

American Sign Language Level 1

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Tuition: \$90/semester

Credit: 1 Full Foreign Language Credit

Description: ASL is now an approved foreign language course for high school credit at most umbrella schools! This course is a beginners or year 1 course. ASL is valuable in retail, hospitality, and public service jobs. It also opens doors for ministry all around the world and to share God's love with everyone!

Students will begin with learning how to communicate through fingerspelling as well as basic conversation signs. They will also learn Gloss, which is a form of writing in ASL. This is to help students understand and become comfortable with ASL sentence structure. They will not only learn over 400 signs, but they will have a firm understanding of the language, culture, and background. We will dive into Deaf history, which covers the history of the language itself and the history of deaf culture in America. Students will master their signs by having consistent communication with each other as well as myself. Homework will be assigned weekly to help students retain what they learn in class and expand their knowledge of the language. This will consist of some written work via worksheets, along with video recordings of the student signing. The major assignments they will have include a presentation about a deaf historical figure, a signed short story about themselves, and a signed story of their choosing. We will use Google Classroom for communication and assignments. Video assignments will be submitted using the app "Glide." This is a free video app where the students will send me a video of them practicing certain vocabulary or other assignments.

Expectations: Students will be expected to participate in class. They will be graded on their participation and that all depends on how much they use their hands and facial cues during class. Students are expected to have consistent communication throughout the week with myself and/or other students. They will also be expected to have all homework completed by the end of each week. Everything taught in class will be on their online homework page. Students will be expected to keep all electronic devices off and away during class. I encourage all students to contact me with any questions they may have throughout the week via google classroom or email.

Materials Needed:

- The app "Glide"
- Gmail account
- Folder for assignment sheets