



**NEW FOR SPRING 2021 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES,
LITERATURES & CULTURES**

LLCU105: Introduction to American Sign Language

**Meets online Tuesdays
and Thursdays 12:30-
1:45 pm (4 credits).
No pre-requisites.**

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Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most commonly used language in North America, after English and Spanish? ASL is a distinct language with its own syntax and grammar, developed over hundreds of years by Deaf people as a means of communication. In this introductory course, you'll learn the basic skills of American Sign language (ASL) productive signing and comprehensive signing – the manual alphabet, basic grammar, and numbers – and attain basic conversational ability so that you can start communicating right away. You'll also develop a valuable understanding of culturally appropriate behaviors and explore the rich and dynamic world of Deaf culture, community, and history. Not only is learning ASL a profoundly rewarding experience in its own right, but – like all forms of bilingualism – it can also bring cognitive benefits, from enhanced abstract and creative thinking to sharper problem-solving capabilities, and it is a valuable asset in many career paths.



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