

# Sign Language Studies (SLS)

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## **SLS 1000 American Sign Language (ASL) I ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

This course provides an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL), including basic grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling, and number use.

Students will be expected to attain a basic proficiency in expressive and receptive ASL. American Deaf culture topics will also be introduced.

**BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

**GE Outcomes:** Effective Communication

## **SLS 1001 Orientation to Deafness ..... 2 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

This course provides an overview of deafness, with an emphasis on the impact of deafness on the individual and the family, social patterns of the Deaf community and culture, and historical and changing attitudes toward persons with disabilities. **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 2

## **SLS 1010 American Sign Language (ASL) II ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1000 or consent of departmental designee.

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This course builds on the introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) provided in SLS 1000. The course will continue vocabulary building and mastery of basic grammar. American Deaf culture topics will also be introduced. **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

**GE Outcomes:** Effective Communication

## **SLS 1020 American Sign Language (ASL) III ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1010 or consent of departmental designee.

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This course provides instruction in vocabulary building and mastery of grammar through rigorous receptive and expressive language activities. American Sign Language (ASL) skills development with application to complex grammatical structures is continued. Topics discussed in ASL III include the location and description of items in rooms and buildings, complaints, making suggestions, and making requests. American Deaf culture topics will be discussed. **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

**GE Outcomes:** Effective Communication

## **SLS 1030 American Sign Language (ASL) IV ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1020 or consent of departmental designee.

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This course provides vocabulary building and mastery of grammar through rigorous receptive and expressive language activities. American Sign Language (ASL) skills development with application to complex grammatical structures is continued. Topics to be discussed in ASL IV build from those covered in the ASL III course (descriptions, complaints, suggestions, requests, Deaf culture). **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

**GE Outcomes:** Effective Communication

## **SLS 1040 American Sign Language (ASL) V ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** SLS 1030 or consent of department designee.

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This course provides vocabulary building and continued mastery of grammar through rigorous receptive and expressive language activities. American Sign Language (ASL) skills development with application to complex grammatical structures is continued. Topics to be discussed in ASL V build from those covered in the ASL IV course (specialized vocabulary). **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

## **SLS 1045 American Sign Language (ASL) VI ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** SLS 1040 or consent of department designee.

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This course provides vocabulary building and continued mastery of grammar through rigorous receptive and expressive language activities. American Sign Language (ASL) skills development with application to complex grammatical structures is continued. Topics to be discussed in ASL VI build from those covered in the ASL V course (specialized vocabulary). **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

## **SLS 1050 Linguistic Principles of ASL ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1030 or consent of departmental designee.

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This course will provide an overview of the linguistic structures of American Sign Language (ASL), including phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and discourse. Topics relevant to interpreting, such as language variation and its impact on interpretation choices, will be discussed. **BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS:** 3

**SLS 1100 Fingerspelling and Number Use in ASL .....2 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1010 or consent of departmental designee.

**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course will develop beginning receptive and expressive fingerspelling and number use based on work with phrase recognition and expression. Students will be expected to demonstrate basic proficiency in receptive recognition and expressive production of fingerspelled words and numbers in context. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**SLS 1150 Beginning Sign to Voice ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1030 or consent of departmental designee.

**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course will provide an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) to English voice interpretation via lecture, textbook readings and practical activities utilizing video materials. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 1211 Non-manual Grammatical Features of ASL .....2 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1030 or consent of departmental designee.

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This course focuses on specific facial manipulations that are essential grammatical components of American Sign Language such as lexical, morphological and syntactical non-manual signals formed by the mouth, cheeks, eyes, eyebrows, head, and shoulders. Expressive and receptive activities designed to increase awareness and use of these features will be provided. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**SLS 1501 Deaf Culture and History .....3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1030 or consent of departmental designee.

