

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

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