

**Course:** SPE 311  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisite:** None

**Course Title:** Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)  
**Department:** School of Special Education, Leadership, & Professional Studies

**CORE-42 Category:** HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS - Foreign Language: Foreign Language I  
**MOTR LANG 105**                      **MOTR Hours:** 3

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**Typically Offered During:**

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	NO	Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Spring Full Semester:	NO	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	NO	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Summer:	NO				

**Typical Instructional Modality:**

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	NO	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

**May Also Count Toward Department Offering:**

Major:	NO	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	YES
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*Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.*

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***How do you describe the course to students when they ask, “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?***

American Sign Language (ASL) is a complete language with linguistic properties, but the grammar differs from English. ASL is expressed by movements of the hands and face. It is the primary language of many North Americans who are deaf and hard of hearing, and is used by some hearing people as well.

***Beyond meeting a CORE-42 requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?***

Learning ASL allows you to communicate with more people including a wide range of hearing, hard of hearing, and deaf individual. This includes other students, residents in your community, your future patients, customers, or employers.

***Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?***

Learning a second language is valuable for those in the fields of business, healthcare, education, fine arts, human services, recreation, and sciences to name just a few.

***Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)***

A beginning level course in American Sign Language. Students will gain information about the history and structure of this unique visual/gestural system of communication, its vocabulary and syntax, and practical experience in its use, both expressively and receptively. May be taught concurrently with CSD 636. Cannot receive credit for both CSD 330 and CSD 636.