**Purdue Northwest Curriculum Document Coversheet**

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| **Document No:**(According to [Instruction](http://faculty.pnw.edu/blog/curriculum-document-approval-procedures/)s[[1]](#footnote-1)) | CHESS 18-79 NEW MINOR ASL | **Approval by Faculty Senate:** (Leave Blank) | 5/3/19 |
| **Proposed Effective Date**  | Fall 2019 | **Date Reviewed by Senate Curriculum****Committee:** (Leave blank) | 4/12/19 |
| **Submitting Department:**(Name of both Dept & College/School ) | Political Science, Economics, and World Languages and Cultures/CHESS | **Name(s) of Library Staff Consulted:** (NA if not required) | N/A |
| **Date Reviewed by Department**  | 03/24/2019 |  |  |
| **Submission Date:**(Date sent to College/School Curr Comm after Dept Review) | 03/25/2019 | **Will New Library****Resources Used?** | [ ]  **Yes**[x]  **No** Double-click to check Yes / No. |
| **Date Reviewed by College/School Curriculum Committee**  | 3/29/2019 | **Form 40 Needed?**(Double-click one box.)Registrar will complete Form 40 **after** Senate approval of document. | [ ]  **Yes** New courses or any course change, check **YES**[x]  **No** For **all other** curriculum matters, check **NO**. |
| **Contact Person(s):**(Name & Title) | Karen Donah / Clinical Assistant Professor |  |  |

Unless marked “Leave blank” all parts of this form must be filled in **before** sending to Secretary of the Faculty Senate.

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| **Task (check all that apply and fill out sections appropriate for each change).** [ ]  Program/Concentration Change or New Program/Concentration Proposal: Complete Section I, III, & IV[x]  Minor Change or New Minor Proposal: Complete Section I (delete sections III & IV)[ ]  Certificate Change or New Certificate Proposal: Complete Section I (delete sections III & IV)[ ]  Course Change or New Course Proposal: Complete Section II (delete sections III & IV) |
| **Program name**. Minor in American Sign Language |
| **Degree name(s).** (If applicable.) N/A |

## Section I: This section is for changes in programs, minors and certificates

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| **List the major changes in each program of study, minor or certificate.** We will offer a new Minor in American Sign Language. Knowledge of another language is always seen as an asset. In the United States:* ASL is the third most popular language for monolinguals
* On the University level, ASL is the third most studied language
* ASL is the third most requested language by people who can’t use English
* ASL is also used in Canada

PNW already has 4 levels of ASL language courses and a Deaf Culture/History course. With the addition of 2 more courses, we will have a minor. We already get many students who want to minor in ASL. This addition to the curriculum would be an advantage for students when competing in the marketplace upon graduation.PROPOSED:**Minor in American Sign Language (15 credits)*** 15 Credit Hours minimum - No Credit Hours for the Minor may be taken Pass/No Pass
* 2.5 GPA minimum within the Minor
* Prerequisites:  [ASL 10100](https://catalog.pnw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=5&poid=1478&returnto=272#tt7137) and [ASL 10200](https://catalog.pnw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=5&poid=1478&returnto=272#tt7379)
* All appropriate prerequisites must be fulfilled before enrolling in minor courses except for ASL 28000- American Deaf Community: Language, Culture, And Society
* Student must complete 15 hours of coursework in American Sign Language at or above the 20000 level with at least one 3-credit hour course at the 30000-level or above
* The minor must be attached to a major course of study
* All courses (except for ASL 28000) must be conducted in American Sign Language

**Required (9 credits):*** [ASL 20100 – American Sign Language Level III](https://catalog.pnw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=5&poid=1478&returnto=272) (3 credits)
* ASL 20200 – American Sign Language Level IV (3 credits)
* ASL 28000 – American Deaf Community: Language, Culture, And Society (3 credits)

**Elective (6 credits):*** One additional ASL course ASL 20000 level or above (3 credits)
* One additional ASL course ASL 30000 level or above (3 credits)
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| **Impact on Students.** (State “N/A” if proposal will not greatly affect students.) Many student who have already taken ASL levels I-IV have also already have taken the Deaf Culture/History course as well. They are well on their way to a minor (only needing 2 more classes for this minor). Many programs allow for some electives. Some students already enter PNW wanting to minor in ASL. Adding this minor will allow for that. |
| **Impact on University Resources.** (State “N/A” if proposal will not require new resources, faculty or funds.)Minimal. One additional upper division ASL course taught in the spring and one additional in the fall. PNW already has one full time and one LTL who are qualified to teach the additional courses proposed (ASL 30100, ASL 36100, ASL 36200 and ASL 36400). In addition, an additional LTL is qualified to teach the ASL 30100 Language course. |
| **Impact on other Academic Units.** (State “N/A” if proposal will not affect other units.)(Include name of person in affected area discussed with)N/A |

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