



Gallaudet University is offering
A Brief Introduction to the Structure of ASL

July 21-22, 2012; Saturday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Birney Elementary School -- 1202 S. 76th St Tacoma, WA 98408

This course can be accessible from several remote sites around the state of Washington. The sites are: Anacortes, Vancouver, Pasco, Spokane and Edmonds

In order for a site to be connected, there must be at least three people pre-registered at for the location, no later than two weeks prior to the class. Please indicate your preferred remote site by signing up for that class section on your registration form.

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the major features of the linguistic structure and social uses of American Sign Language (ASL). The course will cover four major topics: 1) Phonology: The Study of the Raw Materials of Signs, an examination of the structure of the physical signals of ASL, the customary patterns for combining them, and the influence of signs on one another in connected discourse; 2) Morphology: Building and Storing Words, the study of the basic meaningful units of ASL, including discussions of word creation, compounding, borrowing, affixation, and numeral incorporation. A discussion of the use of space in ASL, including an examination of verbs with subject and object agreement and of spatial-locative verbs; 3) Syntax: Building Sentences, the word order of ASL sentences, nonmanual syntactic signals, and discourse structures; and 4) Sociolinguistic Applications, a discussion of language variation and language contact in the deaf community.

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- Ph.D., Georgetown University, Sociolinguistics
- MA, Gallaudet University, Linguistics
- BS, Rochester Institute of Technology, Social Work
- CDI, RID Certification



To Register: http://www.gallaudet.edu/CCS/Off-Campus_Extension_Courses_/A_Brief_Introduction_to_the_Structure_of_ASL.html

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 22, 2012

Tuition: \$283.00 +\$30.00 processing fee (PST credit); \$383.00 + \$30.00 processing fee (ug/graduate credit)

RID CMP: Professional, introductory, 1.5 CEUs (included in tuition fee)

WA State Clock Hours: 15 hours (separate fee payable at the door) - PENDING

For further information on this course contact:

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Or

This Gallaudet University course is the third in a series offered to you in partnership with: Tacoma Public Schools, Washington School for the Deaf (Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss), WSRID, Washington Sensory Disabilities Services, and the Gallaudet University Regional Center at Ohlone College

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This course is a prerequisite to the next courses being offered in the series.