

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

**Course Prefix and Number:** ASL 295

**Credits:** 3

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

**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 II of II. Prerequisite: ASL 295 – Topics in ASL: American Sign Language III. 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 295 – Topics in ASL: American Sign Language III

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Utilize the weak signing hand as a reference;
- b. Describe the non-manual elements of and accurately perform topic-comment structure;
- c. Correct and confirm specific information while in conversation;
- d. Appropriately describe the layout of a room utilizing classifier predicates in conjunction with required non-manual elements (e.g., headnod, eye gaze, various movements of the eyebrows, cheek, mouth, and lips);
- e. Recommend activities to do in a particular location;
- f. Tell about how plans were disrupted;
- g. Express feelings and opinions about various occurrences; and
- h. Resume, direct, and maintain attention during, and control the pace of a conversation.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Locating things in a room or building
- b. Examples of ASL Literature: ABC, single-handshape, and number stories
- c. Talking about the weekend
- d. Element classifiers
- e. Utilizing three or more different perspectives to describe and talk about people and things
- f. Elements of conversation and discourse

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