American Sign Language (ASL)

ASL 141 American Sign Language (ASL I)

4 Hours

Prerequisites: None

4 hours weekly (4-0)

This course is designed for students who have no knowledge of American Sign Language and for individuals with previous knowledge of sign language but not American Sign Language. A grade of "C" or higher must be achieved to advance to second-year classes.

ASL 142 American Sign Language (ASL II)

4 Hours

Prerequisites: ASL 141

4 hours weekly (4-0)

This course is a continuation of American Sign Language I. It is designed to develop further communicative proficiencies at the intermediate level. Students will be writing transcription symbols, sentence types, time signs, pronominalization, subjects and objects, classifiers, locatives, pluralization, and temporal and distribution aspects for execution. Students will experience additional in-depth receptive and expressive proficiency development. Nonmanual aspects (grammar markers) will be featured and emphasized. Additional information about the deaf community/deaf world and its culture will be featured. A grade of "C" or higher must be achieved to advance to second-year classes.

ASL 143 American Sign Language (ASL III)

4 Hours

Prerequisites: ASL 142

4 hours weekly (4-0)

This course is a continuation of American Sign Language II. It is designed to develop further communicative proficiencies at the beginning of the advanced level.

ASL 244 ASL IV – Survey of ASL Literature

4 Hours

Prerequisites: ASL 143

4 hours weekly (4-0)

This course explores American Sign Language Literature through analysis of storytelling and poetry of the American Deaf Community. Students will increase their ASL expressive and receptive skills by studying a variety of genres including narratives, handshape stories, humor, and poetry. Topics to be discussed range form the history and definition of ASL Literature with emphasis on cultural aspects of the Deaf World, ASL Storytelling features, ASL performance interpreting and ASL poetry forms and features. Use of American Sign Language is required for this course.