



## **Sign Language I**

### **Semester A Summary:**

In this course, the student will be introduced to the fundamental concepts of American Sign Language. The student will explore vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills using basic signing and fingerspelling techniques, and will begin to learn about Deaf culture and the Deaf community. A webcam and recording device are required for this course.

### **Semester A Outline**

#### **1. Introduction to ASL**

1. What Is the Deaf Community?
  - Examine unique aspects of the Deaf community
2. Introductions and Greetings Vocabulary
  - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to introductions and greetings
3. Introduction to Fingerspelling
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
  - Interpret and apply fingerspelling techniques
  - Exchange greetings and introductions using familiar ASL vocabulary
4. Parameters and Production of Signs
  - Identify and analyze the five parameters of signs
5. Quiz
  - Compare members of the Deaf community to members of the mainstream hearing community
  - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to introductions and greetings
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters in specialized contexts
  - Exchange greetings and introductions with a peer using familiar ASL vocabulary
  - Identify and analyze essential grammatical components of ASL related to parameters and production
6. Introduction Portfolio
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
  - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
  - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar

#### **2. Signing in Space**

1. What Is Deaf Culture?
  - Compare members of the Deaf community to members of the mainstream hearing community
2. Pronouns and Possessives

- Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to pronouns and possessives
3. Numbers 0–30
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary for numbers 0-30
    - Sign ages, phone numbers, and email addresses using ASL vocabulary
  4. Indexing in Space
    - Analyze and apply indexing in space
  5. Quiz
    - Recognize how members of the Deaf community differ from members of the hearing community
    - Examine and produce ASL vocabulary related to pronouns and possessives
    - Comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary, letters, and numbers in specialized contexts
    - Distinguish essential grammatical components of ASL related to indexing in space
  6. Signing in Space Portfolio
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
    - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
    - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar
- 3. Structures and Strategies**
1. Beginnings of American Sign Language
    - Examine Deaf history and the development of ASL
  2. Signed Vocabulary—Family
    - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to family
  3. Receptive Fingerspelling Techniques
    - Use receptive fingerspelling to produce ASL letters
  4. Sentence Structures for Statements
    - Analyze and interpret sentence structures for statements in ASL
  5. Quiz
    - Examine the historical development of ASL
    - Recognize and produce ASL vocabulary related to family
    - Identify the fundamentals of receptive fingerspelling
    - Interpret essential grammatical components of ASL related to parameters and production
  6. Indexing in Space
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
    - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
    - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar
- 4. Indicating People**
1. Name Signs
    - Examine the use of name signs in the Deaf community
  2. Signed Vocabulary-People around Town
    - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to people around town
  3. Expressive Fingerspelling Techniques
    - Identify strategies for expressive fingerspelling
  4. Agent Marker

- Analyze the role of the Agent marker in ASL
5. Quiz
    - Comprehend the fundamentals of name signs in the Deaf community
    - Distinguish and produce ASL vocabulary related to people around town
    - Identify strategies for expressive fingerspelling
    - Recognize the significance of the agent marker in ASL
  6. Agent Marker for Roles
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
    - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
    - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar
- 5. Community, Calendar, and Clock**
1. Locations of ASL
    - Identify geographical Deaf communities in the United States
  2. Signed Vocabulary—Calendar
    - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to the calendar
  3. The Clock and Time
    - Comprehend how to indicate specific times in ASL
  4. Sentence Structures for Questions
    - Analyze sentence structures used for questions in ASL
  5. Quiz
    - Identify geographical Deaf communities in the United States
    - Comprehend and produce signs related to the calendar
    - Implement ASL to indicate specific times
    - Comprehend and produce sentence structures for questions in ASL
  6. Calendar
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
    - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
    - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
    - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar

## **Semester B Summary:**

This course follows Sign Language I A. The goal of Sign Language I B is for the student to become a confident signer by mastering American Sign Language grammar and building vocabulary. Lessons incorporate the various important components of signs including handshape, position, movement, palm orientation, and non-manual markers. The student’s vocabulary is strengthened by studying special categories such as lexicalized signs, classifiers, and topic-related signs. The student will learn to translate from Standard English into American Sign Language gloss. **A webcam and recording device are required for this course.**

## **Semester B Outline**

### **1. Advancing the Fundamentals**

1. American Sign Language in Deaf culture
  - Identify sources of opposition to the Deaf community
2. Signed Vocabulary—At School
  - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to school

3. Numbers 31–60
  - Recognize and comprehend signs for numbers 31-60
4. Introduction to Glossing
  - Identify key components of ASL gloss
5. Quiz
  - Examine the opposition to ASL and its effects
  - Comprehend and produce basic school vocabulary in ASL
  - Comprehend and produce basic number vocabulary in ASL
  - Identify and analyze key components of ASL gloss
6. Class Scheduling
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
  - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
  - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar

## **2. Careers and Comparisons**

1. Successful Deaf Individuals
  - Identify successful Deaf and hard of hearing individuals
2. Signed Vocabulary—Work and Careers
  - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to work and careers
3. Numbers 61–99
  - Recognize and comprehend signs for numbers 61-99
4. Body Shifting for Combinations, Comparisons, and C
  - Comprehend the method of body shifting in ASL
5. Quiz
  - Recognize successful Deaf and hard of hearing individuals
  - Identify and produce basic signs related to work
  - Identify and produce basic number signs
  - Comprehend the method of body shifting in ASL
6. Comparing Careers
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
  - Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
  - Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
  - Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar

## **3. Pronominals in Space**

1. Deaf President Now!
  - Examine a famous event in Deaf history
2. Signed Vocabulary—Food and Drink
  - Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to food
3. Numbers to 999
  - Recognize and comprehend signs for numbers through 999
4. Pronominal Classifiers
  - Analyze the use of pronominal classifiers in ASL
5. Quiz
  - Investigate the Deaf President Now event
  - Identify and produce essential food and drink signs
  - Identify and produce number signs
  - Analyze pronominal classifiers

## 6. Pronominals for Food and Drink

- Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
- Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
- Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
- Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar

## 4. Sports and Recreation

### 1. Sports in the Deaf Community

- Recognize the importance of sports and recreation in the Deaf community

### 2. Signed Vocabulary—Sports and Recreation

- Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to sports and recreation

### 3. Numbers to 1 Million

- Recognize and comprehend signs for numbers to 1 million

### 4. Instrumental Classifiers

- Analyze and interpret the use of instrumental classifiers in ASL

### 5. Quiz

- Examine the importance of sports and recreation in the Deaf community
- Identify and produce basic ASL vocabulary related to sports and recreation
- Identify and produce number signs
- Analyze and interpret instrumental classifiers

### 6. Sports Classifiers

- Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
- Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
- Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
- Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar

## 5. Times and Tenses

### 1. Deaf Culture Today

- Examine changes that have produced today's Deaf culture

### 2. Signed Vocabulary—Seasons and Holidays

- Accurately comprehend and produce ASL vocabulary related to seasons and holidays

### 3. Signing Years

- Recognize and comprehend signs for numbers related to years

### 4. Indicating Tense

- Analyze and interpret the grammatical features of using tense in ASL

### 5. Quiz

- Explore changes that have contributed to what Deaf culture is today
- Identify and produce basic signs related to seasons and holidays
- Identify and produce signs related to years
- Analyze and interpret the grammatical features of using tense in ASL

### 6. Story in Time

- Accurately produce and comprehend ASL vocabulary
- Accurately produce and comprehend ASL letters and numbers in specialized contexts
- Demonstrate essential grammatical components of ASL
- Demonstrate mastery of ASL vocabulary and grammar