

COURSE OUTLINE
AMSL-101
Elementary American Sign Language I
4 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this introductory course, students will learn to sign at a basic level. They will learn about deaf culture and communities. In class, they will focus on the basic signing vocabulary and on how to form basic communication with the deaf. (4 hours weekly).

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic American Sign Language vocabulary of 200-300 signs;
2. Demonstrate basic American Sign Language fingerspelling skills;
3. Apply rudimentary skills necessary to communicate about everyday situations with the deaf;
4. Appreciate the language and culture of deaf Americans;
5. Understand the impact of hearing-loss upon daily human interaction.

Major Topics

- I. Basic vocabulary
- II. Basic fingerspelling
- III. Everyday situations in deaf communication
- IV. Language and culture of deaf Americans
- V. Impact of hearing-loss

Course Requirements

The grade will be based on criteria as stated on instructor's syllabus and will include exams, quizzes, and conversation simulations.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Science elective and a Humanities core.