

American Sign Language Level 1

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Tuition: \$220 (½ paid at registration, ½ paid first day of classes in August)

Credit: 1 full foreign language credit

Description: This course follows a college ASL lesson order. It is a college course modified for high school students. This course is designed for 9th-12th grades. Students will begin with learning how to communicate through fingerspelling as well as basic conversational signs. They will also be familiarized with Gloss, which is a form of writing in ASL. This is to help students understand and become comfortable with ASL sentence structure. They will not only learn over 400 signs, but they will have a firm understanding of the language, culture, and background of the Deaf community. Students will master their signs by having consistent communication with each other as well as myself. They will receive weekly homework, sometimes in the form of worksheets and other times video assignments. The major assignments they will have include a presentation about a deaf historical figure, a signed short story about themselves, and a signed story of their choosing. Some out of class assignments will be optional/extra credit. For example, joining me to watch interpreters on a Sunday morning and make conversation with the Deaf crowd at a local church. Video assignments will be submitted using the app “Glide.” This is a free video app where the students will send me a video of them practicing certain vocabulary or other assignments.

Expectations: Students will be expected to participate in class. They will be graded on their participation, which depends on how much they use their hands and facial cues during class. They will also be expected to have all homework completed by the end of the week. Because this is a visual language, students will not need to take notes. Everything taught in class will be on their online homework page. Students will be expected to keep all electronic devices off and away during class. Because I ask that students do not take notes, I encourage them to contact me with questions throughout the week.

Materials: Gmail account, Folder for assignment sheets