

ASL 121 – Introduction to American Sign Language

Prerequisite: None

Credits : 5

Text: “Vista: Signing naturally” – Level 1
and “Vista: Signing naturally”/ Video / videotext - Level 1

Course Description: This course exposes the student to American Sign Language. Readiness activities are conducted focusing on visual/receptive skills and basic communication. The direct experience method, using ASL, is used to enhance the learning process.

Course Outline: We will be following Vista’s Signing Naturally curriculum. This curriculum integrates functional language in context, specific grammatical features and vocabulary/key phrases. It enables students to acquire a rich language base in American Sign Language.

No voice interpreting will be provide anytime during class.

Course Objectives:

- Receptive skills will be developed to fully understand signs and fingerspelling
- The students will learn and be able to use facial expression and classifier signs.
- The students will be able to sign vocabulary and numbers
- The students will be able to express ideas an concepts through receptive skills, signs and fingerspelling.
- The student will participate in class activities such as sign production, interaction and learning activities
- The students will incorporate American Sign Language grammar rules in expressive signing.

Class requirements:

1. Regular attendance
2. Using your eyes at all times in class to develop receptive skills.
3. Using regularly Vista Signing Naturally workbook and videotext.
4. participating in class activities

Grading:

- Class participation and learning activities 50%
- Mid-term exam 25%
- Final exam 25%