

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** ASL 295

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Topics in ASL: American Sign Language III

**Course Description:** Develops vocabulary, conversational competence, and grammatical knowledge with a total immersion approach. Introduces increasingly complex grammatical aspects, including those unique to ASL. Discusses culture and literature. Encourages contact with the Deaf Community to enhance linguistic and cultural knowledge. Part I of II. Prerequisite: ASL 102 or permission of instructor. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** To continue to develop intermediate-level ASL conversational fluency and provide students with meaningful interactions exemplifying Deaf culture.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

**Prerequisite:** ASL 102 or permission of instructor

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Make a suggestion, make a request, and ask for permission;
- b. Complain about someone or something they know;
- c. Appropriately role shift between two characters;
- d. Utilize two perspectives when describing an individual or a thing;
- e. Incorporate appropriate mouth movements (e.g., adverbials) when using classifier predicates to describe an individual or a things;
- f. Describe the structure of and accurately perform an ASL narrative; and
- g. Incorporate appropriate non-manuals, prosody, and signs when transitioning from one topic to another during narration.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Making complaints, suggestions, and requests
- b. Exchanging personal information
- c. Identifying and describing things
- d. Utilizing different perspectives to describe and talk about people and things
- e. Utilizing classifier predicates

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** February 20, 2015