

American Sign Language Studies (ASLS)

ASLS 2110. American Sign Language I. 3 Hours.

The first in a series of courses based on American Sign Language concepts and principles. This course presents introductory components of ASL, including signs, fingerspelling, mime, body language, and facial expression. Information about the history of sign language and its existence in society today is also included. Skill focus is on recognition and recall of American Sign Language.

ASLS 2120. American Sign Language II. 3 Hours.

Prerequisite: ASLS 2110. The second in a series of courses based on American Sign Language concepts and principles. This course presents additional components of ASL, including signs, fingerspelling, mime, body language, and facial expression. Skill focus is on recognition and recall of American Sign Language with emphasis on increasing speed and fluency.

ASLS 3140. Linguistics of American Sign Language. 3 Hours.

Prerequisite: INTP 2998 and ASLS 3170 or permission of the instructor. An overview of structural linguistics, sociolinguistics, and pragmatics of American Sign Languages (ASL). Linguistic theories will be applied to both spoken English and ASL, with other examples being drawn from various languages. Special attention will be paid to phonological (including the application of phonological rules), morphological, lexical, syntactical, and discourse structures of ASL, as well as language variation and language change.

ASLS 3170. American Sign Language III. 3 Hours.

Prerequisite: ASLS 2120 and INTP 2998 or DEAF 2999. The third in a series of courses based on American Sign Language concepts and principles. This course is designed to increase recognition and recall skills in dialogue communication. American Sign Language idioms are also included as well as a deeper understanding of the grammar, syntax, and complexities within the language.

ASLS 3180. American Sign Language IV. 3 Hours.

Prerequisite: ASLS 3170 and INTP 2998 or DEAF 2999. The fourth in a series of courses based on American Sign Language concepts and principles. This class is an advanced course in American Sign Language for students who have completed previous coursework in ASL. Emphasis is placed on the production of non-voiced, conversational, spontaneous, signed sentences. Continued attention is given to the development of recognition as well as recall skills. Sociolinguistics with specific reference to syntax and the role of non-manual markers and idioms are explored as well as the interplay between language and culture within the deaf community.

ASLS 3190. Fingerspelling, Numbers, & Classifiers. 3 Hours.

Prerequisites: ASLS 2120; INTP 2998 or DEAF 2999. Concepts and principles of ASL, providing increased emphasis on receptive and expressive skills in discourse and narratives, with particular attention to fingerspelling, numbers, and classifiers.