



Syllabus

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What You Should Already Know

There are no prerequisites.

Learning Outcomes

In this course, you will

- Learn and use beginning vocabulary.
- Learn and use beginning grammar.
- Carry out simple dialogues in ASL.
- Demonstrate understanding of aspects of Deaf culture.

Course Materials

All of the materials you need are included in this course.

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Course Organization

Each unit starts with an overview of the dialogue you'll be studying and practicing. You'll learn about the dialogue, read it in English, break it down into individual signs and sentences, and then explore it as a complete dialogue in ASL. You'll also learn something about Deaf culture in every unit. This process helps take you through learning step by step, starting with your understanding in English and ultimately leading to your understanding in the target language (ASL). Just like scaffolding builds upon the layers below it, this course will continue building on what you **already know, which then helps support you as you continue to learn more!**

In addition to the daily lesson content, every unit (except the pre-unit) has a unit signing appointment and a unit quiz to test your mastery of the unit content.

Assignments

Unit Quizzes

There is a quiz at the end of every unit. The quizzes are comprehensive and include videos that test vocabulary and concepts taught in the current unit, as well as cultural information presented in that unit. As every unit builds upon the last, it is important to continue practicing and revisiting vocabulary, grammar, and other concepts throughout your journey learning ASL. You are allowed to retake your quizzes one time, with no penalty. The highest score will count toward your final grade. Quizzes make up 30% of your final grade.

Conversation Café and Signing Appointments

The Conversation Café is a place to practice signing. Activities are moderated by the instructor. Signing appointments are graded oral assessments. A signing appointment is a required part of every unit. You will be required to complete certain language tasks or have a dialogue with the instructor during your signing appointment. The lowest score from all your signing appointments will be dropped. (This does not include the final signing appointment.) See "[Grading](#)" below to see what percentage the signing appointments are on your final grade.

Presentations

You will prepare two presentations that you will share with your instructor and a small audience. **You need to submit your written presentation to your instructor, including sources for your research/findings, before your appointment takes place.** Your presentations count for 10% of your final grade.

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Other Resources

In your course under "Course Resources" and "Reference Materials" folders at the end of the course, you will find a student discussion board, course wiki, expansive dictionary, and other useful helps. The discussion board is designed for students to connect, discuss course-related matters,

and share ideas with each other. The wiki is designed for the instructor to post information that may provide enrichment or to post relevant information for the course.

Technical Considerations

This course functions best in a web browser other than Internet Explorer. If you only have Internet Explorer, you can download other browsers (e.g., Firefox, Safari, etc.) for free online.

Exams

There are two parts to the final exam: a final signing appointment and a final written exam. Your final signing appointment will be in the same format as the others you've had in the course and must be completed before you request your written exam.

The written final exam is a proctored test that will cover the same material found in your quizzes. There is no time limit. If you study the course material, the quizzes, and the "Final Exam Preparation" section in your course, you should be adequately prepared for the test. The final exam, both parts combined, is worth 30 percent of your final grade.

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Grading

Your final grade will be broken down as follows:

Assignment	Portion of Final Grade
10 Unit Quizzes	30%
8 Signing Appointments	30%
2 Presentations	10%
1 Final Speaking Appointment and 1 Final Exam	30%
TOTAL	100%

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	
A	93–100
A-	90–92
B+	87–89
B	83–86
B-	80–82
C+	77–79
C	73–76
C-	70–72
D+	67–69
D	63–66
D-	60–62
E (fail)	59 or below

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