

# ASL 1, Part 1

## Course Outline & Objectives

### Course Description:

ASL 1 is an introductory course designed for students with little or no previous study of ASL. This course teaches basic conversation, grammar, and vocabulary. The focus is on expressive and receptive American Sign Language, fingerspelling, and the culture of the Deaf community. Each unit will cover vocabulary related to a specific theme (friends and family, leisure activities, school or work, etc) and grammar concepts appropriate to level 1.

Credits - One Semester (0.5 Carnegie unit / CA: 5 credits) | Prerequisite: None

### Course Outline

#### Unit 1 - Greetings & Introduction

- 1.1 Greetings & Introductions
- 1.2 What is ASL?
- 1.3 The Manual Alphabet
- 1.4 Pronouns and the Use of Space
- 1.5 Saying Goodbye

#### Unit 2 - Talking About Yourself & Others

- 2.1 Facial Expressions, Body Language, and Numbers 1-10
- 2.2 Wh-(Information seeking) Questions
- 2.3 More Polite Conversation
- 2.4 Yes/No Questions
- 2.5 Showing Understanding, Asking for Clarification, and Cardinal Numbers 11-29

#### Unit 3 - Making Requests

- 3.1 Topic-Comment Structure
- 3.2 Types of Verbs: regular and directional
- 3.3 Instrument Classifiers
- 3.4 Descriptive Classifiers
- 3.5 Requests and Commands

### Standards

**In this unit,** you will learn the manual alphabet and signs that will allow you to sign and understand greetings, introductions, and some basic information about yourself. You will learn personal and possessive pronouns and become familiar with the use of space.

**Communication Standards:** WL.CM1.N, WL.CM2.N, WL.CM5.N, WL.CM6.N,

**Cultures Standards:** WL.CL1.N,

**Connections Standards:** WL.CN2.N

**In this unit,** you will learn about facial expressions and body language and how they fit into ASL. You will learn signs for being polite, cardinal numbers 1-10, how to ask and answer Yes/No and Wh- questions, and how to show understanding. You will continue to practice the manual alphabet, increasing your expressive and receptive speed.

**Communication Standards:** WL.CM1.N, WL.CM2.N, WL.CM3.N, WL.CM5.N, WL.CM6.N, WL.CM7.N

**Cultures Standards:** WL.CL1.N,

**Connections Standards:** WL.CN2.N

**In this unit,** you will learn about verb pairs and how to incorporate them into a request or polite command. You will learn the Topic-Comment structure and use it to establish the subject (or topic) of a statement. Instrument classifiers will be introduced. You will learn the structure for requests and commands; and learn about noun-verb pairs, in which the motion in a sign differentiates the noun from the verb. Culturally appropriate (and inappropriate) ways of getting attention will be discussed. Finally, you will incorporate the phrases FOR-ME and DON'T-MIND into their commands.

**Communication Standards:** WL.CM1.N, WL.CM2.N, WL.CM3.N, WL.CM4.N, WL.CM5.N, WL.CM6.N, WL.CM7.N

## Course Outline

### Unit 4 - Let's Eat

- 4.1 Food Signs
- 4.2 Money and Numbers 30-100
- 4.3 Signing in the Past Tense
- 4.4 Signing in the Future Tense
- 4.5 Calendar and Time

### Unit 5 - People in the Neighborhood

- 5.1 Describing People Who Are in the Room With You
- 5.2 Describing People Who Are Not Present
- 5.3 Body Classifiers and Body Part Classifiers
- 5.4 Describing People: Hobbies and Occupations
- 5.5 Personality Traits and Age

## Standards

**Cultures Standards:** WL.CL1.N, WL.CL2.N, WL.CL3.N

**Connections Standards:** WL.CN1.N, WL.CN2.N

**In this unit,** you will learn more about Wh- questions.

You will continue practicing the manual alphabet and cardinal numbers 1-29, increasing speed and accuracy, and learn numbers 30-60. You will also learn to use “signer’s perspective” when explaining or describing. Plus, ways to ask for a sign and to get help understanding.

**Communication Standards:** WL.CM1.N, WL.CM2.N , WL.CM3.N, WL.CM4.N, WL.CM5.N, WL.CM6.N, WL.CM7.N

**Cultures Standards:** WL.CL1.N, WL.CL2.N, WL.CL3.N, WL.CL4.N

**Connections Standards:** WL.CN1.N, WL.CN2.N

**In this unit,** you will continue to practice forming and responding to YES/NO and WH- questions in the context of talking about people you interact with in the community. You will continue to practice cardinal numbers 1-60 and learn numbers through 100. You will learn Body and Instrument classifiers and the conventional order of descriptors and use them to describe people. Plus, you will learn appropriate ways to negotiate a signing space.

**Communication Standards:** WL.CM1.N, WL.CM2.N , WL.CM3.N, WL.CM4.N, WL.CM5.N, WL.CM6.N, WL.CM7.N

**Cultures Standards:** WL.CL1.N, WL.CL2.N, WL.CL3.N, WL.CL4.N

**Connections Standards:** WL.CN1.N, WL.CN2.N