## **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

These courses prepare students to comprehend and communicate using sign language and provide an understanding of deaf culture. All of the courses provide instruction in receptive and expressive sign vocabulary, appropriate grammatical and affective facial expressions, syntax, and body modifiers.

## ASL V01 Elementary American Sign Language I 4 Units

Formerly: SL V10A; SL 10A

In-Class Hours: 70 lecture

This is an introductory course in American Sign Language (ASL), the native language of the deaf. Students with little or no prior knowledge of American Sign Language will be introduced to the natural language and culture of the American Deaf community. This course provides basic vocabulary and preparation for visual/gestural communication. Emphasis will be on comprehension skills and the fundamentals of ASL grammatical structures. Students will also begin to explore aspects of Deaf culture and the dynamics of the Deaf community.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option-Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree AA/AS GE: None Transfer Credit: CSU, UC UC Credit Limitations: None CSU GE-Breadth: None IGETC: None

## ASL V02 Elementary American Sign Language II 4 Units

Formerly: SL V10B; SL V10C; SL 10B, SL 10C

In-Class Hours: 70 lecture

*Prerequisites:* ASL V01 with a grade of C or better or 2 years of high school ASL or equivalent

This second-semester level course in American Sign Language (ASL) builds on the language skills previously acquired, with a focus on ASL grammar and syntax structures, tense indicators, idioms, non-manual features, time concepts, numbers, classifiers, narrative skills, and more in-depth conversational functions. Additional instruction on Deaf culture and community and behavioral norms will be presented.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option-Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading **Field Trips:** May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree AA/AS GE: None Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None CSU GE-Breadth: None IGETC: None