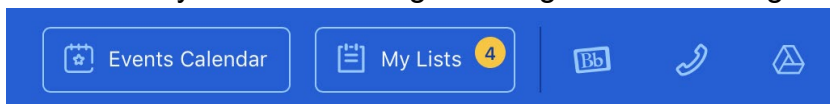
If you don't know any ASL	You should	Register for ASL 19201
If you took one year of high school ASL or one semester of college ASL	You should read these instructions	Record and Share your language sample for ASL 19202 with LNehring@kent.edu
If you took two years of high school ASL or two semesters of college ASL	You should read these instructions	Record and Share your language sample for ASL 29201 with LNehring@kent.edu
If you took three years of high school ASL or three semesters of college ASL	You should read these instructions	Submit your language sample for ASL 29202 with LNehring@kent.edu
If you took four years of high school ASL or four semesters of college level ASL	You should	Email: LNehring@kent.edu to make arrangements for an in-person (or online) interview.
If you have advanced ASL proficiency from significant training or immersion	You should	Email: LNehring@kent.edu to make arrangements for an in-person (or online) interview.

(Video submission guidelines on next page.)

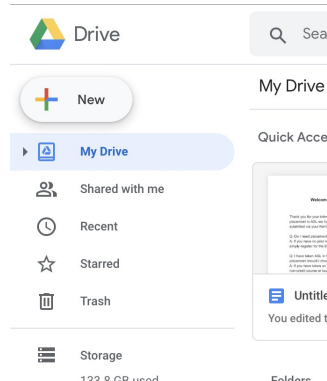
What you need to submit your video recorded language sample


You'll need access to a computer or phone with good quality video (not pixelated or with hazy lag) and high upload internet speed. You will also need to be in an uncluttered and well lit room with no backlighting that is free from distraction. Please dress in “dress casual” style in a plain solid color that contrasts with your skin tone. Record in landscape mode framing yourself so that your waist is visible and there is about a hand width of space above your head. The amount of space to your sides should be able to accommodate your signing space.

1. Read the expectations for the level you're interested in registering for.
2. Record your video following the guidelines.
3. Save your video file using FirstnameLastname.mov format. Ex. ChrisJones.mov
4. Log into your Kent State Google Drive account you can get to it from the Flashline page. The triangular icon will take you to the login for KSU Google Drive. Enter your Flashline login info again on the Google Drive page to log in.



Click “+ New” to upload your file. Choose File Upload. Locate your movie file and click the Choose button to upload the file.



5. Share your file by clicking on icon of the person+  icon. Share with LNehring@kent.edu or copy and paste the link in an email to: LNehring@kent.edu with the subject “ASL Placement”.