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Sign Language as Language: LING 345 A01.  
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Section:	A01.	CRN Number:	21896.
Unit Value:	1.5 units.	Prerequisites:	None.
Contact Days:	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays.	Contact Hours:	9:30 am to 10:20 am.
Delivery Method:	Synchronous Face-to-face.	Classroom:	HHB 110.

### Course Content.

This 1.5-unit course does not have any prerequisites, i.e., **no prior knowledge of linguistics is required**. This Sign Language as Language course explores some common misconceptions about sign language that this course aims to dispel through a comparative overview of signed and spoken languages. The overview will include selected topics in the linguistic research of sign language and a selected topic(s) in Deaf culture and rights. (Note: This is not a course on learning how to sign.)

### Required Materials.

1. There is NO text for this course. Readings comprise a selection of online articles and book chapters provided by the UVic Library that can be accessed on the respective section pages on Brightspace. You can read these materials online or download one PDF-copy of the articles (some online books have limitations on the size of downloads for the immediate session). Note: Simultaneous access is permitted for the online books. If you have any difficulties accessing these books, please try again at a different time.
2. Minimum technology requirements for students (see [UVic Requirements](#)). These apply as this course requires some online participation.

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