

American Sign Language 1: High School Level

Grades:	7th - 12th
Day of Week:	Monday
Time of Class:	9:00 am – 10:30 am ET
Length of Class:	30 weeks
Semester:	Full Year
Tuition:	\$600.00

High School Credit: 1 year of Foreign Language** OR Elective

** NOTE: Most states and colleges accept ASL as a Foreign Language; however, some do not. Please verify with your state/college you are interested in if they will accept ASL as a Foreign Language Credit.

Class Dates:

Fall 2023

Week 1: Week of September 11

Week 2: Week of September 18

No classes from September 25 – October 6, 2023 – Jewish Holidays

Week 3: Week of October 9

Week 4: Week of October 16

Week 5: Week of October 23

Week 6: Week of October 30

Week 7: Week of November 6

Week 8: Week of November 13

No classes from November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays

Week 9: Week of November 27

Week 10: Week of December 4

Make-Up Days: Week of December 11

Time off for Christmas and New Year's! Enjoy the holidays!

Winter 2024

Week 11: Week of January 8

Week 12: Week of January 15

Week 13: Week of January 22

Week 14: Week of January 29

Week 15: Week of February 5

Week 16: Week of February 12

Week 17: Week of February 19

Week 18: Week of February 26

Week 19: Week of March 4

Week 20: Week of March 11

Make-Up Days: Week of March 18

Spring 2024

Please note that there are two breaks during this year's Spring term, for the observances of Eid and Passover.

Week 21: Week of March 25

Week 22: Week of April 1

Week of April 8: No Classes due to Eid (Muslim) Holiday – Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families!

Week 23: Week of April 15

Weeks of April 22 and April 29: No Classes – Spring Break – Happy Passover to our Jewish families!

Week 24: Week of May 6

Week 25: Week of May 13

Week 26: Week of May 20

Week 27: Week of May 27

Week 28: Week of June 3

Week 29: Week of June 10

Week 30: Week of June 17

Make-Up Days: Week of June 24

Instructor's Name:

Miss Alli Fisher

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Instructor's Phone:

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Description of Class:

Have your students always wanted to learn American Sign Language? This class is just what they need to get started! We will go from zero to ASL heroes over the course of the school year! Rather than learning random vocabulary words, this course will help students learn how to sign conversationally with the deaf and hard-of-hearing, even if they don't know how to spell their names!

By the end of the course, students will be able to carry on a basic conversation completely in American Sign Language. They'll also have the tools they need to move on to more advanced signing concepts later.

Class Approach:

The curriculum parallels what we know about language development and second language learning. We focus on introducing language in context and reinforcing what is learned by engaging you into various interactive activities. A conversational curriculum requires you to be an active learner. You need to come prepared to sign with me and other classmates.

Goals:

To complete Signing Naturally Units 1-6. That being said, the schedule is subject to change, based on the progression of the class.

Textbook:

Signing Naturally Units 1-6 (with DVD)

Available from Dawn Sign Press

www.dawnsign.com

OR

Amazon.com: <http://amzn.to/2GhABfK>

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

DVD included with textbook: Note the DVD is required for this class. If you purchase the textbook used, make sure that the DVD is included.

Requirements:

Class attendance is VITAL to students' success in this class, especially as new signers. While your teacher is your primary resource, students will find that they will learn from each other as well.

Class Homework:

There will be three graded homework assignments after each class. Students will be required to watch videos (included with your textbook) and to produce videos of their own, showing their increasing signing skills as the quarter progresses.

Homework Policy:

Homework should be submitted by the deadline. Please check the assignment details for each project.

Additional Policies:

Our classes are conducted in American Sign Language (ASL) from the very first day. You are immersed in the language, not including your homework, to maximize your language learning. The teacher will use gestures, signs, drawings and act out situations to get the point across and your job is to keep trying. This may sound daunting at first, but trust me, it works!

Evaluation:

Grades are based on the following:

- Participation Grade: 20% (To get the full 20 points, you must participate in each graded discussion posted during the year. There will be one graded discussion assignment per class.)
- Quizzes: 20% (To get the full 20 points, you must complete each graded quiz posted during the year. There will be one graded quiz per class session.)
- Homework: 10% (To get the full 10 points, you must complete each homework assignment posted during the year. There will be one graded homework assignment per class.)
- Midterm Exam 25%
- Final Exam 25%

Grading Scale:

Percentages/Grades

100-90:	A
89-80:	B
79-70:	C
69-60:	D
59 – 0:	F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Fall 2022

Week	Topic
Week 1	Emotions: How are you feeling? Activities: What do you want to do?

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	Greetings
Week 2	Food: What do you like to eat? Color: What is your favorite color?
Week 3	Sports: What do you want to play? Question Words and Common Phrases
Week 4	Family & Pronouns
Week 5	Time Words, Days of Week,
Week 6	Animals: What is your favorite animal? Weather, Seasons, Nature Places
Week 7	Transportation & Clothing
Week 8	Fingerspelling
Week 9	Numbers (Age, Ordinal Numbers)
Week 10	Professions

Winter 2023

Week	Topic
Week 1	Adjectives / Opposites
Week 2	Cities / Countries
Week 3	Around the House & Classroom
Week 4	ASL sentence structure
Week 5	Conversations
Week 6	Sign Twisters & Song in Sign
Week 7	Storytelling & Children Books
Week 8	Math & Money
Week 9	Months & States
Week 10	Deaf Culture

Spring 2023

Week	Topic
Week 1	Everyday Schedule Language
Week 2	Giving Directions
Week 3	ASL Structure
Week 4	Deaf Culture
Week 5	Describing People Communication with your Face
Week 6	Classifiers Songs in ASL
Week 7	De'VIA Deaf Artists
Week 8	Story Telling
Week 9	ASL Poetry/ ABC Stories

Week

Topic

Week 10 Open Sign Day
