

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

ASL 202 INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2/GE

Credit Hours: 4 Lec 4

PREREQUISITES: ASL 201

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Continues, at the intermediate level, the development of the American Sign Language proficiency students acquired in ASL 201. Students continue to expand their awareness of ASL conventions, grammar, and vocabulary, including an extensive review of topical signs and idioms. Students develop a greater competency in their receptive understanding of connected ASL discourse and in their expression of extended ideas, concepts, and stories in ASL. Their expressive competency in discussion of ideas includes an expression of their understanding of Deaf culture. Students continue the growth of their technical awareness of Deaf culture and ASL linguistics. Fulfills the fourth semester foreign language requirement at most four-year institutions.

**1. COURSE GOALS**

- 1.1 To expand the students' ASL vocabulary, including their breadth of topical signs.
- 1.2 To increase students' awareness of ASL conventions and idioms.
- 1.3 To augment students' ease and fluency of ASL conversational skills over a variety of topics.
- 1.4 To have students practice their own ASL expository and storytelling proficiency.
- 1.5 To involve students in reading, discussing, and writing about detailed aspects of Deafness and ASL, which further develops ethnic, race, and gender awareness.

**2. OUTCOMES**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 demonstrate their ASL vocabulary in ten topical areas.
- 2.2 demonstrate their understanding of ASL signs, grammar, usage, idioms, conventions, and expressions through receptive language quizzes and examinations.
- 2.3 demonstrate ASL receptive and expressive competency—including appropriate use of ASL signs, grammar, usage, idioms, conventions, and expressions—through the use of:
  - topics randomly selected by the instructor.
  - students' personal anecdotes.
  - a short story.
  - a Deaf Art form.
- 2.4 discuss, in ASL, the content and significance of assigned readings.
- 2.5 prepare and discuss a paper which summarizes and analyzes the significance of the Deafness and ASL readings.

**3. AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA  
ORAL COMMUNICATION**

- The syntax and mechanics of written and/or oral communication, including exploration of academic and rhetorically diverse contexts
- How to communicate orally and visually
- The structure and delivery of oral presentations
- The use of visual aids to effectively communicate
- The use of language(s) to explore and express ideas in a diverse society

## 4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Total Physical Response (TPR), along with the audio-lingual and natural approach.
- 4.2 Physical activities designed to develop observational, motor, and spatial skills.
- 4.3 Pair and small group dialogue activities or role-playing.
- 4.4 Live or recorded authentic models of Deaf adults, with language exercises and drills.
- 4.5 Reading and discussion about Deaf culture and issues.
- 4.6 Writing assignments with feedback and recommendations.
- 4.7 Expressive presentations by students in the target language, with feedback and recommendations from instructor and fellow students.
- 4.8 The instructor could use any supplementary or unique method of instruction as long as the major objectives are met.
- 4.9 Language instruction is given in the target language.

## 5. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 All instruction and discussions in the target language; no oral language is used in the instruction of the course.
- 5.2 Learn using both ASL vocabulary building exercises and ASL literature.
- 5.3 Interaction with the instructor and students to build vocabulary and linguistic skills.
- 5.4 Physical activities that develop observational, motor, and spatial skills.
- 5.5 Pair and small group activities to strengthen vocabulary and linguistic fluency.
- 5.6 Watching live or recorded authentic models of Deaf adults using sign language to reinforce the students' language learning and appreciation of the language's subtleties.
- 5.7 Further expanded activities to build upon expressive and receptive skills in ASL.
- 5.8 Expand expressive fluency through narrative and literary ASL presentations.
- 5.9 Read and discuss, using ASL, texts regarding Deaf culture and issues.
- 5.10 A research paper summarizing and analyzing readings on Deafness related topics.
- 5.11 Presentation of an ASL interpretation of a story in ASL.
- 5.12 Writing Assignments

## 6. EVALUATION

- 3.1 Assignments
- 3.2 In-class participation
- 3.3 Presentations
- 3.4 Exams

## 7. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 7.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 7.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.

- 7.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 7.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
- Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
- For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course