

# American Sign Language I

Course #2611/2612

Academic College Prep Elective - UC/CSU Approved



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Course description: This course is designed to develop the fundamentals of communicative competence in conversations of ASL. Finger spelling, sign vocabulary development, basic sentence patterns of ASL, receptive/expressive skills, and deaf history/culture will be covered.

## What Will You Do?

- Understand Deaf culture and how language and cultures interact in societies.
- Make connection between ASL and the content from other disciplines.
- Examine the nature, structure, and culture of one's own language by contrasting it to and making comparisons with ASL
- Expand your sense of community to include a global perspective and appreciation for diversity and understanding of Deaf culture.

## Reasons to Learn ASL

- You can communicate with your mouth full
- Understand and help end Audism
- Talk across a crowded room without shouting
- Quietly chat at the movies without being rude
- Learn a language that's unique, visual, spatial & gestural
- Get to know some wonderful people in the Deaf community

" My favorite thing about the ASL program at Northwood is the supportive community made up of Ms. Petrillo and other ASL students. Ms. Petrillo has been able to create an amazing learning environment to the point where ASL students really form a family, making everyone feel supported and comfortable to learn in and out of the classroom. "

Paige Condry - ASL 1-3 & Club President



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