

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: ASL 1A                      Title: AMER SIGN LANG 1A  
Full Title: American Sign Language 1A  
Last Reviewed: 1/25/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable  
Grading: Grade or P/NP  
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP  
Also Listed As:  
Formerly: ASL 51A

**Catalog Description:**  
Everyday communication in ASL: Exchanging information; identifying others; making requests; giving reasons, options, simple directions; asking for clarification. Topics center around personal information and the immediate environment.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

**Recommended Preparation:**  
Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:  
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.  
Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
	E	Humanities	Fall 1991	
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
	C2	Humanities	Fall 1991	
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
	6A	Language Other Than English	Fall 1997	
	6A	Language Other Than English	Fall 1996	Fall 1997
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1991	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1991	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Not Certificate/Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

The students will:

1. Conversation skills and strategies:
  - A. Greeting/getting attention.
  - B. Introducing oneself.
  - C. Giving and receiving personal information.
  - D. Confirming information.
  - E. Correcting information.
  - F. Giving directions.
  - G. Describing family/living situation.
  - H. Describing housing and transportation.
  - I. Apologizing and giving reasons.
  - J. Referring to time of day, day of the week, day of the month.
2. Vocabulary.
  - A. Approximately 200 words, including appropriate reflections.
3. Grammar:
  - A. All basic sentence types:
    1. yes-no questions.
    2. wh questions.
    3. statements.
    4. negative and affirmative responses.
    5. commands.
  - B. Topic/comment structure.
  - C. Spatial referencing.
  - D. Non-manual signals: grammatical and emotive.
  - E. Directional verbs.
  - F. Real world orientation indexing.

- G. Use of space for contrast.
- H. Body and limb classifiers.
- I. Dual person pronouns.
- J. Phrasing for listing activities.
- K. Emphatic forms.
- L. Role shifting.
- M. Cardinal and ordinal numbers.
- 4. Cultural Information.
  - A. Getting attention.
  - B. Handling interruptions.
  - C. Negotiating a signing environment.

## **Topics and Scope:**

- 1. Grammatical forms for simple conversations.
- 2. Vocabulary for simple conversations.
- 3. Cultural information.
- 4. Conversational strategies.
- 5. Topics:
  - A. Family relationships, including nuclear family, extended family, roommates, step-children, etc.
  - B. Describing people.
  - C. Giving and understanding directions (i.e. up the stairs and to the right, the second door after the water fountain).
  - D. Describing transportation, including traffic jams.
  - E. Cardinal and ordinal numbers.
  - F. Deaf cultural behaviors, values and norms, including:
    - 1. How to negotiate a signing environment.
    - 2. How to volunteer appropriate information.
    - 3. How to make connections between people by finding what they have in common.
  - G. Making introductions.
  - H. Asking for repetition.
  - I. Handling interruptions.
- 6. Scope:
  - A. Introducing oneself and others.
  - B. Carrying on the kind of conversation one might have when meeting a Deaf student on campus, when attending a party with many deaf people, talking about classroom activities, families, living situations and transportation with deaf acquaintances.
  - C. Giving personal information and asking for personal information. (including cultural rules for appropriateness),
  - D. Physical descriptions of people, places and things.
  - E. Visual perception training:
    - 1. shape recognition.
    - 2. visual memory.
    - 3. symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes.
    - 4. establishing reference points.
  - F. Describing the relationship between objects.

## **Assignment:**

ý1. Students use a videotext and related workbook, which contain

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework problems, Quizzes, Exams

Problem solving  
20 - 60%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, Performance exams

Skill Demonstrations  
10 - 35%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Completion

Exams  
10 - 35%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

### Representative Textbooks and Materials:

SIGNING NATURALLY, STUDENT VIDEOTEXT AND WORKBOOK by Lentz, Mikos and Smith. DawnSign Press, 1989. (Level one, Lessons 1-6 and review).