



SIGN 1110 G-American Sign Language I section name section credit hours
Credits
Syllabus

Course Information

Meeting times and location: section meeting_times section location

Catalog description: American Sign Language I is an introductory level language course in the language of the American Deaf Culture. Content includes ASL vocabulary and conversational skills; linguistic features of ASL; and skills in narrative/storytelling. In-class activities, comprehension and expressive examinations, narrative and storytelling assignments in addition to semester projects are venues for students to demonstrate their learning. In addition, Deaf Culture and Deaf Community issues are addressed.

Prerequisites: course prereqs

Terms offered: Fall and Spring

Section-specific Course Description:

Course Level Objectives

1. Engage in basic conversations using ASL, such as introducing oneself, exchanging personnel information, and talking about one's surroundings.
2. Demonstrate the use of grammatical structures, including spatial referencing, use of classifiers, role shifting, ASL syntax, and non-manual signals (NMS).
3. Demonstrate clear sign production using an understanding of sign parameters: hand shapes, movement, location, palm orientation, and NMS in targeted lexicon.
4. Demonstrate the use of basic ASL vocabulary and expressions necessary for conversations about real-life situations.

5. Evaluate and provide feedback concerning peers' and one's own uses of ASL.
6. Develop culturally-appropriate behaviors and conversation strategies within a variety of contexts for interacting with people who are Deaf.
7. Demonstrate effective use of comprehension and expressive ASL skills through narrative and/or storytelling activities.
8. Describe issues of the American Deaf community and Culture

General Education Student Learning Outcomes

This course meets the requirements set forth by the state of New Mexico for a general education course that is transferable to any public institution of higher education in New Mexico. Each general education course addresses three essential skills as outlined in the table below.

General Education Content Area	Essential Skills Associated with the Content Area
Communication	Communication, Critical Thinking, Information & Digital Literacy
Creative and Fine Arts	Communication, Critical Thinking, Personal & Social Responsibility
Humanities	Critical Thinking, Information & Digital Literacy, Personal & Social Responsibility
Mathematics	Communication, Critical Thinking, Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Critical Thinking, Personal & Social Responsibility, Quantitative Reasoning
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Communication, Critical Thinking, Personal & Social Responsibility

For further information on the Essential Skills, visit the [General Education Essential Skills](#) page.

Required Texts and/or Materials

Signing Naturally Student Workbook

Units 1-6

978-1581212105

Lentz, Ella May. Mikos, Ken. Smith, Cheri.

DawnSign Press

2008

Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For tickets and password reset: [San Juan College Help Desk](#)

For Canvas support information: [Canvas Support](#)

Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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Course Requirements

Students will do the following activities:

- Students will become informed about the building blocks of ASL grammar.
- Students will introduce themselves and hold simple conversations in ASL. This activity requires students to make a video.
- Students will become informed about the basics of how numbers work in ASL.
- Students will become informed about the basics of Deaf culture and upload written assignments.

You should be prepared to dedicate at least 9-12 hours a week or more on assignments, homework, and viewing, studying, and reading course material.

You should be comfortable making and submitting videos of yourself using your new ASL skills.

You need to contact your instructor weekly to ask questions or make comments about ASL or Deaf culture.

COVID Safe Practices for Being on Campus

Masks / cloth face coverings must be worn while on campus in accordance with the New Mexico public health order. If you feel that you cannot wear a mask due to health complications, please contact Disabilities Services:

disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu or call (505) 566-3271. Hand sanitizer stations are at all building entrances, please “wash in, wash out”--clean your hands when you enter and before you leave. Classrooms and labs have been arranged to allow for social distancing; please respect your classmates and instructors by staying 6 feet away from everyone. You will be expected to disinfect your table or area prior to class and after class, cleaning products will be provided for this purpose. Check with your instructor for specific policies for their course. Please do not congregate in hallways or common areas, instead utilize our beautiful outside spaces and weather to visit with your friends and colleagues from a safe distance.

If you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, has symptoms, or is waiting on test results, contact your instructor and DO NOT come to class. If you have tested positive, have symptoms or are waiting on test results, contact your instructor and DO NOT come to class. Your health care provider or the assigned contact tracer will let you know when it is safe for you to be around others.

Student Support

Student Services and Support

The Student Support webpage provides information on counseling, tutoring, technical support, and many other support services available to San Juan College students.

