Course Description:

American Sign Language II (1 of 2) explores intermediate concepts related to Deaf culture and American Sign Language (ASL). The course begins with a review of cultural facts and ASL rules and concepts from American Sign Language I. New topics that follow include major milestones and famous figures in Deaf cultural history, appropriate etiquette and behaviors in Deaf interactions, ASL literature and performances, and different language styles and skills among Deaf communities. Projects throughout the course assess knowledge of 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. Lesson are made of up activities that include these types of learning:

- **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 and Vocabulary and Phrases 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.