

Course Description:

American Sign Language II (2 of 2) explores intermediate concepts related to Deaf culture and American Sign Language (ASL). Topics include the ways to be considered a part of the Deaf community, history of minority subgroups within the community, accessibility options that help deaf people function effectively in everyday society, and common ASL signing approaches and techniques that deaf people are likely to practice. Vocabulary activities provide demonstrations of signs related to topics like money, leisure activities, and thoughts and opinions. Projects throughout the course assess signing vocabulary and mastery of proper signing form.

Course Objectives:

- Identify signs for common words, numbers, phrases, and questions.
- Use proper etiquette when communicating in ASL or when interacting with a member of the Deaf community.
- Identify and describe details related to Deaf culture and the Deaf community.
- Explore common elements associated with communication using American Sign Language.
- Describe how major events relate to Deaf culture.
- Perform an example of ASL literature and explain ASL storytelling traditions.
- Compare how the deaf and the hearing experience social activities and events.
- Describe aspects of cooking using ASL.
- Use ASL to describe the types and intensity of weather.
- Recognize the purpose of various classifiers in American Sign Language.
- Recognize the five parameters used in American Sign Language.

Required Materials:

- computer video camera with recording capabilities
- internet browser
- word-processing software

Course Overview:

This course is made up of six units. Each unit has five lessons. Lessons include these types of learning activities:

- **Direct Instruction** includes instruction in material related to Deaf culture and American Sign Language; contains practice questions that are not graded.
- **Vocabulary and Phrases** activities include videos of key words and phrases for building ASL vocabulary.
- **Classifier and Parameter Practice** activities include videos highlighting examples of ASL classifiers and parameters for specific signs.
- **Workbooks** are graded questions that come after each Direct Instruction, Vocabulary and Phrases, and Classifier and Parameter Practice activity.
- **Checkpoints** test mastery of skills from lessons. These are graded activities.
- **Unit Reviews** present a summary of the topics, vocabulary words, and phrases covered in a unit. Reviews include roleplay exercises to help you practice signing in conversations. These are not graded.
- **Unit Exams** test mastery of skills from the unit. These are graded activities.

- **Projects** provide an opportunity for practice of more complex skills across several activities or lessons within a unit. These activities require a final graded submission.

There are two Final Exams in the course. One assesses your signing knowledge and abilities, and the other assesses your overall knowledge of Deaf cultural facts, as well as rules and concepts related to American Sign Language.

- **Final Signing Exam** in Lesson 28 tests you on your knowledge of signs and ability to communicate using American Sign Language. This exam will be graded based on a series of 10 short video submissions of yourself signing various phrases.
- **Final Exam** in Lesson 30 tests you on the concepts and information learned in the course. You may take this Final Exam only once.