ABOUT THE COURSES

ASL 1 - ASL 1 is a basic introduction course to American Sign Language (ASL). This course introduces students to the tools for mastering grammar at a basic expressive and receptive level. Introduction to cultural and historical aspects of ASL and the Deaf community is also included.

ASL 2 - This course is designed to build on and apply ASL conversational skills and cultural behaviors acquired from ASL 1 to a functional level that includes new expanded conversational and narrative skills. The course incorporates interactive activities, which will encourage a natural language environment using the target language, American Sign Language by giving students situations, which allow them to concentrate on the purpose rather than the mechanics of the conversation.

Students will also learn to tell stories, use the language in a variety of settings and study ASL grammatical rules with attention to non-manual features including non-manual grammatical signals, and prosodic features of intensity and characterization. Attention is given to the basic discourse structures used in both dialogues and storytelling.

AMERICAN DEAF COMMUNITY - This self-paced course is designed to introduce students to American Deaf culture and components of the American Deaf community including history, norms, rules of social interactions, values, traditions, and dynamics during the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Educational, social, and political factors unique to the Deaf community will be explored, as well as community organizations, impact of technology, and emerging issues/trends.

Note: This class is open to everyone, regardless of ability to use ASL.

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- [www.eventreg.purdue.edu/info/american-sign-language](http://www.eventreg.purdue.edu/info/american-sign-language)
- [www.cla.purdue.edu/students/online-opportunities.html](http://www.cla.purdue.edu/students/online-opportunities.html)

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