American Sign Language: ASL

Lower-Division Courses

ASL 601C. Accelerated First-Year American Sign Language.
Introduction to American Sign Language and its vocabulary and sentence structure. A six-hour course comparable to American Sign Language 506 and 507. Six lecture hours a week for one semester. Only one of the following may be counted: American Sign Language 601C, 601D, 506. American Sign Language 601C and 507 may not both be counted. Offered on the letter-grade basis only.

ASL 601D. American Sign Language I: Beginning.
This course focuses on the development of beginner-level comprehensiveness and production skills in American Sign Language. Students learn how to attend to visual language and use their hands and body for producing ASL constructions. Elementary vocabulary and grammar is covered, along with information about Deaf culture. Six lecture hours a week for one semester. Only one of the following may be counted: American Sign Language 601C, 601D, 506. American Sign Language 601D and 507 may not both be counted. Offered on the letter-grade basis only.

ASL 610D. American Sign Language II: Beginning.
Focuses on the development of intermediate-level proficiency in ASL. An introduction to more complex grammatical constructions with the goal of engaging in conversations in ASL on a variety of topics. Examines the historical aspects of the Deaf community and related themes. Six lecture hours a week for one semester. Only one of the following may be counted: American Sign Language 610D, 611C, 312K. American Sign Language 507 and 610D may not both be counted. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: American Sign Language 601D or 507 with a grade of at least C.

Focuses on maintaining and building upon a student's intermediate ASL skills. Grammar coverage includes complex constructions that involve the signing space, and vocabulary building includes comparisons between English words and ASL signs in order for the learner to make appropriate vocabulary choices in their ASL production. Complex questions facing the contemporary Deaf community are discussed. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. American Sign Language 311D and 312L may not both be counted. American Sign Language 611C and 311D may not both be counted. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: American Sign Language 601C or 507 with a grade of at least C.

Upper-Division Courses

Advanced development of conversational skills in American Sign Language, with a focus on sophisticated linguistic structures and important issues in Deaf studies. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: American Sign Language 311D or 312L with a grade of at least C.

ASL 326. Sign Languages and Signing Communities.
Same as Linguistics 350 (Topic 3: Sign Languages and Signing Communities). Examines the grammar of signed languages, their use in signing communities, and the acquisition of signed languages as first languages. No knowledge of American Sign Language is required.
ASL 395E. American Sign Language for Graduate Students

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Advanced language instruction in American Sign Language for graduate students. Individual instruction. May not be counted toward a graduate degree in linguistics. May be repeated for credit. Offered on the credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing, American Sign Language 395D or the equivalent, and consent of the graduate adviser.

Professional Courses