

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

## American Sign Language (SIGN)

### **SIGN 1A - Elementary American Sign Language I (5 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 85 hours lecture*  
This course offers a systematic introduction to understanding, signing, reading and writing American Sign Language (ASL) and to knowledge about Deaf American culture. Emphasis is placed on communication skills, first in the classroom, then extending to wider cultural contexts. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*  
*UC Transfer Limits: Corresponds to 2 years of high school study*  
*GE Credit: CSU C2 Humanities; IGETC 6A Language Other Than English (UC Requirement Only); MPC C Humanities*

### **SIGN 1AL - Elementary American Sign Language I Lab (0.5-1 units)**

*Pass/No Pass (P/NP) Only • Total hours: 25.5-51 hours lab*  
This course is designed to promote competency in the conversational use of American Sign Language and to increase fluency by reinforcing previously learned materials and by expanding vocabulary and patterns of discourse. The course emphasizes the practical application of the language in everyday life situations and current events at the novice to intermediate level. This course is also available for students who have taken SIGN 1A and want to continue to improve their skills. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Pre/Corequisite(s): SIGN 1A*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*  
*GE Credit: MPC C Humanities*

### **SIGN 1B - Elementary American Sign Language II (5 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 85 hours lecture*  
This course is a continuation of SIGN 1A. Emphasis is placed on extending communication skills to wider cultural contexts. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Prerequisite(s): SIGN 1A*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*  
*GE Credit: CSU C2 Humanities; IGETC 6A Language Other Than English (UC Requirement Only); MPC C Humanities*

### **SIGN 1BL - Elementary American Sign Language II Lab (0.5-1 units)**

*Pass/No Pass (P/NP) Only • Total hours: 25.5-51 hours lab*  
This course is designed to promote competency in the conversational use of American Sign Language and to increase fluency by reinforcing previously learned materials and by expanding vocabulary and patterns of discourse. The course emphasizes the practical application of the language in everyday life situations and current events at the novice to intermediate level. This course is also available for students who have taken SIGN 1B and want to continue to improve their skills. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Prerequisite(s): SIGN 1AL*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*

### **SIGN 1CL - Intermediate American Sign Language I Lab (0.5-1 units)**

*Pass/No Pass (P/NP) Only • Total hours: 25.5-51 hours lab*  
This course is designed to promote competency in the conversational use of American Sign Language and to increase fluency by reinforcing previously learned materials and by expanding vocabulary and patterns of discourse. The course emphasizes the practical application of the language in everyday life situations and current events at the novice to intermediate level. This course is available for students who have taken SIGN 1A, SIGN 1B, or SIGN 2A and want to continue to improve their skills. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Pre/Corequisite(s): SIGN 1A*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*

### **SIGN 1DL - Intermediate American Sign Language II Lab (0.5-1 units)**

*Pass/No Pass (P/NP) Only • Total hours: 25.5-51 hours lab*  
This course is designed to promote competency in the conversational use of American Sign Language and to increase fluency by reinforcing previously learned materials and by expanding vocabulary and patterns of discourse. The course emphasizes the practical application of the language in everyday life situations and current events at the novice to intermediate level. This course is available for students who have taken SIGN 1A, SIGN 1B, or SIGN 2A and want to continue to improve their skills. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Pre/Corequisite(s): SIGN 1A*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*

### **SIGN 2A - Intermediate American Sign Language (5 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 85 hours lecture*  
Teaches culture and language of Deaf Americans. Students interact with contextualized authentic language. Content is expanded in order to express personal meaning and go beyond casual conversation to express opinions, make values, and comment on culturally-relevant appropriate customs and events. Course is taught in ASL. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Prerequisite(s): SIGN 1B*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*  
*GE Credit: CSU C2 Humanities; IGETC 3B Humanities, 6A Language Other Than English (UC Requirement Only); MPC C Humanities*

### **SIGN 2B - Advanced American Sign Language II (5 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 85 hours lecture*  
This course provides a review of grammar and active vocabulary growth through signed and written composition. Emphasis is placed on conversational practice using materials relevant to the American Deaf culture.

*Prerequisite(s): SIGN 2A*  
*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*  
*GE Credit: CSU C2 Humanities; IGETC 6A Language Other Than English (UC Requirement Only); MPC C Humanities*

**SIGN 10 - Structure and Culture of American Sign Language (3 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture*

This course offers linguistic study of the structure of American Sign Language (ASL) and the culture of Deaf Americans. Topics include phonology, morphology, and syntax of ASL; language and identity; language policy; crosslinguistic aspects of signed languages; and ASL literature. No previous knowledge of ASL or linguistics is required. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

*Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A*

*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*

*GE Credit: MPC C Humanities, D Social Sciences*

**SIGN 20 - Introduction to Deaf Culture (3 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture*

This course offers an introduction to American Deaf Culture, the history, the community, and the language. Deaf cultural values, characteristics, and dynamics are discussed, as well as issues related to minority dynamics. Organizations and individual perceptions of self in relation to group identity, along with political views as examined through articles, books, and videotaped presentations are studied. May be offered fully online.

*Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A*

*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC*

*GE Credit: CSU C2 Humanities, D Social Sciences; IGETC 3B Humanities, 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC C Humanities*

**SIGN 90 - Independent Study (0.5-4 units)**

*Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 25.5-204 hours lab*

This course provides a framework for this academic discipline, which is designed to enrich the student's experience beyond current curriculum offerings. The program of study, research, reading, or activity is tailored to student needs and interests. When the student has identified an instructor to supervise his/her program of study, the agreement is recorded on a form available in the Admissions and Records Office.

*Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A*

*Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU*