GENERAL STUDIES COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM

Course information:
Copy and paste current course information from Class Search/Course Catalog. Basic receptive/expressive conversational skills; basic grammar and syntax rules. Orientation to deafness and deaf culture.

College/School: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department/School: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Prefix: ASL    Number: 101    Title: American Sign Language I    Units: 4

Course description: Basic receptive/expressive conversational skills; basic grammar and syntax rules. Orientation to deafness and deaf culture.

Is this a cross-listed course? No
Is this a shared course? If so, list all academic units offering this course:

Note- For courses that are crosslisted and/or shared, a letter of support from the chair/director of each department that offers the course is required for each designation requested. By submitting this letter of support, the chair/director agrees to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and will teach the course in a manner that meets the criteria for each approved designation.

Is this a permanent-numbered course with topics? Yes
If yes, each topic requires an individual submission, separate from other topics.

Requested designation: Global Awareness-G
Mandatory Review: Yes

Eligibility: Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university’s review and approval process. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu.

Submission deadlines dates are as follow:
For Fall 2021 Effective Date: October 2, 2020  For Spring 2022 Effective Date: March 5, 2021

Area proposed course will serve:
A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study. It is the responsibility of the chair/director to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and adhere to the above guidelines.

Checklists for general studies designations:
Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (SQ/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:
x Signed course proposal cover form
x Criteria checklist for General Studies designation being requested
x Course catalog description
x Sample syllabus for the course
x Copy of table of contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

Proposals must be submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF.

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Department Chair/Director approval: (Required)
Chair/Director name (Typed): Nina Berman  Date: April 6, 2022
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

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<td>The course teaches American Sign Language and introduces students to the Deaf community, and aspects of Deaf culture that affect communication strategies.</td>
<td>Throughout the course students must remain “voices off” and only sign, or use other strategies to communicate, as is appropriate for the Deaf community. Specifically Culture related lessons can be found on the table of contents page: Lesson 1:12 Culture: Getting attention Lesson 2:11 Culture: Negotiating a signing environment Lesson 4:15 Culture: Maintaining a Clear sightline Unit 6: Storytelling: retelling stories popular in the Deaf community.</td>
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Target Proficiency Level: Novice (Low)
General Studies Designations: None

Contact Information Instructor
Lecturer: 
Office Location: Durham Hall XXX
Telephone number: (480) 965-xxxx
Email: 
Office Hours: 

Course Description
C-2b
Basic receptive/expressive conversational skills; basic grammar and syntax rules. Orientation to deafness and deaf culture.

Credits: 4 credit hours
Prerequisites or enrollment requirements: None
Fees: None
Special notes: MUST MEET TECHNICAL STANDARDS TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IN AN ASL COURSE. SEE https://silc.asu.edu/degree-programs/american-sign-language

Course Objectives
C-2b
The purpose of this course is designed to help you develop the study skills you need to learn a language and to review and practice what you are learning in your language class. This may include lectures, small group activities, use of electronic media, going to ASL Lab, and Deaf events. You will be encouraged to practice your receptive and expressive skills so that you can have a positive experience with your language course. Students are expected to come to class well prepared to participate in daily discussions. The grammatical explanations will be kept to a minimum and students will be required to work in pairs and small groups. Active participation in group work is required for the success of the class.

Learning Outcomes
C-2b
1. Communication: Students will demonstrate communication using beginning level expressive and beginning level receptive skills in American Sign Language in one-to-one interactions in person and/or via digital technologies/ distance formats. (ACTFL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 5.1)
2. Students will demonstrate beginning level receptive and beginning level expressive skills for two-way communication of emotions, factual information, preferences, giving directions and commands, making requests, conversation management, environmental observations, and backchanneling. (ACTFL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 5.1)
3. Students will demonstrate beginning level comprehension and beginning level production skills for two-way communication using a variety of sentence types and questions (statements, yes/no questions, wh-word questions). (ACTFL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 5.1)

4. Students will demonstrate beginning level comprehension and beginning level production skills of beginning level ASL Syntax and the identification and expression of main ideas in conversation including key concepts from other disciplines. (ACTFL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 3.1, and 5.1)

5. Students will be able to recognize various linguistic elements of ASL in beginning level dialogues:
   1. Phonology (5 parameters),
   2. Morphology (inflections, non-manual signals, time indicators, incorporation of numbers, plurality)
   3. Syntax (Yes/No questions, Wh-word questions, Rhetorical Questions, Topicalization, Commands, Conditionals, Relative Clause, Negation, and Assertion)
   4. Discourse (Register, turn-taking, listener feedback,)
   5. Noun and verb types (noun/verb pairs, directional verbs, activities)
   6. Sign variations (regional signs, individual sign preferences)
   7. Additional grammatical features (Agent markers, Classifiers, real-world orientation, signer’s perspective)  (ACTFL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 5.1)

