

# American Sign Language (ASL)

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## Courses

### **ASL-111. American Sign Language I. 3 Credits.**

LECT 3 hrs

This course is an introduction to the expressive and receptive skills required for communication in American Sign Language (ASL). Through active class use of basic vocabulary, grammar and syntax, students will begin exploration of deaf culture and begin to learn the language of that culture. This course is not intended for students with more than one year of previous study of this language at the high school level.

### **ASL-112. American Sign Language II. 3 Credits.**

LECT 3 hrs

This course is a continuation to the basic expressive and receptive skills required for communication in American Sign Language (ASL). Through active class use of basic vocabulary, grammar, and syntax, students begin the exploration of Deaf culture and begin to learn the language of that culture. Students will be better informed about the appropriate course of action when encountering or assisting deaf individuals in our community. Students are expected to search the Internet to watch, evaluate and gather information from different modalities of ASL conversation. This course is not intended for students with more than two years of previous study of this language.

**Prerequisites:** ASL-111 or permission of department chair.

### **ASL-211. Intermediate American Sign Language I. 3 Credits.**

LECT 3 hrs

Intermediate American Sign Language I expands the students' vocabulary and enhances their expressive and receptive skills through class discussions, pair/group work, simulations and presentations. The course is conducted mostly in American Sign Language. It also features extensive discussions of Deaf culture and requires students to write a paper on one of the topics discussed including ethical issues as accommodations and inclusion/exclusion in mainstream society. Students are expected to conduct research not only for this paper, but also for their final presentation. This course is not intended for students with three or more years of previous study of this language.

**Prerequisites:** ASL-112.

### **ASL-212. Intermediate American Sign Language II. 3 Credits.**

LECT 3 hrs

Intermediate American Sign Language II further expands the students' vocabulary and enhances their expressive and receptive skills through class discussions, pair/group work, simulations, and presentations. This course is intended to build upon students' knowledge of the rules of ASL, including discourse markers, personal narratives, dynamic equivalencies, non-manual grammar, syntax, classifiers, temporalization, pronominalization, turn-taking, use of space, sentence structure and types, and gesture. This course will also include lessons on Deaf culture, history, and literature. The course is conducted mostly in American Sign Language. It also features extensive discussions of Deaf culture and requires students to research on-line and write a paper on one of the topics discussed including accommodations, and inclusion/exclusion in mainstream society. Students are also expected to conduct research for their final presentation. This course is not recommended for students with four or more years of previous study of this language.

**Prerequisites:** ASL-211.