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This course will allow students to compare prevailing American values, beliefs and institutions with those of the Deaf community in the United States. An examination of the history of the American Deaf community from 1700 - present will provide information about important milestones, technological advances, and influential figures. Subjects covered will include Deaf people's contributions to American culture and the values, identities, group norms, social mores, literature, art, and traditions of the Deaf community. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 1550 Intermediate Sign to Voice .....3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1150 or consent of departmental designee.

**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

A continuation of SLS 1150, this course will provide additional instruction in American Sign Language (ASL) to English voice interpretation via practical activities utilizing video materials. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 2050 Principles of Interpreting ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in both SLS 1030 and ENG 1520 or consent of departmental designee.

**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course provides a foundation in the principles of sign language interpretation including an overview of historical and current milestones in the field. The course will include introduction to and application of the National Association of the Deaf - Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NAD-RID) Code of Professional Conduct for sign language interpreters to specific settings and situations. Practical activities in pre-interpreting skills, such as text translation, short term memory improvement, and language processing, will be introduced. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 2100 Advanced Fingerspelling and Number Use in ASL .....2 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1100 or consent of departmental designee.

**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course provides the student with advanced, concentrated instruction and practice in both expressive and receptive fingerspelling skills. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**SLS 2150 Advanced Sign to Voice .....3 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 1550 or consent of departmental designee.

**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course will provide advanced instruction in American Sign Language to English voice interpretation. Techniques taught include register, processing time, anticipation and prediction, closure, analyzing dialect and modality variation, pacing, and voice projection. Activities utilizing video materials and guest speakers will provide practical experience. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 2250 Interpreting and Transliterating I .....3 Credit Hours****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 2050 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course concentrates on the development of English to American Sign Language consecutive and simultaneous interpretation and transliteration skills through simulated interpreting situations, vocabulary review, activities and practical exams. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 2450 Interpreting and Transliterating II .....2 Credit Hours****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 2250 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course continues the development of consecutive and simultaneous interpretation and transliteration skills through simulated interpreting situations, vocabulary review, activities and practical exams. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**SLS 2800 Interactive Interpreting .....3 Credit Hours****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 2100 SLS 2150 SLS 2450; or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course provides a review of and preparation for the various methods of assessment for certification. Activities include practical application of voice to sign and sign to voice skills gained from prerequisite courses via interpreting for simulated interactive situations, such as interviews or appointments. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**SLS 2900 Sign Internship .....2 Credit Hours****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** Grade of 'C+' or better in SLS 2100 SLS 2150 SLS 2450; and consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

This course provides an opportunity to participate in the interpreting process in work situations and to assist with agency duties. The student will be expected to arrange an internship with the participating agencies for a minimum of 90 hours. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**SLS 2910 Topics in Interpreting: Interpreting in Artistic Settings ..... 1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Interpreting in Artistic Settings. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2911 Topics in Interpreting: Interpreting/Transliteration II ..... 1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Interpreting/Transliteration II. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2912 Topics in Interpreting: Educational Interpreting .....2 Credit Hours****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Educational Interpreting. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**SLS 2913 Topics in Interpreting: Idioms ..... 1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Idioms. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2914 Topics in Interpreting: ASL Storytelling ..... 1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

ASL Storytelling. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2915 Topics in Interpreting: Deaf Blind Interpreting ..... 1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Deaf Blind Interpreting. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2916 Topics in Interpreting: Mathematics: Specialized Terminology for Interpreters .....1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Mathematics: Specialized Terminology for Interpreters. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2917 Topics in Interpreting: Freelance 101 .. 1 Credit Hour****English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.**Note:** Prerequisites for courses in this department are not automatically waived for College Guest students and students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution.

Freelance 101. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2918 Topics in Interpreting: Team Interpreting ..... 1 Credit Hour**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.

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Team Interpreting. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1

**SLS 2919 Topics in Interpreting: Certification Preparation ..... 2 Credit Hours**

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** SLS 2900 or consent of departmental designee.

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Certification Preparation. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2