

## American Sign Language (ASL) Policy & New Courses

**NOTE: American Sign Language (ASL) courses may satisfy the Language General Education requirements for some (not all) programs of study:** ASL 101, 102, 201, 215.

**Effective Fall 2015**, the college will be offering new courses in ASL that can be used to meet the General Education Modern Language requirement **for many but not all programs of study at Molloy**. The newly developed ASL courses with specially designed curriculum will count as Liberal Arts and Sciences credits, as well. These new courses are not equivalent to former non-liberal arts courses in sign language offered in the past at the college as: SLP 275 and 276. For students who have received credit for SLP 275 or SLP 276, these are not Liberal Arts and Science credits and are **not acceptable** to satisfy the Modern Language General Education or Modern Language/Literature General Education requirements.

**Continuing students, who matriculated prior to Fall 2015**, and who have programs of study that will allow ASL for the Modern Language General Education requirement or the Modern Language/Literature requirement, may take the new ASL courses. (See rules for programs of study below.) **For continuing students who matriculated at Molloy prior to Fall 2015**, advisors may arrange for substitution forms for ASL 101, 102, 201 or 215 to meet the General Education Modern Language or Modern Language/Literature requirement - **only if it is allowed by their program of study, as outlined below. Students wanting to meet the General Education requirements with ASL courses and who have previously taken SLP 275 or 276 must take a new ASL course**. These students, as well as students who already know some sign language prior to coming to Molloy, must contact the Modern Languages Department to be placed into one of the new courses.

**Beginning Fall 2015, ASL will satisfy the Modern Language Arts General Education and/or Modern Language/Literature General Education requirements for the following programs of Study:**

**Business Division:** ASL satisfies for all programs of study.

**Education Division: ASL satisfies for all Childhood Education Programs:** Biology, Communications, English, History, Interdisciplinary, Mathematics, Spanish, Psychology and Sociology. **ASL satisfies for both Special Subjects Education Programs:** Music Education and Visual Arts Education. **ASL satisfies only these specified Adolescent Education programs:** Biology, Earth Science, Mathematics and Social Studies.

**The English Adolescent Education and Spanish Adolescent Education programs have specific Modern Languages Related Requirements so the ASL courses would not apply to their Related Requirements:** English, Spanish. (Please review the English Adolescent and Spanish Adolescent programs for specified courses to be taken as Related Requirements.)

**Humanities:** All non-education programs in the Humanities have specific Related Requirements for the Language General Education and the Modern Language/Literature General Education. **Courses in Arabic, Chinese, ESL, French, Italian and/or Spanish are required as Related Requirements for these departments.** Please review each program for specific Related Requirements: Art, Communications, Communications: New Media, English, Interdisciplinary Studies, Spanish, Music, Music Therapy, Philosophy, Theatre, and Theology and Religious Studies. ASL courses cannot be applied to these programs' Related Requirements.

**Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Studies, Speech Language Pathology and Allied Health:** ASL applies for all programs of study in these areas: Biology, Earth and Environmental Studies, Mathematics, Computer Science, Computer Information Studies, Health Service Leadership, Nuclear Medicine Technology (BS), Speech-Language Pathology.

**Nursing:** ASL satisfies all programs of study.

**Social Sciences:** ASL applies for these specific programs: History and Political Science, Psychology, Sociology. **Social Work** will accept 6 credits of either ASL and/or SPA towards their Related Requirement. **Criminal Justice programs have specific Related Requirements for Languages, so ASL would not be applied to the Criminal Justice program.**

### ASL Courses:

#### ASL 101 BEGINNING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I

This is an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL): basic vocabulary, grammar, structure and syntax. It is designed for students who have little or no previous knowledge of ASL. Students will focus on mastering the basics of finger-spelling, numbers, colors, facial grammar and sentence structure; students will also learn conversational/cultural behaviors necessary to hold a beginning-level conversation in ASL, with deaf/hard-of-hearing native users of the language. Introductory information about the Deaf Community and Deaf Culture will also be introduced to provide students with a broad picture of language and culture. **NOTE:** Students who took SLP 275 or SLP 276 should consult with the Chair of the Dept. of Modern Language for placement. Prerequisites: None. (Offered Fall, Spring) Fee-\$40.00. **3 credits**

### **ASL 102 BEGINNING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II**

This course is a continuation of basic aspects of American Sign Language (ASL) taught in ASL101. Students will continue to focus on fingerspelling, numbers, facial grammar and sentence structure. Students will also further develop the conversational/cultural behaviors necessary to hold a beginning-level conversation. Additional cultural information will be presented as well as to aid student development of awareness and appreciation for the unique linguistic relationship between language and culture among those deaf /hard-of-hearing individuals who use ASL to communicate. NOTE: Students who took SLP 275 or SLP 276 should consult with the Chair of the Dept. of Modern Languages for placement. Prerequisites: ASL101. (Offered Fall, Spring) Fee-\$40.00. **3 credits**

### **ASL 201 INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I**

Continuation and expansion on concepts and principles of the overview of American Sign Language taught in ASL101 and ASL102. Students continue to learn the basics for communication with deaf individuals; they also learn how to express abstract concepts in ASL. Course includes receptive and expressive readiness activities, sign vocabulary, ASL grammatical structure, receptive and expressive finger spelling, conversational behaviors and various aspects of deaf culture and an introduction to sociolinguistics of ASL. NOTE: Students who took SLP 275 or SLP 276 should consult with the Chair of the Dept. of Modern Languages for placement. Prerequisite: ASL 102. (Offered Fall) Fee-\$40.00. **3 credits**

### **ASL 215 INTERMEDIATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II**

Continuation of ASL 201. Students continue to learn the basics for communication with deaf individuals. they also learn the use of formal versus informal sign register; sign variation by region, age, and gender; social factors that give rise to code switching; and political and cultural evolution of the U.S. Deaf community. Course is designed to develop greater fluency in expressive signing, and develop confidence in receptive skills. Prerequisite: ASL 201.(Offered Spring) Fee-\$40.00. **3 credits**

### **ASL 390 TOPICS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

In-depth study of topics not included in the regular curriculum cycle. Title of the course will be announced in the Course Schedule. Prerequisite: Approval of the Chairperson. This course may be repeated for credit. (Offered upon request) **1-3 credits**

### **ASL 470 INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Independent study is offered in a selected area of interest with Chairperson approval. The student works under the guidance of a faculty member, who must consent to sponsor student prior to approval by the Chairperson. (Offered upon request) **1-3 credits**