2. Students will be able to identify the beliefs, values, and attitudes within Deaf Culture by comparing them with their own languages and cultures and use ASL while practicing Deaf Cultural norms. (ACTFL 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, and 4.2)

3. Students will demonstrate the ability to converse with members of the Deaf community outside the classroom in beginning-level dialogue. (ACTFL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 3.1 and 5.1)

4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the benefits of becoming bilingual or multilingual with an emphasis on the benefits of learning ASL and about Deaf culture. (ACTFL 3.2)

Textbooks and Required Purchases
2. Goreact.com - This website/app will be used for submitting videos and receiving feedback.
3. Memrise.com - This website/app will be used to study/reinforce vocabulary learning.
4. Flipgrid - This website will be used for submitting videos to practice principles outlined in the lectures.

Course Time Commitment
This is a hybrid course, which means that student learning time will be facilitated in the online environment and in the classroom. Students in this 4 credit course are expected to participate in learning activities facilitated by the instructor in-person 75 minutes/2 days a week as well as participate in independent homework.

Course Assignments
Course Grading System:
Your comprehension and production skills will be evaluated regularly. You will also be evaluated on your preparation for class activities and your assignments outside of the class. All grades are calculated using weighted percentages.

- HOMEWORK/PARTICIPATION:
  Participation: Your participation in class is required and expected. I will be making notes of who asks appropriate questions, participates in discussions and group activities, and participates in videotaped signed assignments; as well, I will be making notes of any people who persistently use their voice or whisper during class, and if anyone who behaves inappropriately as according to Deaf cultural rules and mores (or contrary to acceptable standards of polite behavior).
  Appropriate Deaf Culture behavior consists of:
● Raising your hand & waiting to be recognized before asking your question or making your remark
● Waving to get your teacher’s attention
● Listening to other people when they are asking a question, making a comment, or signing their assignment
● No voicing or whispering. ASL Only!

**SIGNING NATURALLY STUDENT WORKBOOK** I will not be grading these, however I will be checking the workbooks to see if you have completed the assignment and I will provide you with the correct answers before each unit quiz. I often utilize portions of this video and related questions on your tests. If you have not done the work, you will not do well on these parts of the test. It is really intended to help support your learning and continue your skill development outside of class.

**MEMRISE:** This is a free website and mobile app that students can use/play to improve vocabulary retention. I recommend that you play Memrise at least 5-15 minutes everyday. Once you are registered for this class you follow a link to join the Memrise group for your course.

**ONLINE EXERCISES** - The online assignments are designed to help prepare you for the next class and/or the quizzes. **Late assignments are not accepted.** You will complete online exercises in Canvas. These exercises are not graded – if you completed the assignment you will receive the full points despite how many errors made. If you need extra practice, you may do the exercises as often as you like. Each time you do the exercises, the question set will be different.

**PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS:** Students will be asked to videotape themselves on a recurring basis thus, creating a portfolio of their expressive language samples. You will be given these specific assignments during the course of the semester. These assignments will be submitted and graded in GoReact.

**FINAL INTERVIEWS:** Students are expected to prepare for and take part in the signed interview, which represents the expressive portion of the course grade. Students will sign questions to a partner students who will then respond appropriately using proper sign and fingerspelling execution, facial expressions (non-manual markers), vocabulary and ASL word order. See the attached tentative schedule for the dates. You are required to attend the day and time of your interviews. If you fail to show up at the time you are scheduled and it is not an excused absence you will receive a grade of zero.

**QUIZZES/FINAL EXAM:** There will be tests throughout the semester. All tests are cumulative and can contain anything covered in class or assigned up to the date of the test. The tests will either be receptive or expressive. Test dates will be announced at least 48 hours in advanced. Tests will either be held during class time or online. If online, students will have several days to take the quiz online. The online quizzes count as a quiz and CAN NOT be made up. Please refer to the section above to see what constitutes as an “emergency”.

**Late or Missed Assignments**

Because of the quick pace and flexible schedule of online courses late assignments are not accepted. Notify the instructor BEFORE an assignment is due if an urgent or emergency situation arises and the assignment will be submitted late. If pre-approved, late assignments can be submitted up to a week late for half credit. Assignments submitted late without pre-approved extensions will not be graded nor earn credit. Published assignment due dates (Arizona time) are firm.

**Submitting Assignments**

All online assignments MUST be submitted via the associated assignment submission feature in Canvas. Do NOT submit an assignment via email.

**Grading Scale**

Discuss with your section what the typical policy is for the grading scale. Be consistent throughout your section. The below grading scale is the default ASU grading scale usually already set in Canvas (note that it
doesn’t have a C-). If you have a different one from this, you will need to change the one in Canvas to match.

