



### Course Introduction

Welcome to American Sign Language (ASL) Level 1! This course will provide a foundational level for conversing in ASL. We will spend time learning basic conversational skills, Deaf culture, and history. Students will explore the vast and passionate world of Deaf people.

### Course Description

This course is an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) emphasizing vocabulary, grammar, culture, and history of Deaf people in America. Students will be introduced to basic vocabulary and conversational skills. Students will learn and be able to express the fingerspelled alphabet and numbers used in ASL. Students will be exposed to significant people and events. The majority of this course will be taught in American Sign Language.

This is a yearlong course consisting of 5 units. Upon successful completion students will receive 1 credit towards high school graduation.

### Course Overview

#### Semester 1

- Getting to Know You
- Exchanging Personal Information
- Discussing Living Situations

#### Semester 2

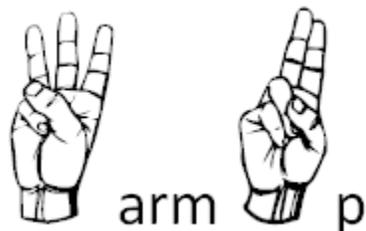
- Talking about Family
- Telling about Activities

### Required Course Materials

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

## Methods of Instruction

Each unit is grouped by Warm Up, Vocabulary, Assignment, and Wrap Up. Some discussion and additional content will be included as well. The goal of this structure is to help you navigate throughout the course.



The warm up sections are designed to develop your receptive and expressive signing skills.



The vocabulary sections will include a video slowly walking you through each sign and a second video, which will provide review of each term. The review video will become a wonderful resource while studying for quizzes and tests.



The assignment sections will provide specific information in the textbook for you to complete an assignment and upload or scan the completed page. The assignments may also include signed video and documents to download.

## Wrap Ups

The wrap up sections will conclude a group of tasks. Wraps ups are designed to bring a concept full circle and/or practice new content.

Additional Section:



The reading sections will indicate sections in your textbook to read and reflect on. Some readings will result in an assignment or discussion.

## Methods of Evaluation

A student will be evaluated on their receptive and expressive signing skills. Students will be assigned an expressive quiz i.e. The Alphabet and will be provided an adequate amount of time to practice and submit the final video for grading. All recordings will be recorded within Canvas. Expressive assessment will be graded using a rubric, which clearly marks each expectation. The rubric is always provided to the student while preparing for his/her expressive assessment.



Quizzes mark the half way point in a unit. Each unit will have one quiz. The quizzes typically cover (but not limited to): fingerspelling and number practice, vocabulary review, culture, and history elements. The quizzes are a combination of skills and knowledge based assessments.



Tests are completed at the end of each unit. Each unit will have one test. The tests typically cover (but not limited to): fingerspelling and number practice, vocabulary review, culture, and history elements. The tests are a combination of skills and knowledge based assessments.

## Grading Policy

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Synchronous Sessions)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Exam
  
- 15% Unit Tests