

SIGN LANGUAGE (SIGN)

SIGN 1101

American Sign Language I

3 Credit Hours

Students are provided an introduction to American Sign Language. Sign comprehension, production, grammar, non-verbal communication techniques, and applicable vocabulary will be emphasized throughout the course. Deaf Culture and fingerspelling will also be introduced. American Sign Language I is designed for students with no experience with American Sign Language. (3 lecture hours)

SIGN 1102

American Sign Language II

3 Credit Hours

ASL II builds on vocabulary and further develops language comprehension and grammatical structure, acquired from ASL I, continuing with language comprehension and production skills at a complex level. Deaf Culture will be incorporated into language use. (3 lecture hours)

Prerequisite: SIGN 1101 with a grade of C or better, or equivalent or consent of instructor.

SIGN 1103

Fingerspelling and Numbers

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to a manual depiction of the alphabet and numbering system in American Sign Language. Emphasis is on development of hand shape, basic word patterns, rhythm, and fluidity. Additional focus is placed on fingerspelled loan signs and the ASL numbering system. (3 lecture hours)

Prerequisite: SIGN 1101 with a grade of C or better, or equivalent or consent of instructor.

SIGN 1104

Cultural Perspective of the Deaf Community

3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the Deaf community from a cultural perspective. Discussions include advancement of the Deaf community in terms of culture, arts, language, self-image, and literature. (3 lecture hours)

SIGN 2101

American Sign Language III

3 Credit Hours

Develops proficiency in the structure of ASL grammar, fingerspelling, numbering systems, and visual-gestural communication. Discussions will include expressive and receptive skills that are necessary for complex dialogue and storytelling. Students are required to attend Deaf events and develop contacts within the Deaf community. (3 lecture hours)

Prerequisite: SIGN 1102 and SIGN 1103, both with a grade of C or better, or equivalent or consent of instructor.

SIGN 2102

Linguistics and Grammatical Aspects of American Sign Language

3 Credit Hours

Students will explore syntax, morphology, phonology, and semantics of American Sign Language (ASL). This class is beneficial for students who want to become an Interpreter or work within the Deaf community. (3 lecture hours)

Prerequisite: SIGN 2101 with a grade of C or better, or equivalent or consent of instructor.

SIGN 2103

American Sign Language IV

3 Credit Hours

Follows ASL III. Students will examine the structure of American Sign Language (ASL) grammar and complex conversational dynamics. Fingerspelling, numbers, and visual-gestural aspects will be further explored. (3 lecture hours)

Prerequisite: SIGN 2102 with a grade of C or better, or equivalent or concurrent enrollment in SIGN 2102, or consent of instructor.