



ASLC 3010 – Introduction to Deaf Culture

3 credits

This is a syllabus overview. A complete syllabus will be provided by the course instructor.

Catalog Information

Catalog Description	Provides a historical and contemporary perspective of American Deaf culture using a socio-cultural model. Includes cultural identity, values, group norms, communication, language, and significant contributions made by Deaf people to the world.
Prerequisites	None
Corequisites	None
Primary Instructional Delivery Method	Traditional

Contact Information

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Course Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the foundation necessary to understand the Deaf community. The course goals are:

- explore the components of culture
- provide an introduction to Deaf culture
- discuss cultural sensitivity, and how that affects interaction with the Deaf culture

Expected Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the course will be able to:

1. Identify the core principles of American Deaf culture and community
2. Differentiate and explain issues of political, educational, and social importance within the Deaf community
3. Implement best practice guidelines for interactions between Deaf and non-Deaf individuals, particularly as they relate to service provision in the public and private sector

Major Course Topics

- What is culture?
- Intercultural communication
- Myths and American Sign Language
- Deaf History and Education
- Introduction to Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants
- Family and Hearing/Deaf Relationships
- Diversity in the Deaf Community
- Professionals who Interact with the Deaf
- Organizations Serving the Deaf
- Deaf Humor
- Minorities within Deaf Culture
- Issues in the Deaf Community, Future for Deaf People, Deaf Bilingualism

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