

Course Abstract

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Course ID and Name: ASL 221 Intermediate American Sign Language I

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Prerequisites: ASL 122

Co-requisites:

Course Description: This course enables students to understand complex language functions while developing skills through interactive activities and storytelling. Students will gain further command of ASL advanced grammar, syntax and non-manual behavior.

General Education Status: GE HUM

Credits:	Lecture Hours:	Lab Hours:
3	3	

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Engage in sustained complete conversation in ASL.
2. Correlate ASL grammar with daily social situations.
3. Differentiate between cultural expectations of the Deaf community and hearing communities.
4. Analyze current topics impacting Deaf individuals.
5. Contrast regional differences within the Deaf community and language.
6. Participate in Deaf events as a volunteer.

Course Content Areas:

1. Introductions / social conversations
2. Temporal Aspects / Spatial Agreement
3. Discussing personal information
4. Meaning confirmation
5. Point of view

6. Evaluation of issues related to Deaf employment concepts
7. Retelling life events
8. Non-manual behavior
9. Getting, directing and maintaining attention
10. Controlling conversational pace
11. Turn taking
12. Drama, poetry, storytelling, and songs
13. Classifiers (assigned hand shapes)
14. Prosody (rhythm in communication)
15. Translating – ethics, responsibilities, meaning and limits.