

Beginning American Sign Language (ASL) Level I

with **Amelia Skapura**

For adults ages 18+ of all abilities



American Sign Language is a beautiful, visual language. With signing, the brain processes linguistic information through the eyes, and facial expressions and body movements play an important part in conveying information. Remember, sign language is not a universal language. Each country has its own sign language much like the many languages spoken all over the world. Like any spoken language, ASL is a language with its own unique rules of grammar and syntax. Taking this 6-week class will help you learn the basic sign of ASL:

1. Basic sign language phrases
2. Common vocabulary words
3. Rules of grammar and syntax



Meet Your Instructor: Amelia Skapura, a St. Petersburg native, was born Deaf, however, it wasn't apparent until the age of three, when she was not responding to noise or spoken language. Amelia works as a Family Mentor and as a Medical Behavioral Assistant in a Deaf Ed classroom. She is passionate about working with children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and is a huge advocate for introducing ASL to prevent language deprivation. She has also taught ASL around the Tampa Bay area, she has worked with D/HH parents, ASL students, and MacDill Air Force Base employees who were working alongside Deaf/Hard of Hearing people.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 23 - February 27 from 6 - 7pm

Location: Zoom

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