



Welcome to ASL Online!

In this document, you will find information such as contact and course information, materials, grading policy, expectations, and the course syllabus.

Contact Information:

This year, there is one coordinator and one teacher for the ASL Online program. For technical issues, program questions, scheduling, access, concerns, and other general information, please contact the coordinator. For questions about your grades, assignments, and for support, contact your ASL teacher. For more information about Advanced ASL, contact Dr. Kisner.

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ASL Courses offered at OSD: Each course is offered in a 1-semester format that is the equivalent of .5 semester credits. Each semester contains two quarters, each quarter has 8 modules. There are 7 modules of instruction and 1 module for exams and projects. Each semester has a total of 16 weeks of modules.

- Beginning ASL 101 & ASL 102
- Intermediate ASL 201 & ASL 202
- Advanced ASL 301 & ASL 302 (2 year cycle)
- Advanced ASL 401 & 402 (2 year cycle)

Course Information for Advanced ASL:

ASL 301/401: Advanced ASL - Fall Semester

ASL 302/402: Advanced ASL II – Spring Semester

Prerequisites:

Students enrolled in Advanced ASL must have completed one year of ASL 2 or ASL 3 (for those going into ASL 4) with a minimum grade of 80% or higher within the last year.

Course Description:

Advanced ASL is a 2-year cyclical program that combines ASL 3 and ASL 4, and builds on previous year's instruction in ASL 2. Advanced ASL has 4 quarters with 8-9 modules followed by assessments that measure student knowledge as well as receptive and expressive skills. Students may also have one project to complete each quarter. Cycle A starts on odd years (2025-26, 2027-28, etc.) and Cycle B starts on even numbers (2026-27, 2028-29, etc). You may view detailed lessons planned on the last page of this document. Themes for each quarter follow:

Plan of Study:

Quarter 1:

- Cycle A: The Natural World and STEM
- Cycle B: History, Current events and Geography

Quarter 2:

- Cycle A: Food and Entrepreneurship, The Dinner Table and Celebrations
- Cycle B: Home and Wellbeing, The Dinner Table and Celebrations

Quarter 3:

 Cycle A and Cycle B: Both cycles are aligned with slightly different lessons that expand upon each other. Themes include: College and Education, Religion and Life, Travel, and Hobbies/Talents

Quarter 4:

 Cycle A and Cycle B: Both cycles are aligned with slightly different lessons that expand upon each other. For the first half of the quarter, students learn about Careers, Medicine and Health. For the last half, students spend 4 weeks focused on ASL Literature.

<u>Classifiers:</u> The first week of each quarter focuses on using Classifiers.

Materials:

Materials are teacher-created and requires the use of:

- Schoology
- ASLdeafined
- o Zoom
- Google Apps: Slides, Docs, Sites
- Internet Access including various ASL Dictionaries and Resources, as well as some apps including Blooket, Kahoots!, and others as requested

Assignments, Exams, and Projects:

- Assignments: students have 3-5 assignments each week that allow students to improve their receptive and expressive skills, as well as critical thinking. Assignments include video expressive video narratives, group discussions, and/or video receptive assignments.
- Exams: At the end of each unit, students are given three exams; an expressive exam
 that measures their ability to express learned concepts, a receptive exam that gauges
 their ability to understand a signed narrative, and a cultural test in a
 True-False/multiple-choice/short answer format that assesses their understanding of
 Deaf Culture, ASL Grammar, and other concepts introduced.
- **Projects:** Students are assigned projects 3-4 times a year, focusing on a variety of topics related to Deaf Culture, ASL, Education, and other related topics.

Video Materials:

- You are expected to watch the instructional videos provided in the weekly Module folders.
- Our instructional videos and resources are usually hosted in YouTube. For the 2025-2026 year, we have focused on converting these videos through Screencastify to ensure all videos are accessible for students due to school barriers and blocks.

Grading Policy:

Advanced ASL is a one-year course. Assignments are scored using a rubric and are given a numerical grade. Your letter grade is dependent on your school's grading chart based on the numerical score. For example, if you have a 90%, for some schools that can be an A- or a B+. ASL Online does not give a grading scale for a letter grade. Grades for Advanced ASL are generally weighed in the following manner:

- Grammar & Culture 20%
- Interpersonal Communication & Participation 20%
- Interpretive Assignments 20%
- Presentational Assignments 30%
- ASLdeafined Assignments 10%

Projects and Exams use the same grading scale above, however they may be given a higher weight, usually 2 or 3x the weighted grade, which is the equivalent of 2 or 3 assignments.

