



ASL 101: Elementary American Sign Language I

This beginning course introduces students to American Sign Language (ASL), the language used by the American Deaf community and parts of Anglophone Canada. Students focus on developing visual-spatial orientation, using their face and body expressively, and learning basic vocabulary and grammar necessary to converse in ASL. Lessons are presented in a meaningful/functional context. Receptive (what you understand) skills are emphasized; however, expressive (what/how you sign) skills are practiced as well. Cultural aspects of the Deaf community are explored through literature and community events. Three class hours and one language lab hour per week. Instructional Support Fee applies. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Human Expression. 3 credits Fall

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Exchange information in American Sign Language about everyday life, such as routines, family and school.
2. Establish a visual-spatial foundation.
3. Exhibit and discuss ASL community values and behaviors.
4. Demonstrate understanding and awareness that ASL has a distinct grammar and community of users and is not simply "English on the hands."
5. Practice successful ASL active-learning/listening behaviors.

Credits: 3

Program: American Sign Language