A+ 100% - 97%
A  <97% - 94%
A- <94% - 90%
B+ <90% - 87%
B  <87% - 84%
B- <84% - 80%
C+ <80% - 76%
C  <76% - 70%
D  <70% - 60%
E  <60% - 0%

Grading Procedure
Grade turn around time is typically 1-3 days. ASU has formal and informal channels to appeal a grade. If students wish to appeal any grading decisions, please see [http://catalog.asu.edu/appeal](http://catalog.asu.edu/appeal).

Grade Appeals
Grade disputes must first be addressed by discussing the situation with the instructor. If the dispute is not resolved with the instructor, the student may appeal to the department chair per the University Policy for Student Appeal Procedures on Grades.

Absences
For each penalized absence, you will lose 5 points from the assignment category. Your instructor may enter these deductions during the semester or at the end of the term.

HYBRID CLASSES (ASL-101) THAT MEET TWICE A WEEK:

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<td>Each additional absence up to a maximum of 6</td>
<td>Five point deduction. A student who is absent, excused or unexcused, for more than 6 class meetings may be given a failing grade. Due to the nature of this course, it is impossible to make up for lost classroom time.</td>
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Documentation will be required by your instructor to excuse your absences. You must email your instructor to arrange for makeup work if necessary. If you are absent (without a doctor’s note), your online work should not be submitted late. If your absences are excused the instructor will determine the length of the extension given the current point in the course.

Students that need to be absent from class due to religious observances (ACD 304–04: Accommodations for Religious Practices) or due to participation in university-sanctioned activities (ACD 304–02: Missed Classes Due to University-Sanctioned Activities) should notify the instructor at the beginning of the semester about the need to be absent from class and make arrangements to make up missed assignments and in-class work.

**Drop/Add and Withdrawal Dates**
This course adheres to a compressed schedule and may be part of a sequenced program, therefore, there is a limited timeline to [drop or add the course](http://my.asu.edu). Consult with your academic advisor and notify your instructor to add or drop this course. If you are considering a withdrawal, review the following ASU policies: [Withdrawal from Classes](http://my.asu.edu), [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal](http://my.asu.edu), and a [Grade of Incomplete](http://my.asu.edu).

**Communication and Technology Requirements**
Your Canvas Email/Messages is an official means of communication among students, faculty, and staff. Students are expected to read and act upon messages in a timely fashion. Students bear the responsibility of missed messages and should check their ASU-assigned email regularly. All instructor correspondence will be sent to your ASU email account.

This course requires a computer with Internet access and the following:
- Web browsers ([Chrome](https://www.google.com/chrome), [Mozilla Firefox](https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox), or [Safari](https://www.apple.com/support/safari))
- [Adobe Acrobat Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader) (free)
- [Adobe Flash Player](https://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer) (free)
- Webcam, microphone, headset/earbuds, and speaker
- Microsoft Office or Google Drive ([Microsoft 365](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365) and Google Drive are free for all currently-enrolled ASU students)
- Reliable broadband internet connection (DSL or cable) to stream videos.

*Note:* A smartphone, iPad, Chromebook, etc. may not be sufficient for completing your work in ASU courses. While you will be able to access course content with mobile devices, you must use a computer for all assignments, quizzes and exams, and virtual labs.

**Technical Support**
This course uses Canvas to deliver content. It can be accessed through MyASU at [http://my.asu.edu](http://my.asu.edu) or the Canvas home page at [https://myasucourses.asu.edu](https://myasucourses.asu.edu). To monitor the status of campus networks and services, visit the System Health Portal at [http://syshealth.asu.edu](http://syshealth.asu.edu). To contact the help desk, call toll-free at 1-855-278-5080.

**Language Tutoring and Other Campus Resources**
SILC Learning Support Services offers free language tutoring services. They provide both face-to-face and online tutoring. To check their schedule and sign-up for a tutoring session, go to [https://silc.asu.edu/learning-support-services/tutoring](https://silc.asu.edu/learning-support-services/tutoring) (scroll down to find the schedule for tutors in your target language).

Please refer to the following additional resources available to ASU students:
- [ASU Academic Success Program](https://www.asu.edu/academic-success/) (tutoring)
- [Counseling Services](https://www.asu.edu/counseling-services/)

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Academic Integrity
Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, and laboratory work, academic transactions, and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification, and dismissal from ASU. For more information, see http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity.

