LING 345 A01 – Sign Language as Language

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00-10:20 am
Prerequisites: None

An introduction to some of the common misconceptions about sign language in effort to dispel such through a comparative overview of signed and spoken languages.

Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to...

- Recognize and argue against common misconceptions of sign language.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the key components of language and analyze language to identify these components in both spoken and signed languages through a comparison and contrast of spoken and signed languages.
- Demonstrate an understanding of linguistic research in origins and evolution, language specialization, variation, acquisition, and technology in signed and spoken languages.
- Demonstrate an understanding and explain issues in one or more topics in Deaf culture and rights.
- Develop analytic and problem-solving skills critical to the study of linguistics and other disciplines as well as to your career through completing course assessments.
- Hone teamwork, organization, and communication skills through completing course assessments.

This course involves participation in synchronous in-person lectures and activities as well as in possible guest-speaker presentations (scheduled during class times) to meet these objectives. All course resources and many of the assessments are online. Assessments include quizzes, two assignments, and participation activities—there is no final exam for this course.