

Course Abstract

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Course ID and Name: ASL 121 American Sign Language I

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Prerequisites: None

Co-requisites: None

Course Description:

This course will cover a general introduction to American Sign Language, its structure, grammatical rules, and vocabulary. Areas on instruction include, but are not limited to, topics such as the manual alphabet and fingerspelling, basic vocabulary, sentence structure, numbers and time, and the use of space. It will also cover issues related to Deaf culture and history. There will be assignments outside of the classroom. This course can be taught primarily in English or American Sign Language.

General Education Status: GE HUM

Credits:

3

Lecture Hours:

3

Lab Hours:

Learning Outcomes:

1. Discuss basic American Sign Language and its unique vocabulary / grammatical structure.
2. Comfortably demonstrate the ability to make introductions and exchange personal information in limited social conversations using fingerspelling, basic vocabulary, and special agreement. - SPATIAL
3. Build introductory level expressive and receptive skills.
4. Become attuned to cultural patterns within the American Deaf community.
5. Locate and attend Deaf community events.

Course Content Areas:

1. Strategies for Learning American Sign Language
2. Basic introduction to communication with the Deaf community.
3. Fingerspelling
4. Vocabulary
5. Hand-shape & morphology
6. Noun vs. Verb
7. Number production
8. Time concepts
9. Sentence structure
10. Spatial agreement
11. Yes/No questions, WH-word questions
12. Pronominalization
13. Locate and attend Deaf cultural events.