



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2021	Instructor Name:	Fernanda Moran
Course Title & #:	AMSL 100	Email:	fernanda.moran@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10199		
Classroom:	ONLINE	Office #:	Zoom ONLINE
Class Dates:	08/16/'21 – 12/06/'21	Office Hours:	MW 1PM-2PM
Class Days:	ONLINE	Office Phone #:	(760) 355-6337
Class Times:	ONLINE	Emergency Contact:	Email
Units:	4	Class Format:	ONLINE

Course Description

An introduction to American Sign Language and fingerspelling. The course will focus on conversational skills, grammar, and vocabulary as it used in Deaf community. Deaf culture will be examined.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

NONE

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- 1) Differentiate between basic similar signs.
- 2) Recognize basic differences between simple ASL and English sentence structures.
- 3) Identify basic differences between Deaf and Hearing cultures

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the student will:

1. Demonstrate how to sign numbers zero to one hundred using the cardinal and ordinal numbering systems correctly.
2. Express and receive fingerspelled words at basic skill level.

3. Recall and produce basic sign vocabulary, approximately 25 - 30 signs per week, being able to distinguish between signs that are produced similarly.
4. Recognize and produce specific grammatical structures, including personal and possessive pronouns, directional verbs and noun-verb pairs.
5. Express a basic knowledge of American Sign Language syntax. 2
6. Sign presentations, following the criteria and topics indicated by the instructor.
7. Participate in in class signing activities - including physical and emotional descriptions, discussing daily routines, and requesting in ASL.
8. Demonstrate a basic use of simple classifiers.
9. Sign using the correct facial grammar and syntax for forming questions in ASL.
10. Discuss basic Deaf culture issues including: differences between Deaf and Hearing cultures; how to navigate a signing environment; appropriate greetings and attention getting behaviors.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required: Learning American Sign Language, 2nd Edition, Tom Humphreys and Carol Padden, Pearson Education, Inc, Boston

Other ASL Resources/Links:

Online Dictionary: Handspeak.com, Signingsavvy.com, Lifeprint.com, aslpro.com

Facebook: ASL THAT! The Daily Moth, Gallaudet University, ASL Grade, RIT/NTID, Convo, SignTalk, Sign Language of the Deaf World, Aprendiendo con Dynamic Hands., Whyisign, Tru Biz

Instagram: @ASL_NYC @ASLSTORYTELLING @SIGNEDWITHHEART @ASLESSION @THEASLAPP @ASLSLAM @GALLAUDETETU, @Dynamic.Hands

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

The instructor will generally be teaching with a voice-off approach. At times, there will be spoken lectures. This will increase your receptive and expressive comprehension, as you will be expected to respond and converse in ASL. You will participate in a variety of online class exercises designed to increase both your receptive and expressive skills. New vocabulary will be introduced weekly and applied through a variety of



exercises. Students will learn grammatical structures weekly as units in the book are completed. ASL assignments will require to be done in Canvas (online). Clear instructions will be given by the instructor to produce successful assignments. Students will sign with instructor through video submissions/uploads.

One-on-one Zoom conversational assessment meetings will be announced throughout the semester. During lecture, students will be given specific exercises and instructions to focus on improving their

signing skills. All presentations will be signed (do not voice or whisper when signing). You must practice offline. Canvas Online Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one

(1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

3)What if I need to borrow technology or access to WIFI?

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

2. If you'd like access the WIFI at the IVC campus, you can park in parking lots "I & J". Students must log into the IVC student WIFI by using their IVC email and password. The parking lots will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines for using parking WIFI:

- Park in every other space (empty space BETWEEN vehicles)
- Must have facemask available
- For best reception park near buildings
- Only park at marked student spaces
- Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled parking spaces
- Only members of the same household in each vehicle
- Occupants MUST remain in vehicles
- Restrooms and other on-campus services not available
- College campus safety will monitor the parking lot
- Student code of conduct and all other parking guidelines are in effect
- Please do not leave any trash behind
- No parking permit required

If you have any questions about using parking WIFI, please call Student Affairs at 760- 355-6455.



Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Each Quiz is worth 20 points (10)

Each Receptive Test is worth 100 points (2)

Each Expressive Video is worth 50 points (2)

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 0-59

Other Course Information

There are no required real-time or on-campus meetings. All content is delivered in Canvas and we won't have Live Streaming classes via Zoom.

Instead, I will upload weekly videos on Modules, mostly Mondays and Wednesdays.

American Sign Language level 1 (AMSL 100) focuses on Units 1-12.

Most Units will have up to five video lessons depending on the Topics discussed that week.

You must check every Monday and/or Wednesday on Canvas Modules for those videos and watch them as many times as you want before taking the Quiz for that unit.

You're responsible for watching the video lessons on your own time.

All Quizzes and/or Assignments are due Sundays before midnight. Quizzes will be on Canvas and your weekly Dialogue Video Assignments are to be uploaded to Canvas under Discussions.

You must email me if you have any questions or concerns. If you wish to review any signs and/or lessons,



contact me and we can schedule a Zoom meeting during my office hours.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

DATES ACTIVITY /	TOPIC ASSIGNMENT /	HW
Week 1 08/16	Introduction to course / ABCs / Unit 1 Study ABCs	Video Assignment Fingerspell Name
Week 2 08/23	Cont. Unit 1 / Fingerspelling / Dialogues Fingerspelling Rules Handout / #s 1-10	Quiz #1 Due Sunday
Week 3 08/30	Unit 2 Vocab / #s 11-20 Dialogues / Grammar Lecture	Dialogue Video Assignment Quiz #2 Due Sunday
Week 4 09/06 NO CLASS		
Week 5 09/13	Unit 3 Vocab / ASL Gloss / Directional Verbs #s 21-30 / Parameters Lesson	Dialogue Video Assignment Quiz #3 Due Sunday
Week 6 09/20	Review Unit 1,2 and 3 / Numbers / TTDAD / Fingerspelling Rules TEST #1 DUE SUNDAY BEFORE MIDNIGHT / No Dialogue Video Assignment	
Week 7 09/27	Unit 4 Colors / People Descriptions / Clothes #31-40	Dialogue Video Assignment Quiz #4 Due Sunday
Week 8 10/04	Unit 8 Family / Marital Status / Time Signs	Dialogue Video Assignment Quiz #5 Due Sunday

Week 9 10/11 Unit 6 Feelings / Time Signs / #s 41-50 Dialogue Video Assignment
Quiz #6 Due Sunday

Week 10 10/18 TEST #2 Units 4,5,6 and 8 DUE SUNDAY BEFORE MIDNIGHT

Week 11 10/25 Family Presentation Video Info First Draft Due Sunday

**Week 12 11/01 Unit 7 Vocab / #s 51-60 / Food Signs Family Presentation Video
Documentary Quiz Due Sunday
Watch Documentary Though Deaf Eyes**

Week 13 11/08 Unit 9 Vocab / Time Signs / Hours / Minutes Dialogue Video Assignment
Adjectives Personality / Physical and Emotional Quiz #7 Due Sunday

Week 14 11/15 Unit 10 / House / Food / Beverages / Classifiers Dialogue Video Assignment
Shopping List Video Info Quiz #8 Due Sunday

WEEK 15 11/22 THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 16 11/29 Unit 11 / WHAT-DO? / Money Lesson / Dollars Dialogue Video Assignment
Cents / Twisting Numbers Lesson Quiz #9 Due Sunday
Shopping List Final Due TYPED Email to Instructor

Week 17 12/06 FINALS WEEK FINAL VIDEO DUE / EMAIL OR DROP UNDER DISCUSSION