

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: American Sign Language (ASL)
2. Course Number: 298
3. Course Title: Linguistics of American Sign Language
4. Credit Hours: 3
5. Course Description: Advanced grammar and linguistic systems of American Sign Language. This course will focus on proper usage and syntax of ASL within Deaf culture. Prerequisite: ASL 201 or Consent of Instructor. May be taken for S/U credit. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To provide students with a thorough knowledge of ASL through intense study of grammar and linguistics of the language and concentrated proficiency exercises; to investigate the historical differences in language systems between visual languages (such as ASL) and spoken languages (such as English), and apply this knowledge to language production.

C. Course Outcomes: Students will:

1. demonstrate thorough knowledge of linguistic origins of ASL
2. identify key dialectal variations of language usage between ASL and English, such as accents and word order;
3. analyze and distinguish the differences between morphological (word forms) and syntactical (word order) components within ASL;
4. demonstrate ability to distinguish between semantics (word meaning) and contextual connotations of ASL and English and apply proper language in translation;
5. and apply proper usage and syntax of ASL in a variety of settings.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment will include:

1. ELAN Projects
2. Student videos/expressive ASL assessments

E. Course Content will include:

1. current trends in the language (ASL "standard" vs. actual usage);
2. structure of ASL and dialectal variations;
3. grammatical components of ASL;
4. and storytelling in ASL, as it pertains to transmitting language & culture.