[Student Support](#)

Academic Support

Academic Support webpage provides information on academic advising, the library, Testing Center, and the honors program.

[Academic Support](#)

Participation and Attendance Policy

1. Log into Canvas several times a week and plan ahead how you are going to complete the work.
2. Study every day, even for a few minutes, everything that was covered in the week. Practice as much and as often as possible.
3. Active class participation is necessary and mandatory for improving your communication skills and your understanding of the language.
4. Active participation is very important in all the ASL courses. In addition to active participation, you need to do the following:
 - Check Canvas on a daily basis,
 - Start early and allocate enough time to complete the assignments,
 - Complete all module assignments, tests and activities on time,
 - Participate in class discussions
5. Please contact me about any problems related to the course and your ability to complete the assignments and understand the material. If a problem arises, e-mail or call me as soon as possible.
6. Drop for Non-Attendance and/or Non-Participation - Students are expected to participate regularly and submit all course assignments, based on the course guide definition. A student who does not submit any assignments during a consecutive 10% of the course (1.5 weeks of a 16 week semester) without consulting the instructor, maybe considered as having abandoned the course. Logging in does not meet the attendance standard.

Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

1. While making their ASL videos, students are expected to wear modest clothes. If you wouldn't wear it on campus, don't wear it in a video.
2. Technical Problems- While these do occur either at home or from an on-campus connection, they are usually not valid reasons for failing to fulfill the requirements for

that week. Students are responsible for allocating enough time to complete assignments, and they should include the possibility of technical “glitches.”

3. Late assignments policy will depend upon instructor.
4. Please do not ask me to make exceptions for you as it is not fair to the rest of the class.
5. Incomplete assignments will receive a zero.
6. Submitted ASL videos should be without talking. You can talk before or after your ASL presentation; but do not try to do ASL and voice English at the same time.

Canvas Participation and Expectations

A list of your weekly assignments will be posted on Canvas. You are expected to log into Canvas every day to check and submit your homework.

- All homework assignments for the week will be available on Canvas. Please be aware of each assignment's due date and plan accordingly to have it done on time.
- If you do not understand your homework, contact me as soon as you can. If you contact me with questions right before the assignments are due, it is unlikely that I will be able to respond before the due time.
- Use Canvas email (inbox) to communicate with me and your classmates. Check your Canvas email daily.

Instructor Response Time

Communicate with me about any problems related to the course, your ability to complete the assignments and understand the material. If a problem arises, please e-mail or call me as soon as possible. Please use the CANVAS email to communicate with me. During the week I will respond to phone calls or e-mails within 24 hours. During weekends I will respond to phone calls or e-mails within 48 hours. All grades will be posted on Canvas in a timely manner. Keep in touch and ask for help.

Course Time Commitment

You should be prepared to dedicate at least 9-12 hours a week or more on assignments, homework, and viewing, studying, and reading course material.

Grading

Final grades are calculated based on assignments being turned in and participation. Each instructor will determine their own grading procedures in their own Syllabus.

Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

Course Schedule

Calendar will vary according to the instructor.

College Policies

The following information also applies to your work in this class. If you have special needs for campus emergency situations, please inform me immediately.

1. **Academic Accommodations - American with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

If you believe you need academic accommodations due to physical or learning disabilities, you are encouraged to inform them as soon as possible. The coordinator can work with you in verifying your disabilities and developing accommodation strategies. Please go to [Disability Services Office](#), click the button for "Request for Services" and complete all the steps.

You can also contact the college's disability coordinator in the Advising/Counseling Center at 566-3271 or disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu. More information is available on the website listed above.

2. **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

Your personal information and grade are confidential. Aside from routine reporting to the college required for this course, I will not share such information with anyone unless I have your permission.

3. **Academic Honesty Rules**

San Juan College expects all students to adhere to the [Academic Honesty Rules](#) as posted online. These are the official guidelines for all classes at San Juan College (July 2006).

4. **Student Conduct Statement**

College is preparation for professional opportunities, and professional conduct is expected in courses, including online classes, as well as any written

communications, and interactions with members of the college community. As part of our learning community, students are expected to interact and communicate in a mature, respectful, thoughtful, and supportive manner. Students who demonstrate disrespectful, hostile, belittling, bullying or other disruptive behavior will be subject to potential consequences and possible dismissal from the college. The college will take appropriate action when students demonstrate threatening behavior (to others or self). Students should refer to the Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook for additional information.

