

COURSE OUTLINE
AMSL-201
Intermediate American Sign Language I
4 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

AMSL-201 expands on the skills of AMSL-101 and AMSL-102 to further develop understanding of the grammatical rules of American Sign Language. Students will develop rudimentary competency in expressive and receptive use of ASL, as well as a greater understanding of deaf culture. (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 an increase in ASL vocabulary by 600 signs from current handbook
2. Demonstrate the use of sign space and ability to map using a minimum of 4 placements on the vertical sight plane and 4 placements on the horizontal sight plane
3. List and explain at least 5 ASL idioms
4. Discuss modulation as a key aspect in ASL and give ASL/English examples
5. Transcribe a short English written paragraph into correct ASL gloss
6. Define conceptual accuracy as it relates to ASL and to English , and be able to translate modern English idioms into conceptually correct ASL

Major Topics

- I. Sentence order
- II. Transcription
- III. Modulation
- IV. Sign space usage
- V. Verb agreement
- VI. Directionality
- VII. Conceptual accuracy including signs with multiple translation
- VIII. Sign vocabulary

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 course.