

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

## **ASL 1111 - Beginning American Sign Language and Culture I - 4 cr.**

Introduces basic signing skills of comprehension and communication. Emphasizes active use in communicative context as well as cultural analysis.

## **ASL 1112 - Beginning American Sign Language and Culture II (Foundations : VFWL - World Language) - 4 cr.**

Expands students' ability to communicate through introduction of more complex linguistic structures. Completes beginning level sequence.

**Prerequisite Courses:** C- or higher in ASL 1111, placement exam or consent of instructor.

## **ASL 1777 - Topics in American Sign Language - 0-4 cr.**

Courses not a part of the regular curriculum but taught because of a special need, interest or opportunity.

## **ASL 2201 - Intermediate American Sign Language I - 4 cr.**

This is the first semester of a two-semester sequence of Intermediate American Sign language study. Students continue to learn sentence structures and patterns and develop intermediate expressive communication. Focus is on expressive and receptive skills.

**Prerequisite Courses:** ASL 1112, placement exam or consent of instructor.

## **ASL 2202 - Intermediate American Sign Language II - 4 cr.**

This is the second semester sequence of Intermediate American Sign language study. Students continue to learn sentence structures and patterns and develop intermediate expressive communication. Focus is on expressive and receptive skills.

**Prerequisite Courses:** ASL 2201, placement exam or consent of instructor.

## **ASL 2205 - Deaf Culture in the United States - 2 cr.**

Is an introduction to various aspects of the deaf community as a linguistic and cultural minority group. Designed for individuals who may or may not have had prior experience with Deaf people, the course raises questions concerning the nature of sign language and its varieties, the education of Deaf people, the historical treatment of Deaf people, the sociological and cultural issues important to the deaf community, and political activism.

## **ASL 2305 - Deaf Culture in the World (Conceptions : VCSS - Social Science) - 4 cr.**

An introduction to various aspects of the Deaf community as a linguistic and cultural minority group. It will focus on topics in the culture of Deaf people including studies of their beliefs, practices and language throughout the world. Designed for individuals who may or may not have had prior experience with Deaf people, this course raises questions concerning the nature of sign language and its varieties, education of D/deaf people, historical treatment of D/deaf people, sociological and cultural issues important to the Deaf community, and political activism.

## **ASL 2777 - Topics in American Sign Language - 0-4 cr.**

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## **ASL 3305 - In Search of Deafhood-Advanced Signing in Context - 4 cr.**

Conducted solely in American Sign Language, this course is an overview of the history of Deaf people and their cultures from the time of Aristotle to contemporary society in order to understand the concept of colonization as an integral part of the "Deafhood" philosophy. That is, the development of a "deaf centered philosophy" in reference to this group of individuals since the traditional idea of "deafness" is seen as restrictive due to the colonization process. The focus will be on how societies have perceived Deaf people, and how those perceptions have shaped their destiny. This course will provide a background of Deaf people, especially as they relate to developing group and personal empowerment. All Deaf people journey toward defining and refining their "Deaf selves." Students will gain an understanding of these concepts through study of this journey from deafness to Deafhood. Following a historical trajectory, topics covered will include such things as education, Deaf organizations, social welfare, sports, religion, community support systems, and famous Deaf people in the arts and sciences.

## **ASL 3777 - Topics in American Sign Language - 0-4 cr.**

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## **ASL 3999 - Independent Study in ASL - 0-4 cr.**

Offers study of subjects not covered in the regular ASL curriculum.

## **ASL 4555 - ASL Internship - 0-8 cr.**

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