



American Sign Language at Highline Community College

Course descriptions

ASL& 121 (American Sign Language I) is a 5-credit, comprehensive beginning course in American Sign Language, which includes instruction and practice in expressive and receptive language skills and an introduction to the culture and history of the primary users of the language. *Prerequisite: Minimum COMPASS writing 65 and reading 80.*

ASL& 122 (American Sign Language II) is a 5-credit, comprehensive, second level beginning course in American Sign Language, which includes instruction and practice in expressive and receptive language skills and continued cultural exploration. *Prerequisite: ASL 101/ASL& 121 with 1.5 minimum or permission.*

ASL& 123 (American Sign Language III) is a 5-credit, comprehensive third level beginning course in American Sign Language, which includes instruction and practice in expressive and receptive language skills, continued cultural exploration and an introduction to the deaf-blind culture and community. *Prerequisite: ASL 102/ASL& 122 with 1.5 minimum or permission.*

ASL is used in Canada and the United States. It has its roots in French Sign Language, not British Sign Language

ASL is not used universally. Other countries have their own unique signed languages, including Japan, China, Russia, Great Britain and others.



ASL classes can be used to fulfill a language requirement when transferring to colleges and universities.

ASL is not English on the hands. It has its own grammatical structure, similar to spoken Mandarin Chinese and Philippine Tagalog.