



ASLC 4020 – American Sign Language IV Advanced

3 credits



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

Catalog Information

Catalog Description	Focuses on vocabulary expansion, idioms, manual and non-manual aspects of ASL, cross-cultural communication and cultural knowledge at an advanced level. The course is conducted entirely in American Sign Language.
Prerequisites	ASLC 4010
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 a deeper understanding of ASL, both receptively and expressively. The course goals are:

- to provide an immersive experience in ASL
- further develop ASL vocabulary to improve fluency
- expand on the knowledge gained in the other ASL courses

Expected Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the course will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced proficiency in receptive and expressive American Sign Language adequate for communicating fluently with the Deaf ASL signers
2. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of Deaf culture and Deaf community
3. Adhere to the Interpreters' Code of Ethics
4. Demonstrate knowledge of English grammar basing sign choices on ASL usage while maintaining the meaning and the intent of the original message
5. Demonstrate the ability to express and receive local variations of ASL signs
6. Demonstrate knowledge of specific colloquial signs and ASL idioms/idiomatic expressions
7. Employ topicalization as a linguistic tool in ASL
8. Use the linguistic properties of time indicators, classifiers, locatives, and pluralization in ASL
9. Demonstrate competency regarding hand-shape, orientation, movement, location and facial expression (non-manual signals)
10. Incorporate receptive information into ASL, finger-spelled loan signs, and non-manual behaviors
11. Employ accurate signing concepts rather than relying on English coding

Major Course Topics

- Advanced Grammar
- Fluency with ASL

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- Deaf Culture and Community
- Interpreter's Code of Ethics
- Dialects and local variations of ASL
- Colloquialisms and Idioms