This non-credit, introductory class is intended for the general public. Each class will include vocabulary, stories, and information about Deaf culture. Students will work with the instructor and peers during class activities to enhance their learning experience. Deaf culture lessons will be voiced to ensure full understanding. Exercise participation during the class is intended to measuring learning progression. Outside activities and assignments will help put into practice what students learn during class. Learners will be expected to think about the concepts of the English language and apply them to ASL accurately. Attendance is crucial to learning the language.

During class, opportunities will be given for students to voice concerns, and request clarification. Instructor will provide background information on why signs are what they are. Deaf culture lectures will be voiced. Outside activities will put into practice what is learned within the classroom. Learners will be expected to think about the concepts of the English language, for instance what we mean by what we say, then apply this to ASL by accurately conveying the equivalent meaning. Attendance is crucial to learning!

Time permitting, this course will cover chapters 1 to 9 in the textbook.
Taylor is an American Sign Language Instructor at Oklahoma State University and a sign language interpreter at OSU and in the community. She has been involved in the Deaf community since 2012. Ms. Woodall’s bachelor’s degree is in American Studies with a minor in American Sign Language. She has completed her master’s degree in International Studies with a focus on Human Development and Education. Currently, Ms. Woodall is pursuing a Ph.D. in Social Foundations of Education where her research will be focusing on both Deaf and hearing students and how culture and life experiences outside of the school setting affects education attainment.

At OSU, Ms. Woodall works as an Instructor and teaching assistant for American Sign Language, levels 1-4, Interpreting Ethics, and ASL Linguistics. Ms. Woodall also mentors students and future interpreters to assist them in becoming certified or to improve their certification. Ms. Woodall is working towards national certification, as well.

Logan Evans was born Deaf and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Currently he is studying Liberal Arts at Oklahoma State University as well as a minor in American Sign Language. Logan will pursue a master’s degree in International Studies with a focus on education. Upon completing his master’s degree, Logan will work toward becoming an ASL professor at Oklahoma State University.

Learners will be encouraged to attend some of the Silent Dinners to use what they have learned in the classroom. There may also be other options available to put into practice what is learned.

Other Details
No prerequisites required. This is a noncredit course, so no quizzes or tests. Grades will not be assigned. It is expected that you will actively participate in the class dialogues.

Drop/Refund Policy
In the event you cannot attend the course, a 100% refund is available through 8 a.m. on the Monday of the week prior to class start date. A 50% refund is available through Friday at 5 p.m. No refund on class day. Email or call for more information on dropping and adding non-credit classes offered through OSU Arts & Sciences Outreach.

Recommended book:
The American Sign Language Phrase Book
By Lou Fant, Barbara Bernstein Fant
McGraw-Hill Education · Paperback
384 pages · ISBN 0071497137

Other Options (Silent Events)
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Book
A Basic Course in American Sign Language 2nd Edition
by Tom Humphries (Author), Carol Padden (Author), Terrence J. O’Rourke (Author), Frank A. Paul (Illustrator)

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