

American Sign Language 1

Content Guide 2022-2023

SJCSD World Languages

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Master ASL Unit 1 – Semester 1						
Topics		Culture		Grammar		Signing Naturally Supplements
Greetings and goodbyes		Gallaudet intro		Closing signal		Things/strategies to Learn ASL
Fingerspelling		Interacting with Deaf people		Deixis		1:2 cardinal numbers 0-10
Introductions				Subject/object/verb order		1:3 fingerspelling
Question maker				Topic/comment		*1:5 what, who, where
Yes/no		Eyebrows raised Tilt/Lean Forward and Hold last sign		Conceptual accuracy		1:6 cardinal numbers 11-5
				5 parameters		brief history of ASL
				facial expression ASL not English Fingerspelling Precision Eye contact Signing space Dominant/non-dominant hand		
				NMS/facial expressions		

- can be used in Master ASL Unit 2

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Master ASL Unit 2 - Semester 1						
Topics		Culture		Grammar		Signing Naturally Supplements
Directionality		Labels/identity		WH-face		2:2 Cardinal numbers 16-19
WH Questions		Variations		Iconic signs		2:7 Cardinal numbers 20-29
How to say "you're welcome"		What is Deafness		Signed question mark		
Helpful signs				When signs		
Activities				The WH sign		
In the classroom						
Making conversation						
Days of the Week						

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Master ASL Unit 3 - Semester 1						
Topics		Culture		Grammar		Signing Naturally Supplements
Where are you from?		Name signs		Topic/comment structure		1:8 Identify a person (colors)
Background signs		Is sign language universal		Possessive signs		4:1 Conversation 1: Contrastive Structure
Interests						4:8: Conversation 3: Possessive Adjectives
States Not on midterm						8:2 Talking about months
Names of cities and towns Not on midterm						11:5 States and Provinces 1
Colors						11:10 States and Provinces 2
Favorites						
Email						
Addresses/telephone numbers						
Birthdays						
Months of the year						
Seasons						
Major holidays						
Weather						

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Master ASL Unit 4 - Semester 2						
Topics		Culture		Grammar		Signing Naturally Supplements
Family		Deaf family dynamics		Gender distinction		4:1 Talking about immediate family
CODA		Deaf experience & arts		Shoulder Shifting		4:5 Talk about siblings
Pets		Friendship in Deaf Community		Age spot		4:7 Telling How Old
Ages				Listing & Ordering		4:8 Talk about extended family
Life events				Verb “to go”		4:9 Tell how family members are related
Friendship				Fixing Mistakes		4:11 Discussing Family
Relationships				Pronouns & numbers		5:8 Talk about activities with others
Qualities						

Master ASL Unit 5 - Semester 2						
Topics		Culture		Grammar		Signing Naturally Supplements
School Locations		Deaf Education		Agent Marker		2:1 Conversations 1 & 2: Yes-No Questions; Insight: Making Connections; Insight:

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						Which Hand Do I Use?' Cultural: Gallaudet University
School Personnel		Gallaudet University ASL History Deaf Schools in American History		Initialization		3:6 Ordinal numbers 1 st – 9 th , Giving Basic Directions
School Activities				Classifiers		9:3 Giving the Time 1
School Classes				Time Spot		9:9 Giving the Time 2
Time				Multiple Meanings		
Beginnings & Endings						

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Master ASL Unit 6 - Semester 2						
(Post Exam)						
Topics		Culture		Grammar		Signing Naturally Supplements
Sports & Activities		Football Huddle		Experience & Finish		5:1 Conversation 1 & 2 WH Word?
ASL Storytelling (i.e. ABC stories, handshape stories...)		Deaf Olympics		Classifiers		5:7 Tell How Often
Tense (see grammar section for pages)		Literature of ASL		Tense		5:8 Conversation 5 - Tell about an "Out of the Ordinary" Activity
				Rule of 9		
				Duration of activity		