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## **American Sign Language 11 and Intro American Sign Language 11 courses are now available online to all students in BC.**

### **What are online American Sign Language courses?**

These one-to-one online ASL courses prepare students who are Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing with no or minimal ASL background to communicate in American Sign Language (ASL). The courses include ASL instruction, ASL evaluation, and Deaf cultural awareness components. Completing the Intro ASL 11 course is a prerequisite course for ASL 11 and covers all curriculum in ASL 9 and ASL 10. Completing the ASL 11 course will facilitate students moving more easily into established programs which will lead them to career advancement and/or enrolment in Vancouver Community College ASL courses and possibly the Interpreter Training Program at Douglas College.

The ASL courses will be accessed online through Burnaby Online website.

These online ASL courses support the student with textbooks, DVD, embedded video, as well as live interactive one-on-one video chats with the ASL teacher.

The ASL teacher will communicate through email and live interactive video chats to assess student learning through I-chat or Skype using a webcam.

- endorsed by the Provincial Outreach Program
- collaboration project of the Provincial Outreach Program, Burnaby Online, and Global Learning

### **Who can take the ASL courses?**

- open to all students in BC, even BC students that are travelling out of the country
- adult students and international students may also take these ASL courses
- each student will need access to an internet connection, an Apple or PC computer, and a webcam

- completion of ASL 11 will provide a student with a second language to the grade 11 level that some post secondary institutions require on their application forms

### **Who teaches the course?**

- taught by a fluent, native American Sign Language signer whom is BC Certified Teacher of the Deaf

### **How to find the ASL Course Descriptions and register:**

- Register through Burnaby Online Website: ***http://online.sd41.bc.ca***
- Click on 'Courses', then look under 'Modern Languages', then click on 'Intro ASL 11' to read the course descriptions for info about how a student is assessed throughout the course as well as prerequisites
- When a student wants to register, click on 'Register Now'
- There are many registration steps to follow which includes having the student complete an Admission Assessment Assignment (can be printed out and completed on paper), which needs to be handed/sent in with the completed student registration package to Burnaby Online. Once the ASL teacher marks the assignment, the Admission Assessment Assignment mark will be added to the student's future ASL course mark.
- Please make sure that the registration package is complete before sending to Burnaby Online office, as the office does not accept incomplete registration packages

### **When can students register?**

Registration is ongoing throughout the entire year. Once a student registers, they will be assigned a start date (within 4-6 weeks of registering).

### **How long does the course take to complete?**

The student may move through the course at their own pace, but the student must complete the course within 10 months. If a student wishes to complete the course within a 4 month time period, they should be spending 8-12 hours per week on the ASL course.

### **How Much Does this Course Cost?**

This course is free to both students and to adults.

## **Why Should a Student Take the Burnaby On Line Intro to ASL 11 and/or ASL 11 Course?**

1. It is live and interactive
2. Assessments/evaluation and feedback by appointment
3. Hearing, Deaf and Hard of Hearing students receive individualized instruction from a Native ASL Signer who happens to be Deaf and is a BC certified Teacher of the Deaf
4. The use of embedded video is designed to engage Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing students to support their learning
5. Course credits are recognized by the Ministry of Education as a Second Language credit for high school graduation

## **What Benefits are there for adults taking this course?**

1. There is no cost
2. Special Education Assistants who work with children in the K-12 system can add to their repertoire of skills: communication support for children with communication disorders, sign supported speech for children with cognitive delays, autism and hearing loss
3. Families can access this course at no cost to enable them to communicate more effectively with their children, siblings who have a hearing loss and/or who need sign supported speech using conceptually correct ASL signs
4. Public/private employees working in banks, government offices, dentist/doctor offices etc can learn ASL to communicate more effectively with their clients/customers thereby promoting access
5. Students seeking summer employment enhance their opportunities for being hired
6. Speech and Language Pathologists and other professionals working with Deaf/Hard of Hearing children/adults can enhance their skills to ensure access and a quality delivery of service