

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

## ASL-100 American Sign Language I 4 Units (LEC 64-72)

This course is designed to introduce American Sign Language as it is used within the Deaf community and to introduce students to the basic structure, vocabulary, and conversational strategies of the language. American Deaf Culture will also be studied, and will include significant historical events and prominent figures within the Deaf community, as well as discussions of appropriate cultural behaviors when interacting with Deaf people.

### Transfers to both UC/CSU

IGETC Area(s): 6A

CSU Area(s): C2

AA/AS General Education: AA/AS C

## ASL-101 American Sign Language II 4 Units (LEC 64-72)

This course covers intermediate skill in structure, vocabulary, and conversational strategies of American Sign Language as it is used within the Deaf culture. The course builds on topics previously studied, including directions, monetary exchanges, family relations, personal qualities, occupations, and making requests.

**Prerequisite:** ASL-100 (with a grade of C or better) or two years of high school American Sign Language.

### Transfers to both UC/CSU

IGETC Area(s): 3B, 6A

CSU Area(s): C2

AA/AS General Education: AA/AS C

## ASL-110 Deaf Culture and Community 3 Units (LEC 48-54)

This course introduces students to Awareness of Deaf Culture. Students will learn about the language, norms of behavior, values, traditions and possessions (materials) of D/deaf people. The evolution, from a pathological view of D/deaf people to a cultural one, will be analyzed from a historical and sociological perspective. Intercultural issues relating to the role of hearing people within the Deaf Community will also be covered, as well as explorations of diversity, privilege, and oppression of D/deaf people.

### Transfers to both UC/CSU

IGETC Area(s): 3B

CSU Area(s): C2, D7

AA/AS General Education: AA/AS C

## ASL-201 American Sign Language III (formerly ASL-103) 4 Units (LEC 64-72)

This course studies the structure, vocabulary, and conversational strategies of American Sign Language as it is used within the Deaf culture. This course furthers students' conceptual understanding of American Sign Language linguistics by introducing more complex vocabulary and idioms. Students will also be exposed to more diversity within the community as subcultures are introduced. (formerly ASL 103)

**Prerequisite:** ASL-101 (with a grade of C or better).

### Transfers to both UC/CSU

IGETC Area(s): 3B, 6A

CSU Area(s): C2

AA/AS General Education: AA/AS C

## ASL-202 American Sign Language IV (formerly ASL-104) 4 Units (LEC 64-72)

This course offers an in-depth study of the structure, vocabulary, and conversational strategies of American Sign Language as it is used within the Deaf culture. This course expands upon the foundational language skills developed in ASL 100, 101, and 201. (formerly ASL 104)

**Prerequisite:** ASL-201 (with a grade of C or better).

### Transfers to both UC/CSU

IGETC Area(s): 3B, 6A

CSU Area(s): C2

AA/AS General Education: AA/AS C

## ASL-203 American Sign Language V (formerly ASL-105) 3 Units (LAB 24-27, LEC 40-45)

This course presents a continuation of language skill development, incorporating advanced complex ASL grammatical features and vocabulary to the description of increasingly complex constructs, processes, and situations such as multiple character role shifting and spatial referencing in presentations of narratives and discussions of hypothetical issues (i.e. medical terminology and analysis of human anatomy and body systems). Information on cultural values and attitudes as they relate to the Deaf Community are also examined. (formerly ASL 105)

**Prerequisite:** ASL-202 (with a grade of C or better).

### Transfers to both UC/CSU

CSU Area(s): C2

AA/AS General Education: AA/AS C

## ASL-299 Special Projects: American Sign Language 1-3 Unit (IS 16-54)

Students with previous course work in the program may do special projects that involve research and special study. The actual nature of the project must be determined in consultation with the supervising instructor.

**Prerequisite:** Two American Sign Language classes must be completed prior to enrollment; a contract must be completed with the instructor prior to enrollment.

**Transfers to CSU only**

**ASL-501 Fingerspelling, Numbers & Classifiers (formerly ASL-102)**  
**3 Units (LEC 48-54)**

This course provides an in-depth study of fingerspelling techniques and study of number systems in ASL. The course will focus on the 26 hand configurations of the manual alphabet, numbers and Lexicalized Fingerspelling. This course addresses the use of classifiers and complex grammatical features in ASL. Classifiers will be defined and categorized. (formerly ASL 102)

**Prerequisite/Corequisite:** ASL-201 (with a grade of C or better).

**Transfers to CSU only**

**ASL-505 American Sign Language Linguistics (formerly ASL-150)**  
**3 Units (LEC 48-54)**

This course provides an introduction to the linguistic structures of ASL: including phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. The course is required for completion of an articulated transfer program to include complex ASL grammatical features, advanced vocabulary, role shifting, space referencing, narratives, presentations and integration of etiquette into Deaf Culture. (formerly ASL 150)

**Prerequisite:** ASL-203 (with a grade of C or better).

**Recommended Preparation:** ANTH-145.

**Transfers to CSU only**