

Sign language

SIGN LANGUAGE – SIGN

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Possible career opportunities

Sign language will help to prepare the student to communicate and work with deaf and hard of hearing people. There is a need for skilled, qualified sign language interpreters in educational and social service agencies. Teachers, human services providers, or independent living attendants also sometimes use sign language in their work. Some career options require more than two years of college study.

SIGN-280 American Sign Language (ASL) I

- 3 units SC
• 54 hours lecture per term

The course provides an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) including expressive and receptive sign, the manual alphabet, facial expression, and body gestures. Conversational skills in everyday situations, utilizing ASL vocabulary and grammatical expression, are emphasized. An introduction to Deaf culture, community, and history is woven throughout the course. CSU, UC

SIGN-281 American Sign Language (ASL) II

- 3 units SC
• IGETC: 6A; CSU GE: C2
• 54 hours lecture per term
• Prerequisite: SIGN-280 or equivalent

This course builds on American Sign Language (ASL) fundamentals introduced in SIGN-280. Students will develop beginning-intermediate ASL skills including expressive and receptive sign, the manual alphabet, expanded vocabulary, grammar, facial grammar, and body gestures. An emphasis will be placed on an appreciation of Deaf culture and community through conversational skills in functional situations. CSU, UC

SIGN-282 American Sign Language (ASL) III

- 3 units SC
• IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
• 54 hours lecture per term
• Prerequisite: SIGN-281 or equivalent

This course in American Sign Language (ASL) expands receptive and expressive vocabulary and grammatical skills at the intermediate level building on skills acquired in ASL I and II. Students will further develop conversational skills in functional situations. Techniques of facial grammar, role shift, and classifier use as it relates to American Sign Language and Deaf culture will be studied. CSU, UC

SIGN-283 American Sign Language (ASL) IV

- 3 units SC
• IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
• 54 hours lecture per term
• Prerequisite: SIGN-282 or equivalent

This course is an advanced study of American Sign Language (ASL), expanding receptive and expressive vocabulary and grammatical skills presented in SIGN-282. Communication skills essential for advanced conversations in a variety of functional settings are developed. Emphasis is placed on understanding Deaf culture stories and storytelling techniques as well as history of Deaf people who influenced the rich Deaf cultural heritage. CSU, UC

SIGN-299 Student Instructional Assistant

- .5-3 units SC
• Variable Hours
• Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU