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American Sign Language V: ASL 300A A01.
Fall 2025 (202509).

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Course Information.

Section:	A01.	CRN Number:	10168.
Unit Value:	1.5 units.	Prerequisites:	ASL 200B.
Contact Days:	Tuesdays & Thursdays.	Contact Hours:	4:30 pm to 6:20 pm.
Delivery Method:	Synchronous Face-to-face.	Classroom:	CLE A320.

Important.

You must express your intention to participate in this section of 200A by ensuring you attend the first two classes: **September 4th and 9th**. If you do not attend these classes (or are not excused from these classes by the instructor), you may be automatically de-registered from the course as a No-Show student. This policy ensures that (A.) all students receive appropriate guidance at the start of a course that will help them to meet course requirements and (B.) waitlisted students have a chance to register in a course in lieu of any non-participating students (see ASL Program Waitlist Policy).

Course Content.

Introduction to language used by Deaf community throughout North America; no prior knowledge required. This introductory course covers the essentials and fundamentals of American Sign Language, including structure and its features such as grammar. It promotes the means to achieve culturally and linguistically appropriate everyday interaction. Additionally, the course provides an insight into the Deaf community and Deaf culture in Canada, as well as in the United States. Importantly, it is conducted entirely in American Sign Language (ASL) from the very first day and throughout the course. Being immersed in the use of ASL for 4 hours a week promotes and maximises language acquisition and comprehension. Some insights of Deaf communities and culture in Canada, United States and around the world will be offered. A variety of materials such as gestures, signs, drawings and role-play situations will be utilised. NOTE: The ASL program does not permit course challenges.

Required Materials.

1. TBD.
2. Minimum technology requirements for students (see UVic Requirements). These apply as this course requires online participation.

Instructor Information.

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