

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

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American Sign Language Courses

ASL R101—Beginning American Sign Language I

3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Students with little or no prior knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) will be introduced to the natural language of deaf people. Provides basic vocabulary and preparation for visual/gestural communication including information relating to deaf culture. Emphasis will be on comprehension skills and the fundamentals of ASL grammatical structures. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ASL R102—Beginning American Sign Language II

3 units

Prerequisites: ASL R101, or equivalent.

3 hours lecture weekly

Building on the skills acquired in the ASL R101 course, instruction will focus on ASL sentence types, time, numbers, pronominalization, classifiers, spatial referencing, pluralization, temporal and distributional aspects of the language. Additional information on deaf culture and community will be presented. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ASL R103—Intermediate American Sign Language I

3 units

Prerequisites: ASL R102, or equivalent.

3 hours lecture weekly

Course will continue the study of conversational American Sign Language with expanded information on ASL grammar syntax, spatial referencing, and vocabulary development. Dialogues, short stories, narratives, and short conversations will focus on discussion of deaf culture and detailed descriptions of people and surroundings. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ASL R104—Intermediate American Sign Language II

3 units

Prerequisites: ASL R103, or equivalent.

3 hours lecture weekly

Course will build on skills acquired in ASL R103, and includes more complex ASL grammatical features, vocabulary building in context, and comprehension and development of medium-length stories, narratives and dialogues. Discussion material will include topics which are culturally significant to the deaf community. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ASL R105—Advanced American Sign Language 3 units

Prerequisites: ASL R104, or equivalent.

3 hours lecture weekly

Course introduces students to signing beyond the conversational level. Receptive skills development focuses on increased comprehension of a variety of signing styles. Expressive skill development focuses on increased clarity, fluency, and speed. Includes student-led discussions, and reports on topics in deaf culture, society, and current affairs. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

NOTE: The courses listed below have been temporarily suspended. For further information, please contact the Liberal Studies division office.

- SL 50 English Grammar for the Deaf
- SL 98A-Z Short Courses in Sign Language
- SL 189A-Z Topics in Sign Language
- SL 199 Directed Studies in Sign Language