

ASL Courses

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Note* COMD 1301 and 1302 are pre-requisites classes.

For the COMD 1301-2302 classes it depends on if one is taking the class for foreign language credit or trying to become an interpreter.

Course Descriptions and Pre-requisites

COMD 1301 American Sign Language I

An introduction to American Sign Language and the deaf community; focuses on frequently used signs, basic rules of grammar, and non-manual aspects of American Sign Language.

Pre-requisites: none

COMD 1302 American Sign Language 2.

This course is a continuation of COMD 1301 .

Pre-requisites

For Foreign language students COMD 1301 with a passing grade.
For Interpreter students a minimum grade of B-

COMD 2301: American Sign Language 3

This course will continue COMD 1302 and will focus on more vocabulary and the development of the use of classifiers as well as explaining categories and rules

Pre-requisites:

For foreign language students: passing grade in COMD 1302

For Interpreter students a minimum grade of B-

COMD 2302: American Sign Language 4

This class will focus on telling stories in ASL using classifiers and non-manual expression.

Pre-requisites:

For foreign language students: passing grade in COMD 2301

For Interpreter students: minimum grade of B-

COMD 3301 Deaf Culture

Understanding of Deaf people and their cultural beliefs and language. Topics include famous deaf people, cochlear implants, technology, poetry and literature.

Pre-requisites: none

ASLI 1310 Fingerspelling

Development of fingerspelling and numeral system of American Sign Language. Expressive skills focus on speed, clarity and accuracy. Receptive skills focus on whole word, phrase recognition and comprehension.

Pre-requisites: none

ASLI 2311 Visual and Gestural Communication

Development of non verbal communication skills. Emphasis on facial expression, mime and body language used to augment communicative intent in American Sign Language.

Pre-requisites: COMD 1301 or permission of the instructor

ASLI 2322 Education of the Deaf

Historical and theoretical background of deaf education including the variety of educational [placement settings and the role and function of the interpreter in these settings.

Pre-requisites: none

ASLI 3311 Introduction to Interpreting

This course presents an overview of the field of ASL interpreting including but not limited to its history, code of ethics, employment opportunities, and professional organizations.

Pre-requisites: ASLI major, COMD 2301, 3301 ASLI 1310 and 2311

ASLI 3333 Interpreting 1

This course presents theoretical and practical skills related to the interpreting process which will include consecutive and simultaneous methods of interpreting. Skills will be introduced to achieve message equivalency in interpreting and transliterating.

Pre-requisites ASLI majors, COMD 2302, 3301 ASLI 3322, and 3311

ASLI 3334 Interpreting 2

Focus on Simultaneous/English interpreting for increasingly complex language exchanges

Pre-requisites: ASLI major and ASLI 3333 or permission of the instructor

ASLI 4335 Interpreting 3: Advanced Interpreting skills

Increasing the complexity of tasks and interpreting skills acquired in ASLI 3334 and 3335.

Pre-requisites: ASLI major and ASLI 3334 or permission of the Instructor

ASLI 4346 Transliteration and Educational Interpreting

Practice and theory of interpreting in educational settings. The interpreter's role with educators, interpreting issues related to school-age students, and federal regulations related to interpreting will be covered.

Pre-requisites: ASLI major and ASLI 3334 or permission of the instructor.

ASLI 4357 Court, Medical, and Tri-lingual Interpreting

Focuses on interpreting in legal and medical settings. Theories and practices involving trilingual interpreting will also be covered.

Pre-requisites: ASLI major, ASLI 3334 or permission of the instructor

ASLI 4368 Linguistics of ASL

Linguistic theories as they apply to American Sign language syntax and grammar, and other linguistic elements unique to spatially/visually based languages.

Pre-requisites: ASLI 3334 or permission of the instructor

ASLI 4489 Internship

Practical experience in ASL interpreting supervised by certified interpreters. Students gain experience in a wide variety of settings.

Pre-requisites: ASLI major, completion of all ASLI classes with a 3.0 GPA and permission of the instructor