



ASLC 2010 – American Sign Language I Basic

3 credits



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

Catalog Information

Catalog Description	Introduces American Sign Language and addresses issues pertaining to Deaf Culture, expressive and receptive sign skills, and the history of ASL's development. Student interactions in this class are conducted primarily without voice.
Prerequisites	None
Corequisites	None
Primary Instructional Delivery Method	Traditional

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Course Purpose and Objectives

Communicating with Deaf individuals who use ASL, as well as Deaf individuals who may not use ASL is essential for a variety of health care professionals and other stakeholders in our region. This course will immerse students in an essentially manual-only class that provides principles, methods and techniques for communicating non-verbally. Methods for communicating that include expressive and receptive sign skills, manual alphabet, numbers and sign vocabulary will be employed.

- Provide basic conversational skills in ASL, including numbers and finger-spelling
- Provide linguistic and grammatical structures of ASL
- Provide introductory cultural information regarding deaf and hard of hearing populations
- Provide an orientation to Deaf Culture and the Deaf community
- Provide information regarding resources for and current issues related to and affecting Deaf individuals.

Expected Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student is expected to:

1. interpret others' use of ASL, numbers, and finger-spelling
2. utilize in an effective manner ASL, numbers, and finger-spelling
3. demonstrate correct uses of signs for relating plurals, temporal events, possessives, and pronouns
4. translate ASL vocabulary, syntax, and semantics for verbal communicators
5. demonstrate appropriate facial features and body language for manual communication
6. identify current events relevant to the Deaf Community

Major Course Topics

- Classifiers;
- phonology;

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- plural forms;
- syntax;
- deaf culture;
- sentence types;
- fingerspelling;
- numbers;
- sign space and directional verbs;
- transcription;
- prominalization;
- facial expressions;
- body language;
- nouns;
- verbs;
- semantics;
- history of sign;
- sign inflection;
- time;
- current issues related to the deaf community