

## Master Syllabus

### ASL 1111 - Beginning American Sign Language I

**Division:** Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

**Department:** American Sign Language

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

**Prerequisite(s):** DEV 0035

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#### Course Description:

This course provides a foundation for non-signers to study American Sign Language (ASL) and learn about deaf culture. It includes principles, methods and techniques for communicating with deaf individuals who sign. Focusing on development of receptive and expressive sign skills, manual alphabet, numbers, sign vocabulary, syntax, grammar and culture.

#### General Education Outcomes:

- ❑ Oral Communication Competency
- ❑ Written Communication Competency
- ❑ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ❑ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ❑ Information Literacy Competency

#### Course Outcomes:

##### ASL Grammar

Appropriately use ASL grammatical features including questions, statements, spatial agreement, and spatial mapping.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

Students will score 80% or higher on three out of four exams.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations

**Performance Criteria:**

Students will achieve an 80% or better on performance rubric.

##### Deafness as a Culture

Recognize the Deaf community as a distinct, cultural entity within American Culture, with its own history and language.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

80% or higher on three out of four exams.

##### Language Components

Recognize American Sign Language as a language. Develop basic American Sign Language vocabulary, fingerspelling, and numbering skills.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

80% or higher on three out of four exams.

**Assessment Method:** Performance appraisals

**Performance Criteria:**

Students must display competence of ASL vocabulary, fingerspelling and numbering as graded by a rubric earning a score of a 70% or better.

#### Outline:

Manual alphabet  
Conversational American Sign Language (ASL) skills  
Techniques to communicate with deaf people  
Deaf history and culture  
ASL sign vocabulary