

ASL 2, Part 1

Course Outline & Objectives

Course Description:

This course continues the grammar and skills introduced in ASL 1. It teaches intermediate conversation, grammar, and vocabulary. The focus is on expressive and receptive American Sign Language, fingerspelling, and the culture of the Deaf community. Each unit will cover vocabulary related to a specific theme (Travel, Nature and Environment, Storytelling, etc.) and grammar concepts appropriate to level 2.

Credits - One Semester (0.5 Carnegie unit / CA: 5 credits) | Prerequisite: ASL 1

Course Outline

Unit 1 - Expressing Yourself

- 1.1 Well, what do you know?
- 1.2 Vocabulary - Making Comparisons
- 1.3 Contrastive Structure
- 1.4 Parameters of ASL
- 1.5 That's Intense!

Unit 2 - What Have You Been Up To?

- 2.1 Describing Large Events
- 2.2 Continually and Repeatedly
- 2.3 Agreement and Disagreement
- 2.4 Conditional Sentences
- 2.5 Conjunctions

Standards

In this unit, you will review the basics of glossing, topic/comment structure, rhetorical questions, yes/no questions, and WH-questions—basically, all of ASL 1 in a single lesson. You'll also practice fingerspelling and learn more tips for improving your fingerspelling reception. After that warm-up, you'll learn more advanced vocabulary to talk about everyday subjects. You'll learn about comparatives and superlatives, and contrastive structure. You'll also get a basic linguistics lesson on how ASL signs are constructed.

Communication Standards: WL.CM1.I, WL.CM3.I, WL.CM6.I, WL.CM7.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CL1.I

Connections Standards: WL.CN1.I

In this unit, you will learn classifiers and signs to describe large events. You will review and expand your ability to use inflection to show continued and repeated events. You will also learn vocabulary for agreeing and disagreeing, and the structure for forming conditional sentences. Finally, you will learn how to use signs you already know, such as HIT, WRONG, FINISH, FRUSTRATE, FIND as conjunctions.

Communication Standards: WL.CM1.I, WL.CM3.I, WL.CM5.I, WL.CM6.I, WL.CM7.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CL1.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CN1.I

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Unit 3 - Nature and Environment

- 3.1 Nature Vocabulary
- 3.2 Element Classifiers and Describing Nature
- 3.3 Weather and Seasons
- 3.4 Adverbial Phrases
- 3.5 Holidays

Unit 4 - Travel

- 4.1 Travel Vocabulary
- 4.2 Countries
- 4.3 Classifiers Related to Transportation
- 4.4 Making and Canceling Plans
- 4.5 Idioms and Figurative Language

Unit 5 - ASL Storytelling

- 5.1 The Eyes and How They Work
- 5.2 Deaf Folklore: Legends and Anecdotes
- 5.3 Sign Play Stories
- 5.4 TIMBER!
- 5.5 Jokes

Standards

In this unit, you will learn vocabulary and classifiers to talk about nature, the environment, weather, seasons, and holidays. You will also learn to use mouth morphemes to create adverbs.

Communication Standards: WL.CM1.I, WL.CM3.I, WL.CM5.I, WL.CM6.I, WL.CM7.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CL1.I

Cultural Standards: WL.CN1.I

In this unit, you will learn everything you need to know to talk about travel, including vocabulary, classifiers related to transportation, and the names of countries. You'll hear from a selection of Deaf travelers and learn how to talk about your own nationality. You will practice making and canceling plans. You'll also learn about idioms - a statement or saying that cannot be translated literally!

Communication Standards: WL.CM1.I, WL.CM2.I, WL.CM3.I, WL.CM5.I, WL.CM6.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CL2.I, WL.CL3.I

Cultural Standards: WL.CN1.I

In this unit, you will dive deeper into ASL folklore: different genres; why it is important to ASL and the Deaf community; how it capitalizes on the visual nature of ASL; and how it reflects the Deaf experience. First, we'll start with a study of how signs and classifiers are used in a variety of ways to show the eyes and everything they can do.

Communication Standards: WL.CM7.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CL2.I, WL.CL3.I,

Cultural Standards: WL.CN1.I, WL.CN2.I