
COURSES

ASL 101 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I**3 Lecture Hours 1 Lab Hour 3 Credit Hours**

This total immersion course adheres to the Functional-Notional Approach to second language acquisition, which focuses on the communicative needs of people engaged in common everyday interactions. Functions that help students establish and maintain social relationships are emphasized. Sessions will introduce formal and informal registers in American Sign Language. Grammar and language structure are taught through meaningful and experiential activities, which adhere to research findings on the importance of incorporating facial grammar, mouth morphemes and non-manual signals in the early stages of learning American Sign Language as a second language. Students will progress in formulating ideas and engaging in conversations from concrete to abstract through role-playing in everyday interactions using basic total language concepts.

ASL 102 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II**3 Lecture Hours 1 Lab Hour 3 Credit Hours**

This is a total immersion course designed to help the student further enhance their communication and language skill by working with their pre-existing knowledge of American Sign Language structure and grammar. Prerequisite: ASL 101 or permission of instructor after entrance evaluation of signing skills.

ASL 271 SPECIAL STUDY PROJECT I**1 Lecture Hour 0 Lab Hours 1 Credit Hour**

A special learning experience designed by one or more students with the cooperation and approval of a faculty member. Proposed study plans require departmental approval. Projects may be based on reading, research, community service, work experience or other activities that advance the student's knowledge and competence in the field of American Sign Language or related areas. The student's time commitment to the project will be approximately 35-50 hours.

ASL 272 SPECIAL STUDY PROJECT II**2 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 2 Credit Hours**

Similar to ASL 271, except that the student's time commitment to the project will be approximately 70-90 hours.

ASL 273 SPECIAL STUDY PROJECT III**3 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 3 Credit Hours**

Similar to ASL 271, except that the student's time commitment to the project will be approximately 105-135 hours.