

American Sign Language, Part 1



How to Take This Course

Complete all the quizzes and the assignment in each unit. Once the quizzes for a unit are complete, you will have access to the unit test. We recommend you complete the unit assignment before attempting the unit test; the assignment will help you prepare. You will have access to the final when all unit tests are complete, and your assignments are graded.

Allow 2-3 days for an assignment to be graded. Read the full [course instructions](#) to understand the course grading.

IMPORTANT - Unit 4 Assignment - This is a video conference call with your teacher. Review this assignment as you will need to [plan ahead](#) and join one of the scheduled calls!

- Course Instructions
- How This Course Works & Suggested Timeline
- Submitting Your Assignments
- Ask The Teacher
Meet your teacher for this course and ask a question.
- MANDATORY QUIZ - Take me before you begin this course!

Unit 1: Greetings and Introductions

In this unit, you will learn the manual alphabet and signs that will allow you to sign and understand greetings, introductions, and some basic information about yourself. You will learn personal and possessive pronouns and become familiar with the use of space.

- Unit 1 Study Guide
Download this study guide; it will help you preview the concepts and guide your learning as each new skill or concept is introduced. Use this study guide as the foundation of your notes. You may use it on the unit quizzes, unit tests, and course final.
Once downloaded, from the File Menu of a word processing application of your choice, choose Open, and select the study guide. It is provided as an RTF (rich text format) file; it is a cross-platform file format supported by Windows, Mac, Linux, etc.
- 1.1 Greetings and Introductions
 - Quiz 1.1
- 1.2 What is ASL?
 - Quiz 1.2
- 1.3 The Manual Alphabet
 - Quiz 1.3
- 1.4 Pronouns and the use of Space
 - Quiz 1.4
- 1.5 Saying Goodbye
 - Quiz 1.5
- Unit 1 Assignment: Personal Introduction

Unit 2: Talking about Yourself and Others

In this unit, you will learn about facial expressions and body language and how they fit into ASL. You will learn signs for being polite, cardinal numbers 1-10, how to ask and answer Yes/No and Wh- questions, and how to show understanding. You will continue to practice the manual alphabet, increasing your expressive and receptive speed.

- Unit 2 Study Guide
Download this study guide; it will help you preview the concepts and guide your learning as each new skill or concept is introduced. Use this study guide as the foundation of your notes. You may use it on the unit quizzes, unit tests, and course final.
- 2.1 Facial Expressions, Body Language, and Numbers 1-10
 - Quiz 2.1
- 2.2 Wh- (information seeking) Questions
 - Quiz 2.2
- 2.3 More Polite Conversation
 - Quiz 2.3
- 2.4 YES/NO Questions
 - Quiz 2.4
- 2.5 Showing Understanding, Asking for Clarification and Cardinal Numbers 11-29
 - Quiz 2.5
- Unit 2 Assignment: Yes/No and Wh- Questions

Unit 3: Making Requests

In this unit, you will learn about verb pairs and how to incorporate them into a request or polite command. You will learn the Topic-Comment structure and use it to establish the subject (or topic) of a statement. Instrument classifiers will be introduced. You will learn the structure for requests and commands; and learn about noun-verb pairs, in which the motion in a sign differentiates the noun from the verb. Culturally appropriate (and inappropriate) ways of getting attention will be discussed. Finally, you will incorporate the phrases FOR-ME and DONT-MIND into their commands.

- Unit 3 Study Guide
Download this study guide; it will help you preview the concepts and guide your learning as each new skill or concept is introduced. Use this study guide as the foundation of your notes. You may use it on the unit quizzes, unit tests, and course final.
- 3.1 Topic-Comment Structure
 - Quiz 3.1
- 3.2 Types of Verbs: regular and directional
 - Quiz 3.2
- 3.3 Instrument Classifiers
 - Quiz 3.3
- 3.4 Descriptive Classifiers
 - Quiz 3.4
- 3.5 Request and Commands
 - Quiz 3.5
- Unit 3 Assignment: Making requests

Unit 4: Let's Eat

In this unit, you will learn more about Wh- questions. You will continue practicing the manual alphabet and cardinal numbers 1-29, increasing speed and accuracy, and learn numbers 30-60. You will also learn to use "signer's perspective" when explaining or describing. Plus ways to ask for a sign and to get help understanding.

- Unit 4 Study Guide
Download this study guide; it will help you preview the concepts and guide your learning as each new skill or concept is introduced. Use this study guide as the foundation of your notes. You may use it on the unit quizzes, unit tests, and course final.
- 4.1 Food Signs
 - Quiz 4.1
- 4.2 Money and Numbers 30-100
 - Quiz 4.2
- 4.3 Signing in the Past Tense
 - Quiz 4.3
- 4.4 Signing in the Future Tense
 - Quiz 4.4
- 4.5 Calendar and Time
 - Quiz 4.5
- Unit 4 Assignment: Part 1 - Preparation for the Video Conference Call
- Unit 4 Assignment - Part 2: Video Conference Call

Unit 5: People in the Neighborhood

In this unit, you will continue to practice forming and responding to YES/NO and WH- questions in the context of talking about people you interact within the community. You will continue to practice cardinal numbers 1-60 and learn numbers through 100. You will learn Body and Instrument classifiers and the conventional order of descriptors, and use them to describe people. Plus you will learn appropriate ways to negotiate a signing space.

- Unit 5 Study Guide
Download this study guide; it will help you preview the concepts and guide your learning as each new skill or concept is introduced. Use this study guide as the foundation of your notes. You may use it on the unit quizzes, unit tests, and course final.
- 5.1 Describing People Who Are in the Room With You
 - Quiz 5.1
- 5.2 Describing People Who Are Not Present
 - Quiz 5.2
- 5.3 Body Classifiers and Body Part Classifiers
 - Quiz 5.3
- 5.4 Describing People: Hobbies and Occupations
 - Quiz 5.4
- 5.5 Personality Traits and Age
 - Quiz 5.5
- Unit 5 Assignment: Describing People

Final Exam

Once you have completed all of the unit tests and all of your assignments [have been graded](#), the final exam will become visible.

Warning: You have only ONE attempt at the final.

Are you ready to take the final? We highly recommend you take the practice final first and if you are weak in any area, review the relevant course material again. You have unlimited attempts at the practice final, it will help you to prepare.

Good Luck!!

- Practice Final

Course Completion

The "Certificate" and "Request a Course Completion Record" links below are not active, they cannot be accessed until you have completed the final. Upon satisfying this requirement, the links will become active and you can use them.

Before you go, we would appreciate your opinion on the course, please take 1 minute to complete the feedback form. We hope you enjoyed this course!

- Course Feedback
Thank you for taking this course! Let us know what you think about it.

Request a Course Completion Record
If you need SVHS to send proof of your course completion directly to your school, complete this form.

If you need a hard copy mailed to your school please make a note of this on the form, use the field 'instructions for SVHS'. Don't forget to provide the mailing address of your school.

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