

American Sign Language and Deaf Culture

Fall 2008 Courses



ASLN 1101: (M/W 10am-12pm, M/W 2pm-4pm, T/TH 9:30-11 and F 10-11)

This class is only offered in the fall. The first level of American Sign Language is an introduction to the study of American Sign Language and Deaf culture. This class is hands on! We stress an emphasis on receptive and expressive skills through student teacher interaction. You will learn about cultural differences between Deaf and Hearing people through personal accounts and engaging text, while learning appropriate behaviors for social interaction.

ASLN 1103: (F 2pm-5pm plus 1 hour lab)

This class is only offered in the fall. The third level of ASL is an advanced course in American Sign Language. Students are already familiar with basic ASL structure; having developed expressive/receptive skills in ASL 1 and 2. This class continues with an interactive approach; developing sign, improving expressive and receptive skills, while gaining more awareness of the Deaf Community.

ASLN 3295: (T/TH 3:30pm-4:45pm)

This class, Deaf Writers and American Sign Language Literature, explores a diverse group of deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing scholars who examine ASL poetry and literature. Students engage in critical examination of comparative literature in the Deaf Community and discuss linguistic themes from different perceptions and analyses.

LING 2850: (T/TH 12:30pm-1:45pm)

This class, Introduction to Sociolinguistics of the Deaf Community, explores subgroups within the Deaf Community. You will gain an appreciation for Deaf individuals who have different sociological, linguistic and cultural backgrounds. You will gain insight to how sociolinguistic integration with the larger population in their cultural/ethnic community is viewed by the Deaf and Hearing Communities. There will be some focus on issues of power and identity struggle with respect to language in the Deaf Community.