

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Linguistics of American Sign Language

Course #: ASL 205

Course Description:

A survey of linguistic theories, methods, and research and how it relates to ASL: universals of language, how language is structured, social variation in language, and language change over time. 3 semester hours.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ASL 101, ASL 102, ASL 201, ENG 101

Goals:

To become familiar with the basic concepts of linguistics as they pertain to language in general, and to ASL specifically. These concepts include: phonology, morphology, syntax, and the use of language.

Outcomes:

1. To identify general linguistic concepts as they apply to the structure of ASL.
2. To demonstrate an understanding of the research in the linguistic structures of ASL.
3. To identify aspects of ASL structure and isolate the pattern or rule that governs that structure.