

COURSE OUTLINE
AMSL-102
Elementary American Sign Language II
4 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In AMSL-102, students review finger spelling and core signs. They will continue to communicate basic ideas, needs and reactions. More vocabulary will be introduced as students increase their conversational and receptive skills. Students will learn more about deaf culture, society, and issues about 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 and comprehend common single phrase sentence structures
2. Perform an additional sign vocabulary of signs
3. Describe, demonstrate and recognize four modulation patterns (facial expression, sign tension, temporal movement, mouth movements)
4. Define conceptual accuracy and provide examples
5. Demonstrate basic mapping and giving directions

Major Topics

- I. Parameters, syntax, and sentence types
- II. Facial expression and body language
- III. Sign space (directional verbs)
- IV. Pronominalization
- V. Nouns/Verbs/Pluralization
- VI. Modulation, sight line, fingerspelled loan signs, and contractions
- VII. Time line
- VIII. Sign continuum
- IX. Classifiers
- X. Gloss/transcription
- XI. Conceptual accuracy
- XII. Deaf culture, history of sign

Course Requirements

Course requirements will vary with the instructor and may include quizzes, projects, oral presentations and exams.

Other Course Information

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