



SIGN 2120 American Sign Language IV Section Name Section Credit Hours Credits
Syllabus

Course Information

Meeting times and location: section meeting_times section location

Catalog description: American Sign Language (ASL) IV is a continuation of the intermediate level ASL III course. Emphasis is on further development of students' comprehension and production skills through a more advanced study of ASL discourse, grammatical structures, and semantics. Creative use of expression, classifiers, body posture, and signing space will be practiced along with videotext viewing and video production. Topics in Deaf culture and interaction with the Deaf community will be integral to the course.

Prerequisites: SIGN-2110

Terms offered: Fall and Spring

Section-specific Course Description:

Course Level Objectives

1. Demonstrate advanced-intermediate level comprehension and production skills incorporating complex ASL grammatical features, including classifiers, non-manual signals, role shifting, and spatial organization.
2. Identify and understand ASL idioms/expressions and how they are used in ASL discourse.
3. Comprehend and discuss ASL texts on a variety of topics, signed by a variety of Deaf people.
4. Demonstrate narrative competence through signed presentations, both prepared and spontaneous.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of ASL-English equivalents through translation tasks.

6. Use self-evaluation and peer/instructor feedback to revise one's video ASL texts.

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Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

Course Requirements

Students will do the following activities:

Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

Be ready to work and participate. Participation is key to success in learning a visual language.

Grading

Final grades are calculated based on the following...

Category	Weight
Quizzes	10
Exams	30
Homework	20
Papers	30
Attendance	10

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.

Canvas Participation and Expectations

You are expected to log into Canvas several times per week and keep up with due dates and assignment expectations.

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.

Instructor Response Times & Regular Interaction Expectations

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.

Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

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 password reset and Canvas support, visit the [Student Technology Guide](#) website.

Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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Student Support

At San Juan College, we are committed to supporting your academic success and overall well-being. We recognize that college life can be challenging and stressful, impacting both learning and personal health. We are here to help you succeed.

Academic Support and Resources

We provide a range of academic support services to help you stay on track on your educational journey. Free resources include tutoring, computer loans, life skills workshops, and so much more. Visit the [Academic Support and Resources](#) webpage to learn more about support and resources available through Academic Advising, the Tutoring Center, the Student Resource Center (formerly Student Achievement Center) and the Testing Center.

Student Support and Resources

If you or someone you know could benefit from counseling, accessibility services, career exploration, veteran transitional assistance, or any of our other support services, visit the [Student Support and Resources](#) webpage where you'll find detailed information about various resources available to you as an SJC student.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources to enhance your college experience and ensure your success.

College Policies and Resources for Current Students

The [Student Handbook](#) provides information on student support, student organizations, and student conduct policies at San Juan College.

The San Juan College catalog outlines the [Academic Policies](#) students need to know.

Healthy and Safe Practices for Being on Campus

We want a healthy and safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Contagious diseases and your responsibility:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, fever, flu or even the common cold, you should stay home. Do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. Contact your instructor about missing class (and review your instructor's policies on missed or late work). Being sick does not necessarily excuse you from completing your work on time.

Safety on campus and your responsibility:

If you are on campus and experience or witness an emergency, call 9-1-1 first and then the Department of Public Safety at 505-566-3333 (or just 3333 if calling from a campus phone).

When you are on campus, be aware of your surroundings. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call 505-566-4444 (DPS non-emergency line) or 505-215-3091 (officer on duty line).

The College will send information for campus emergencies through SJC AlertAware, email and the webpage. Stay informed and stay safe.

Inclement Weather Information

Students will receive notification of class delays and cancellations due to inclement weather via the SJC AlertAware and SJC student email. Face-to-face classes will not meet in person; however,

students are advised to check with instructors about alternative meeting options, as some may choose to meet via zoom. Hybrid classes will meet as scheduled via zoom. For questions regarding your class delay or cancelation, please contact your instructor.

Online Course Fee

Online Courses - San Juan College requires all online courses to include some form of assessment to demonstrate the mastery of course objectives. This could include exams, capstone projects, e-portfolios, presentations, final papers or other appropriate assessments. The use of a proctoring platform, plagiarism detection software or other method to ensure that assessments are completed by the enrolled student is required.

A course fee of \$5.00 is assessed for all online courses at San Juan College to cover the cost of the above services. Students who are required to take a proctored exam and choose to use a physical testing center outside the SJC Testing Center or SJC Disability Services will be responsible for the cost of using that center.