

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
State University of New York

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**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Introductory Sign Language I

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** ASL 1510

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture/Lab

**Course Description:** Students will learn to interact effectively and appropriately in ASL at the novice-mid level with people from other language and culture backgrounds. Students will communicate and reflect upon personal and public identity, family and community, and contemporary life in the Deaf community.

**Eligibility:** ENG 1510 without supports or Corequisite: ENG 1510 with supports.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

**SUNY**

Foreign Language

**JCC**

Cultural Understanding

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Interact with others in person and via technology using culturally appropriate language and gestures on familiar topics. [SUNY Gen Ed – Foreign Language]
  2. Present information about themselves and other familiar topics using a variety of signs, phrases, and memorized expressions. [SUNY Gen Ed – Foreign Language]
  3. Recognize familiar signs and phrases when they see them in culturally authentic sources. [SUNY Gen Ed – Foreign Language]
  4. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding] [SUNY Gen Ed – Foreign Language]
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**Topics Covered:**

- Theme: Personal and Public Identity
    - Who am I?
    - Who are you?
    - How do I perceive myself?
    - How do I choose my friends?
  - Theme: Family and Community
    - What is a family?
    - What is community?
    - What is home?
  - Theme: Contemporary Life
    - What is free time?
    - Why is leisure time important?
    - How do we balance leisure and work?
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
  - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
  - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
- Disability/Special Services
  - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

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**Effective Date:** Fall 2020