



Master Course Syllabus

For additional course information, including prerequisites, corequisites, and course fees, please refer to the Catalog: <https://catalog.uvu.edu/>

Semester: Fall

Year: 2025

Course Prefix: ASL

Course and Section #: 4330-01

Course Title: Visual Analysis for Interpreters

Credits: 3

Course Description

This course Teaches necessary processing skills related to interpreting from Sign to spoken languages including ability to concentrate and analyze visual linguistic and non-manual markers. Analyzes discourse focusing on context, linguistics and culture.

Course Attributes

This course has the following attributes:

- ☐ General Education Requirements
- ☐ Global/Intercultural Graduation Requirements
- ☐ Writing Enriched Graduation Requirements
- ☒ Discipline Core Requirements in Program
- ☐ Elective Core Requirements in Program
- ☐ Open Elective

Other: *Click here to enter text.*

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: Angela Spurgeon

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an awareness of visual communication issues and non-manual markers related to interpreting.
 2. Explain the role of interpreters including knowledge and understanding of ethics.
 3. Cognitively process signed communication for meaning in simultaneous and consecutive interpreting.
 4. Demonstrate improved ability in interpreting various texts/discourses from ASL to English.
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Course Materials and Texts

Cognitive Processing Skills In ASL - With DVD 2009

GoReact Account

Hill, Brandon, *Signlens Basic*, SmartASL, LLC.

Course Requirements

Course Assignments, Assessments, and Grading Policy

Quizzes: these questions are found in the book. You will submit your answers in Canvas. They are designed to check for understanding of the video. I recognize that some of the answers will not be exact and will therefor be counted as wrong. I will be correcting them manually.

Video Analysis: you will be analyzing videos in GoReact, looking for the ASL language features we discuss in class.

Video Interpretations and self-analysis: you will submit an interpretation of videos in GoReact. After each interpretation you will do a self-analysis of your interpretation work.

Peer Reviews: you will do a peer review of 2 peer interpretation videos for each interpretation assignment.

Midterm and Final: these will be outlined in Canvas.

A = 100-93	B+ = 89-87	B- = 82-80	C = 76-73	D+ = 69-67	D- = 62- 60
A- = 92-90	B = 86-83	C+ = 79-77	C- = 72-70	D = 66-63	E = 59-0

Required or Recommended Reading Assignments

All required readings use chapters from the course text that align with the lectures.

General Description of the Subject Matter of Each Lecture or Discussion

1. Comprehension of ASL Lexicon; video analysis and interpreting practice
2. Comprehension of ASL Discourse; video analysis and interpreting practice
3. Memory: The Role of Memory in the Interpreting Process; video analysis and interpreting practice
4. Immediate Repetition: The Role of Immediate Repetition in the Interpreting Process; video analysis and interpretation
5. Delayed Repetition: The Role of Delayed Repetition in the Interpreting Process; video analysis and interpretation
6. Fingerspelled Word Recognition and Comprehension of Numbers in ASL; video analysis and interpretation
7. Pattern Inference in ASL: The Role of Phrase-Level Pattern Inference Skills in the Interpreting Process; video analysis and interpretation

Required Course Syllabus Statements

Generative AI

A note on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools. The use of artificial intelligence is not prohibited in itself. There are many beneficial uses, and you will do well to learn how to use AI tools effectively. We will discuss this during the semester. Just keep in mind, that it is not appropriate to have an AI tool produce work that you submit as your own. It is appropriate to use AI tools to help you develop ideas, explore counter arguments, get feedback on areas your work might improve, and for many other uses.

If you find that you are using AI to help you learn (e.g., to take full advantage of your educational opportunity) rather than to do work for you so you can turn something in (e.g., educational obligation), you are probably doing it right. When you see school as an opportunity rather than as an obligation, you open the door to the full benefits.

Using Remote Testing Software

☒ This course does not use remote testing software.

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Required University Syllabus Statements

Accommodations/Students with Disabilities

Students needing accommodations due to a permanent or temporary disability, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions may contact UVU [Accessibility Services](#) at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu or 801-863-8747.

Accessibility Services is located on the Orem Campus in BA 110.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing students requesting ASL interpreters or transcribers can contact Accessibility Services to set up accommodations. Deaf/Hard of Hearing services can be contacted at DHHservices@uvu.edu

DHH is located on the Orem Campus in BA 112.

Academic Integrity

At Utah Valley University, faculty and students operate in an atmosphere of mutual trust. Maintaining an atmosphere of academic integrity allows for free exchange of ideas and enables all members of the community to achieve their highest potential. Our goal is to foster an intellectual atmosphere that produces scholars of integrity and imaginative thought. In all academic work, the ideas and contributions of others must be appropriately acknowledged and UVU students are expected to produce their own original academic work.

Faculty and students share the responsibility of ensuring the honesty and fairness of the intellectual environment at UVU. Students have a responsibility to promote academic integrity at the university by not participating in or facilitating others' participation in any act of academic dishonesty. As members of the academic community, students must become familiar with their [rights and responsibilities](#). In each course, they are responsible for knowing the requirements and restrictions regarding research and writing, assessments, collaborative work, the use of study aids, the appropriateness of assistance, and other issues. Likewise, instructors are responsible to clearly state expectations and model best practices.

Further information on what constitutes academic dishonesty is detailed in [UVU Policy 541: Student Code of Conduct](#).

Equity and Title IX

Utah Valley University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age (40 and over), disability, veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related conditions, citizenship, genetic information, or other basis protected by applicable law, including Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. Inquiries about nondiscrimination at UVU may be directed to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights or UVU's Title IX Coordinator at 801-863-7999 – TitleIX@uvu.edu – 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, 84058, Suite BA 203.

Religious Accommodation

UVU values and acknowledges the array of worldviews, faiths, and religions represented in our student body, and as such provides supportive accommodations for students. Religious belief or conscience broadly includes religious, non-religious, theistic, or non-theistic moral or ethical beliefs as well as participation in religious holidays, observances, or activities. Accommodations may include scheduling or due-date modifications or make-up assignments for missed class work.

To seek a religious accommodation, a student must provide written notice to the instructor and the Director of Accessibility Services at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu. If the accommodation relates to a scheduling conflict, the notice should include the date, time, and brief description of the difficulty posed by the conflict. Such requests should be made as soon as the student is aware of the prospective scheduling conflict.

While religious expression is welcome throughout campus, UVU also has a [specially dedicated space](#) for meditation, prayer, reflection, or other forms of religious expression.