Late Work:

Work submitted late may be scored:

- On or before the due date: up to 100%
- Up to 72 hours late (1 day): up to 80%
- More than 72 hours late: 0%

Schoology is available 24/7 from any computer and mobile device connected to the internet. Assignments are usually up for 7-10 days before the due date. If you think you will be out when assignments are due, you are responsible for making sure you submit work before you leave or from home.

Please try to submit work at least two days before the due date. This will help cushion any issues you may experience such as problems with uploading, internet outages, computer crashing, etc.

- Excused absences: Death in family, severe illness. Must be verified by your class facilitator, and work must be complete within 2 days of returning. In addition, you must communicate with the ASL teacher since some assignments may be locked after the due date.
- **Unexcused absences**: School closings, school holidays, school events, sports, field trips, college visits, computer crashes, weather, can't upload, etc.
- School closings due to weather are notorious in rural Ohio. During statewide weather closings, the ASL teacher may provide some flexibility in due dates.

Advancement:

Students must maintain an 80% quarterly grade to move onto the next level. Students whose final grade is under 80% will not be able to move up, at the discretion of the ASL Online teacher.

Course Expectations:

Courses in the ASL Online program are cumulative, in that the units and lessons build upon each other. Missing multiple classes can make it overwhelming and make it difficult to catch up. To be a successful student in ASL Online, you are expected to:

- Attend all video scheduled video classes
- Communicate with your ASL teacher if you are unable to attend
- Show engagement in the conferences
- Complete all assignments on time
- Review the week's vocabulary before our first session. Vocabulary is usually posted on the Friday before the week, and an entrance ticket is required on Mondays. This shows that you have reviewed the vocabulary.
- Use your lab days to focus on completing your assignments and practice with your classmates.
- Use ASL at all times during conferences and lab days, with Voice-Off.

Video Connection Class Recordings

The bi-weekly video connections are usually recorded and posted in Schoology. If you miss a video conference, you are responsible for watching the recording.

Detailed Plan of Study for the 2-Year Cycle is available on the next page.

Have a Great Year!

ASL Online: Advanced ASLPlan of Study- 2-Year Cycle

Week	Quarter 1: 8 Weeks STEM & Current Events		Quarter 2: 8 Weeks Food & Entrepreneurship / Home & Wellbeing		Quarter 3: 9 Weeks Education, Religion, Live, Travel, Activities		Quarter 4: 9 Weeks Careers, Medicine & Health, ASL Literature	
Cycle	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В
1	Classifiers DCL & ECL	Classifiers DCL & ECL	Classifiers ICL & PCL	Classifiers ICL & PCL	Classifiers LCL & SCL	Classifiers LCL & SCL	Classifiers BCL & BPCL	Classifiers BCL & BPCL
2	Classifiers & Mouth Morpheme s	DPN, US History	*Dinner Table/ celebrations Mouth Morphemes 1	Dinner Table/ celebrations, Mouth Morphemes 2	College courses, college 1	Educational Terms, College 2	Professional s 4 Job skills	Professional s 5
3	Weather	Politics	Cooking, Menu Items	Giving directions	Various cultural terms, religion 3	Life events 2	Medical terms	Caring for your body, keeping active
4	World	World History	Restaurant 1	Money 5, 7,	Life events 1	Dream Vacation	Medical emergencies	Seeing the doctor
5	Ocean	World Cultures	Money 2, 3	Looking for new home	Vacation (Adv+)	Getting Ready to leave	ASL Lit: ABC & Number Stories	
6	Animals	Human Rights	*A night out	repairs	Bucket List, Airport	Sightseeing	ASL Lit: Name & Handshape Stories	
7	Science, Technology, technology for the Deaf	Geographic terms	Business world, Professional s 4	Handling stress	Travel & Tourism	Weekend Plans	ASL Lit: Personal Narration	
8	Exams & Projects	Exams & Projects	Exams & Projects	Exams & Projects	*Learning something new	Talent and hobbies	ASL Lit: Folklore, Jokes, ASL Poetry	
9			Quarter end winter break		Exams & Projects	Exams & Projects	Exams & Projects	Exams & Projects

Lessons are subject to change

- Cycle A starts on odd years: 2025-2026, 2027-2028, 2029-2030, etc.
- Cycle B starts on even years: 2024-2025, 2026-2027, 2028-2029, etc.