

Term: Spring 2026

Course Title: American Sign Language 1 (ASL 1)

Course Number: ASLL 2101.01

CRN: 71722

Units: 4

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 1:40 – 2:50 PM

Instructor: Benjamin Lewis

This introductory course provides a foundation in American Sign Language (ASL) and an introduction to Deaf culture. Students will develop fundamental communication skills through the acquisition of basic ASL vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structures. Instruction emphasizes interactive, hands-on learning, fostering proficiency through practice, visual-gestural activities, and cultural immersion.

In addition to language development, students will explore key aspects of Deaf culture, including social norms, history, and community perspectives. By the end of the course, students will be able to engage in basic conversations in ASL and demonstrate an understanding of core cultural principles, preparing them for continued study in ASL and deeper engagement with the Deaf community.

Term: Spring 2026

Course Title: American Sign Language 2 (ASL 2)

Course Number: ASLL 2102.01

CRN: 71723

Units: 4

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 3:05 – 4:15 PM

Instructor: Benjamin Lewis

This course builds upon the foundational skills acquired in ASL 1, further developing students' proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL) and deepening their understanding of Deaf culture. Emphasis is placed on expanding vocabulary, refining grammatical structures, and enhancing conversational fluency through interactive, student-centered activities.

Students will engage in more complex dialogues, improve their expressive and receptive skills, and explore cultural topics related to the Deaf community, including historical influences and linguistic diversity. By the end of the course, students will be able to communicate in a wider range of everyday situations with increased confidence and accuracy, laying the groundwork for advanced ASL study.