

Timberline

ASL

Beginning Sign Language

Description:

This course will introduce you to an understanding of Sign Language: Signed English (SEE), Contact Sign (PSE), and American Sign Language (ASL)- the natural language of the deaf. We will learn the sign language alphabet, vocabulary, grammar in the context of conversation. Also, through exposure and research we will deepen our understanding of Deaf Culture, including both the richness and the concepts associated with deafness in a predominantly hearing world.

Objectives:

1. Students will experience rapid vocabulary development in sign language.
2. Students will master the sign language alphabet.
3. Students will learn about and compare the basic structural differences in Signed English (SEE), PSE, and ASL.
4. Students will examine Deaf Culture and its history.
5. Students will perform skills in signing conversations, role playing, games, story-telling, and translating with others.
6. Students will be open-minded, show constant improvements in signing ability and comprehension, and they will have fun!