A student may be found to have engaged in academic dishonesty if, in connection with any academic evaluation or academic or research assignment (including a paid research position), he or she engages in any form of academic deceit, refers to materials/sources or uses devices (e.g., computer disks, audio recorders, camera phones, text messages) not authorized by the instructor for use during the evaluation or assignment; possesses, reviews, buys, sells, obtains, or uses, without appropriate authorization, any materials intended to be used for an evaluation or assignment in advance of its administration; acts as a substitute for another person in any academic evaluation or assignment; uses a substitute in any academic evaluation or assignment; depends on the aid of others, including other students or tutors, in connection with any evaluation or assignment to the extent that the work is not representative of the student's abilities; engages in plagiarism; uses materials from the Internet or any other source without full and appropriate attribution; permits his or her work to be submitted by another person in connection with any academic evaluation or assignment, without authorization; claims credit for or submits work done by another; signs an attendance sheet for another student, allows another student to sign on the student's behalf, or otherwise participates in gaining credit for attendance for oneself or another without actually attending.

Students are not allowed to use online translators or ask tutors to copy-edit their written assignments. Students are encouraged to use good dictionaries, their textbooks, and other reference materials.

Accommodating Students with Disabilities
Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. The DRC Tempe office is located on the first floor of the Matthew Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at (480) 965-1234 (v) or (480) 965-9000 (TTY). For additional information visit: www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc.

Expected Classroom Behavior
NO VOICE. NO TALKING. ALL VIDEOS SHOULD BE FREE OF TALKING- SIGN ONLY. Be sure to submit work on time for class. The online nature of this course means videos will be used primarily for language modeling and practice. When creating your videos please avoid any disruptive behavior.

Videotaping guidelines

Taping Dos and Don'ts

Do
• Wear a plan color contrasting shirt
• Stand
• Be sure that you are visible from the waist up- similar to the instructor’s
videos in the exercises and vocabulary lists.

• Do a test run, i.e. tape part of your story, then check your lighting and camera angle before proceeding with the entire story (VERY important)
• Take your time
• Make sure that your video was saved properly. If you use the lab and saving your work to your thumb drive. Take your thumb drive out and plug in another computer to make sure it is on your thumb drive and the video works. The lab erases their computers on a nightly basis.

Don't
• Wear a hat, shirt with excessively long sleeves, or have your hair in your face
• Eat or chew gum
• Look at your notes while signing
• Look at your phone/text message
• Roam while signing. You need to be in the camera space during the entire video. I need to see your face/hands at all times.
• If you use your home camera, be sure that you are NOT standing in front of a window. It causes shadows on your face. I will not be able to grade the grammatical component since most of it is facial expressions.
• If you use your home camera, make sure that there are no distractions in the background (i.e. brother walking around ).

Policy Against Threatening Behavior
All incidents and allegations of violent or threatening conduct by an ASU student (whether on or off campus) must be reported to the ASU Police Department (ASU PD) and the Office of the Dean of Students. If either office determines that the behavior poses or has posed a serious threat to personal safety or to the welfare of the campus, the student will not be permitted to return to campus or reside in any ASU residence hall until an appropriate threat assessment has been completed and, if necessary, conditions for return are imposed. ASU PD, the Office of the Dean of Students, and other appropriate offices will coordinate the assessment in light of the relevant circumstances.

Reporting Title IX Violations
Title IX is a federal law that provides that no person be excluded on the basis of sex from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Both Title IX and university policy make clear that sexual violence and harassment based on sex is prohibited. An individual who believes they have been subjected to sexual violence or harassed on the basis of sex can seek support, including counseling and academic support, from the university. If you or someone you know has been harassed on the basis of sex or sexually assaulted, you can find information and resources at https://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/faqs.

As a mandated reporter, I am obligated to report any information I become aware of regarding alleged acts of sexual discrimination, including sexual violence and dating violence. ASU Counseling Services, https://eoss.asu.edu/counseling, is available if you wish to discuss any concerns confidentially and privately.

Policy on Sexual Discrimination
Arizona State University is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation for the entire university community, including all students, faculty members, staff employees, and guests. ASU expressly prohibits discrimination, harassment, and retaliation by employees, students,
contractors, or agents of the university based on any protected status: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and genetic information.

**Copyrighted Materials**
All content in this course, including video lectures/meetings, presentations, assignments, discussions, quizzes, and exams is protected by copyright and may not be shared, uploaded, sold, or distributed.

Students must refrain from uploading or submitting material that is not the student's original work to any website, course shell, or discussion used in this course or any other course unless the students first comply with all applicable copyright laws. Instructors reserve the right to delete materials on the grounds of suspected copyright infringement. Any recording of class sessions by students is prohibited, except as part of an accommodation approved by the Disability Resource Center.

**Syllabus Disclaimer**
The syllabus is a statement of intent and serves as an implicit agreement between the instructor and the student. Every effort will be made to avoid changing the course schedule but the possibility exists that unforeseen events will make syllabus changes necessary. Please remember to check your ASU email and the course site often.
# UNIT 1

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