

Beginner 1 American Sign Language Syllabus
Winter 2021
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Class # (60-minute class)	Class # (30-minute class)	Date	Topics Covered
1	1/2	Week of 9/7/20	Introductions, first 3 conversational tasks, class basics
2	3/4	Week of 9/14/20	ASL alphabet, name signs, questions, deaf/hearing, colors
3	5/6	Week of 9/21/20	Size, feelings, final project discussion
4	7/8	Week of 9/28/20	Family members and descriptions, question grammar, jeopardy
5	9/10	Week of 10/5/20	Identity language, verbs, places, basic classifiers
6	11/12	Week of 10/12/20	Parameters, descriptive classifiers, final project vocabulary
7	13/14	Week of 10/19/20	Visual Gestural Communication, storytelling tools, personification
8	15/16	Week of 10/26/20	Final projects!

This is an introductory American Sign Language class, designed to build communication competence and confidence in ASL. Basic vocabulary, grammar, and Deaf cultural information are emphasized throughout the course, and learners have frequent expressive and receptive practice opportunities through individual and group practice games and tasks. The class ends with each student recording and sharing a short final project video. There is no textbook or online curriculum purchase required for this class.

Class registration information is available at www.NewLeafLanguage.com.
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