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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the basic skills in production and comprehension of American Sign Language (ASL). It includes the manual alphabet and numbers. Develops conversational ability, culturally appropriate behaviors and exposes students to ASL grammar.

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Learning Outcomes

Educated Person Statement of Philosophy

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

At the end of this course, the students will be able to:

A. Vocabulary Development

1. recognize and produce vocabulary items in each
2. demonstrate comprehensive mastery of targeted vocabulary words drawn from class items, lecture, and videos.

B. Grammatical Features

1. demonstrate comprehensive mastery of target, content-specific commands, questions, and statements in
2. identify grammatical features within short dialogues in ASL as directed by the

C. Conversational and Communication Skills

3. demonstrate comprehension and conversation facilitating behaviors.
4. demonstrate comprehension and production of regulating behaviors (i.e. attention-getting techniques, turn-taking signals, and others)
5. comprehend short narratives and stories in ASL assigned by the professor, Deaf users of ASL, or viewed on ASL videos.
6. demonstrate the ability to create, conduct and terminate a short content- specific conversation.

D. Cultural Awareness

1. analyze and critique competing perspectives of diverse Deaf communities in the United States and Canada, ideas, aesthetic traditions, and cultural practices, and its history.

2. compare, contrast, and interpret differences and commonalities among Deaf and hearing cultures.

Acquired Knowledge: Learning basic conversational ASL, alphabet, numbers, learning basic linguistics and little bit about deaf community/ culture.

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Textbooks, materials, and software are available online at [eFollet](#) unless specified by your instructor.

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Canvas Orientation

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Available Technical Support

If you need help navigating this course, explore the [Canvas Student Guide](#). The Student Guide, Chat, and Phone offer helpful information and are always found by clicking  on the help button on the bottom-right of every page in Canvas.

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Instructional Approach

This classroom is ASL Zone, avoid voicing or English mouthing during class. Since this course is asynchronous, the class will have recorded ASL video lectures in each section.

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Assessment of Learning

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Grading Criteria and Grade Calculation

Category	% of Final Course Grade
1. TRUE+WAY ASL TWA assignments	10%
2. TWA "SOAR" video assignments	10%
3. Quizzes	20%
4. Unit Tests: Comprehension & Production	30%
5. Final Exam: Production	30%
Total	100%

Grading Schema
A
A-
B+
B
B-
C+
C
C-
D+
D
D-
F

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Course Schedule

This syllabus is to be used as a guide; it contains information about the course, how it will be taught, what will be required of students, and assessment methods that will be used. All information is subject to change at any time.

Weeks and Dates	Topics	Activities/Assignments	-Assignment Due Dates	
Module/ Week 1 1/19 to 1/25	Students Review Syllabus 5.1	Readings/Viewings: •	1/25/26	

Weeks and Dates	Topics	Activities/Assignments	-Assignment Due Dates	
Module/ Week 2 1/26 to 2/1	5.2	-5.	2/1/26	
Module/ Week 3 2/2 - 2/8	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -5.4 Conversation Starter Discussion -5.4 Worksheet Parts 1-3 -5.4 Snapshot Quiz -5.4 Comprehension Quiz -5.5 Conversation Starter Discussion -5.5 Worksheet Parts 1-2 -5.5 Snapshot Quiz -5.5 Comprehension Quiz 	2/8/26	
Module/ Week 4 2/9 to 2/15	5.4 5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -5.6 Conversation Starter Discussion -5.6 Worksheets Parts 1-2 -5.6 Snapshot Quiz -5.6 Comprehension Quiz -Unit 5 POA Answers (Review first) -Unit 5 POA -Unit 5 Story Comprehension -Unit 5 Production Test 	2/15/26	
Module/ Week 5 2/16 to 2/22	5.6 Unit 5 DTT Unit 5 Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -6.1 Conversation Starter Discussion -6.1 Worksheets Part 1-3 -6.1 Snapshot Quiz -6.1 Comprehension Quiz 	2/22/26	
Module/ Week 6 2/23 to 3/1	6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -6.2 Conversation Starter -6.2 Worksheet Parts 1-2 -6.2 Snapshot Quiz -6.2 Comprehension Quiz 	3/1/26	
Module/ Week 7 3/3 to 3/8	6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -6.3 Conversation Starter Discussion -6.3 Worksheet Parts 1-3 -6.3 Snapshot Quiz 	3/8/25	

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		-6.3 Comprehension Quiz		
Module/ Week 8 3/9 to 3/15	6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -6.4 Conversation Starter Discussion -6.4 Worksheet Parts 1-2 -6.4 Snapshot Quiz -6.4 Comprehension Quiz 	3/15/26	
Module/Week 9 3/16 to 3/22	School Break	School Break	3/22/26	
Module/Week 10 3/23 to 3/29	6.4 Unit 6 DTT Unit 6 Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -7.1 Conversation Starter Discussions 1 and 2 -7.1 Worksheet 1 and 2 -7.1 Snapshot Quiz -7.1 Comprehension Quiz -7.2 Conversation Starter -7.2 Worksheets 1-3 -7.2 Snapshot Quiz -7.2 Comprehension Quiz 	3/29/26	
Module/Week 11 3/30 to 4/5	7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -7.3 Conversation Starter Discussion 1-2 -7.3 Worksheets 1 and 2 -7.3 Snapshot Quiz -7.3 Comprehension Quiz 	4/5/26	

Weeks and Dates	Topics	Activities/Assignments	-Assignment Due Dates	
Module/Week 12 4/6 to 4/12	7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -7.4 Conversation Starter Discussion -7.4 Worksheets 1 and 2 -7.4 Worksheet Parts 1-3 -7.4 Snapshot Quiz -7.4 Comprehension Quiz 	4/12/26	
Module/Week 13 4/13 to 4/19	7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -7.5 Conversation Starter Discussion -7.5 Worksheets 1-6 -7.5 Snapshot Quiz -7.5 Comprehension Quiz -Unit 7 POA Answers(Review first) -Unit 7 POA -Unit 7 Story Comprehension -Unit 7 SOAR Assignment (1 of 2) -Unit 7 SOAR Self-Assessment (2 of 2) -Unit 7 Comprehension Test -Unit 7 Production Test 	4/19/26	
Module/Week 14 4/20 to 4/26	7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -8.1 Conversation Starter Discussion -8.1 Worksheets 1-3 -8.1 Snapshot Quiz -8.1 Comprehension Quiz -8.2 Conversation Starter Discussion -8.2 Worksheets 1 and 2 -8.2 Snapshot Quiz -8.2 Comprehension Quiz 	4/26/26	
Module/Week 15 4/27 to 5/03	Unit 7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -8.3 Conversation Starter Discussions 1-5 -8.3 Worksheets Part 1 and 2 -8.3 Snapshot Quiz -8.3 Comprehension Quiz V b 	5/03/26	

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Module/Week 16 5/4 to 5/9	Unit 7 DTT Unit 7 Assessments	-8.4 Worksheet Part 1-3 -8.4 Snapshot Quiz -8.4 Comprehension Quiz -Unit 8 POA Answers(Read first) -Unit 8 POA -Unit 8	5/9/26	

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Academic Affairs Notices

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