

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

ASL-101 **Elementary American Sign Language I** **5 Credits**

Lecture: 5 hours per week

Offering: Fall Only, All Years

This course is an introduction to American Sign Language. It creates a visual-gestural environment that introduces ASL grammar and vocabulary without presenting English equivalents. This course includes interactive activities, cultural awareness education, and individual feedback. Emphasis is on appropriate language use in common communication settings. ASL-101 will prepare students for ASL-102.

ASL-102 **Elementary American Sign Language II** **5 Credits**

Lecture: 5 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course is designed for students continuing from ASL-101. It creates a visual-gestural environment that introduces ASL grammar and vocabulary without presenting English equivalents. This course includes interactive activities, cultural awareness education, and individual feedback. Emphasis is on appropriate language use in common communication settings. ASL-102 will prepare students for intermediate ASL classes at other colleges/universities to satisfy cultural diversity and/or foreign language requirements (depending on the institution).

Prerequisites: ASL-101

ASL-184 Open Door ASL I **2 Credits**

Lecture: 2 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course is an 8-week, 2-credit class intended to be taken before ASL-185. This course focuses on the needs of those who are, or will be, working in the community in occupations where a basic knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf culture is needed. This course is ideal for non-degree seeking students and non-ASL Studies majors. The course is not designed as an alternative to the traditional ASL-101, 102, 201, 202 sequence, but will focus on the special vocabulary, basic grammatical structures, and cultural insights needed to effectively serve the ASL using community. Special emphasis is placed on sign proficiency as it related to various real-world applications. This one-semester course does not satisfy the prerequisite for ASL-102. It will be taught primarily in English.

ASL-185 Open Door ASL II **2 Credits**

Lecture: 2 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course is a continuation of ASL-184. ASL-185 will continue to focus on the special vocabulary, basic grammatical structures, and cultural insights needed to effectively serve the ASL using community. Special emphasis is placed on sign proficiency as it related to various real-world applications.

Prerequisites: ASL-184

ASL-201 Intermediate American Sign Language I **4 Credits**

Lecture: 4 hours per week

Offering: Fall Only, All Years

This course is designed for students continuing from ASL-102. It continues the learning process in visual-gestural environment and enforces linguistic/grammatical principles in the use of the target language. The English Glossing and Transcription systems will be introduced to help accelerate vocabulary acquisition. This course includes interactive activities, cultural awareness education, and individual feedback. Emphasis is on appropriate language use in common and uncommon communication settings.

Prerequisites: ASL-102

ASL-202 Intermediate American Sign Language II **4 Credits**

Lecture: 4 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course is a continuation of ASL-201.

Prerequisites: ASL-201

ASL-205 Intermediate ASL Conversation **3 Credits**

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall, Spring, and Summer, All Years

This course is for students who wish to further their conversational skills in American Sign Language (ASL) at the intermediate level. The emphasis is on the development of expressive and receptive discourse skills as well as the acquisition of cultural and linguistic knowledge related to specific ASL-using communities. This course is conducted entirely in ASL.

Prerequisites: ASL-102