5. Student Safety

Keeping students safe is a priority, and part of that is ensuring that we have the ability to communicate emergency messages – whether for school closures due to weather or for more or urgent situations. Rave is San Juan College’s emergency messaging system. Through your SJC student email, you will automatically receive email messages, however, it is also vital that you receive text messages. In order to receive the messages, you must register in a simple process with [Rave](#). When registering, please make sure that your mobile status is “confirmed.”

The Department of Public Safety is available 24 hours per day. In an emergency, they can be accessed by calling 215-3091 or 566-3333.

In the event of an emergency, a Rave message will be sent, and depending on the situation, you will be instructed to do one of the following:

- Evacuate the building
- Shelter in place (Campus doors are locked, and operations continue as normal. During this situation, no one other than law enforcement is allowed in or out of the campus.)
- Lockdown (Campus doors are locked. All operations cease, and you should take cover in your immediate area. No one other than law enforcement is allowed in or out of the campus.

6. Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Retaliation.

San Juan College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, genetic, veteran’s status, or on the basis of any other category protected under federal, state and local laws. If you have experienced sexual harassment, sexual assault, or any other form of protected class discrimination, we encourage you to make a report. If you report to a faculty member, she/he/they are obligated by policy to share knowledge, notice, and/or reports of harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation with the Title IX Coordinator. These disclosures include but are not limited to reports of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. You may also make a confidential report to a SJC Counselor. Please refer to San Juan College’s [Title IX](#) site for further details.

San Juan College's Title IX Coordinator is Stacey Allen, Assistant Director of Human Resources/Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer. The office is located at the

Educational Services Center Building, 2nd Floor, Human Resources, Room 4243 at (505) 566-3515 or allens@sanjuancollege.edu.

7. Drop for Non-Attendance and/or Non-Participation

Class Attendance and Participation Expectation:

Face-to-Face -- Students are expected to attend and participate in class regularly. Any student missing more than 10% of consecutive class time, (For example, in a regular 15-week class that meets twice a week, this equates to the student missing 3 consecutive classes) without consultation with the instructor may be considered as having abandoned the course.

On-line -- Students are expected to participate regularly and submit all course assignments, based on the course guide definition. A student who does not submit any assignments during a consecutive 10% of the course (1.5 weeks of a 15-week semester) without consulting the instructor, may be considered as having abandoned the course. Logging in does not meet the attendance standard.

Competency-Based Education Classes -- Students are expected to have regular and substantive interactions with their instructor and to actively work on course content. A student who has not submitted coursework, nor had substantive interactions with the instructor over a consecutive 10% of the term, without the instructor's prior approval, will be considered to have abandoned the competency progression. Last date of attendance will be recorded as the last date that coursework was submitted or that the student met with the instructor. For on-line learners, logging in does not meet the attendance standard.

8. Failure to Meet Class Participation Expectation:

Students who fail to meet participation expectations will have their last date of attendance recorded. This date will be used to recalculate any financial aid received/veteran's benefits received, and the student may be required to repay the institution/government. If the student does not drop the course, an 'X' grade will be recorded. An 'X' grade impacts the grade point average the same as an 'F'.

9. Grading Policies

Incomplete: Incomplete Grade Assignment ([Incomplete Grades Information](#))

The grade of I (Incomplete) is given for passing work that could not be completed

during the semester because of circumstances beyond the student's control. Ordinarily, the assignment of an I is given by the course instructor at the time final grades are due

In no case is an I grade to be used to avoid assignment of D or F grades for marginal or failing work or to require a student to enroll in the class the next semester because work was not completed on time. Circumstances warranting the issuance of an I grade must be beyond the student's control and must be documented on the appropriate form prior to approval.

I grades can be removed only during the subsequent 16 weeks from the end of term, or within the time limit set by the instructor. Removal of an I is accomplished by completing the work in a manner acceptable to the instructor. Re-enrollment in the course under the repeat option does not remove the prior grade of I. Students should not re-enroll for the course. An I not made up within 16 weeks or within the time limit set by the instructor will change to an F grade thereafter and cannot be changed by work completion.

10. **Grade Appeals**

The policy for grade appeals is in the Academic Catalog. ([Grade Appeal Policy](#))

Student Handbook

The Student Handbook provides information on Student support, student organizations, and San Juan College policies.

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