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American Sign Language Resources in Virginia

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The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) is pleased to provide you this listing of resources for learning American Sign Language (ASL) in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Some of the resources may be accessed free, while others may require a fee. This resource list includes information regarding community-based lessons and classes, which are usually led by members of local Deaf communities through private organizations. The resource list also includes information regarding college credited course work in ASL and/or interpreter training. ASL students work toward becoming fluent in ASL as a foreign language; interpreting students work toward competence in interpreting between ASL and English. This resource list also includes suggested websites where you may find lessons, videos, or apps for learning ASL. This list of resources is not meant to be exhaustive, and will be periodically updated.

VDDHH works to reduce the communication barriers between people who are Deaf or hard of hearing and those who are hearing, including family members, service providers, and the public. As part of this mission, our agency responds to requests for information and referrals regarding a variety of topics related to hearing loss including but not limited to assistive technology, communication methods, captioning, hearing aids, interpreting, telecommunications, and sign language. Please feel free to contact VDDHH by phone at (804) 662-9502, videophone at (804) 325-1290, or by email at info@vddhh.virginia.gov.
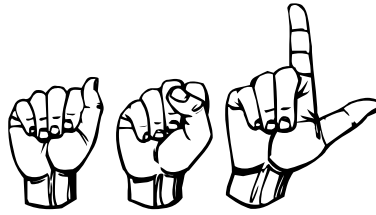
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About American Sign Language

American Sign Language (ASL) is a natural language, which may be received visually or through touch. ASL is the primary language of North Americans who are Deaf, but there are many other signed languages used throughout the world. ASL originated around 200 years ago through the mixing of sign language indigenous to the United States and French Sign Language. ASL is conveyed through hand and body movements, and facial expressions, and has its own grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, which are separate from English.

More information about American Sign Language can be found through:

National Association of the Deaf
NAD - National Association of the Deaf

National Institute on Deafness and
Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
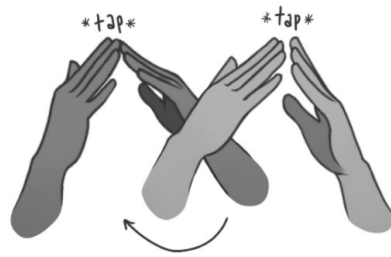What Is American Sign Language (ASL)? | NIDCD

Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia
American Sign Language - Wikipedia

Encyclopedia Britannica
American Sign Language (ASL) | Details & History | Britannica

Community-Based American Sign Language (ASL) Classes

Chesterfield

Adult Continuing Education – Chesterfield County Public Schools
Career and Technical Center @ Hull Street
13900 Hull Street Road
Midlothian, VA 23112
Office: (804) 768-6140
Website: Activity search | Chesterfield Adult Education - Online Class Registration
Adult Continuing Education through Chesterfield County Public Schools offers individuals, age 13 and over ASL 1 and 2 at the Career and Technical Center @ Hull Street for 14 sessions each. Check their online class registration link for more information.

Fairfax

Adult & Community Education – Fairfax County Public Schools
Office: (703) 658-1201
Email: aceonline@fcps.edu
Website: ASL Classes - FCPS Adult and Community Education
Adult & Community Education through Fairfax County Public Schools offers adults 18 years and over ASL 1, 2, and Conversational ASL classes twice a year for 10 weeks.

Fredericksburg

disAbility Resource Center
409 Progress Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Office: (540) 373-2559 (Voice)
Office: (540) 373-5890 (TTY)
Office: (540) 645-5378 (Videophone)
Email: drc@cildrc.org
Website: Activities & Events - disAbility Resource Center

Lynchburg

Blue Ridge ASL Services, LLC
704 Biltmore Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24502
Office: (434) 473-6632
Email: info@blueridgeaslservices.com
Website: www.blueridgeaslservices.com
Blue Ridge ASL Services offer a wide range of classes that cater to individuals with varying skill levels and interests for learning American Sign Language.

Oakton

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
10467 Granite Drive, Suite 312
Oakton, VA 22124
Office: (703) 352-9055 (Voice)
Email: info@nvrc.org
Website: [Contact - Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons](#)
Check with NVRC for current availability of American Sign Language classes.

Richmond

ASL Champs
Email: Jennifer@aslchamps.org
Website: [ASL Champs – Empower the People](#)
ASL Champs offers 8-week virtual community-based American Sign Language classes to the public 5 to 6 times a year. Private classes and tutoring available upon request.

Staunton

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB)
Robin Bliven, Director of Outreach Services
Office: (252) 258-0813
Email: robin.bliven@vsdb.k12.va.us
Website: [Outreach and Family Engagement | The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind](#)
VSDB Outreach and Family Engagement serves children, families, and educators throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our goal is to help all educators in Virginia better meet the needs of the students who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, or deafblind, and their families. VSDB Outreach and Family Engagement are funded through a grant from the Virginia Department of Education.
ASL for the Family Video Series: [Family ASL Lessons | The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind](#)

Suffolk

Gestures of Love Community Enrichment Corp
4221 Coltrane Avenue
Suffolk, VA 23435
Main: (757) 672-1606
Email: info@gesturesoflovecorp.com
Website: https://gesturesoflovecorp.com
Gestures of Love is to promote a healthier relationship and connection between the Deaf and hearing community by overcoming communication barriers through education and teaching the beautify language of sign.

Virginia Beach

Adult Learning Center - Virginia Beach Schools
5100 Cleveland Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Office (757) 648-6050 ext. 0
Website: www.alc.vbschools.com
Adult Learning Center through Virginia Beach Schools offers adults, 18 years and above ASL 1 and 2 classes on-site for 8 weeks. Consult the Course Catalog available on their website for dates.

ASL FOR YOU
Office: (919) 723-6122
Email: lizhare@aslforyou.com
Website: www.aslforyou.com
ASL for YOU is a team of expert instructors that offer individualized American Sign Language sessions. Each session is designed to let you learn at your own pace, and we share all of our materials after each session so that you can use them to review. We also work with families and support children that are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Yorktown
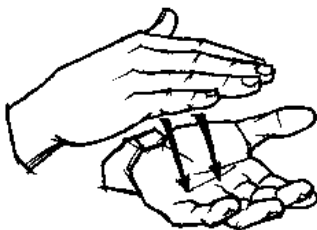*Crossroads Community Church*
1420 Lakeside Drive
Yorktown, VA 23692
Office: (757) 898-4335 (leave a message if want a callback)
Email: office@crossroads.cc
Website: www.crossroads.cc/deafministry
Crossroads Community Church offers ASL 1, 2, & 3 classes periodically, please contact for more details

High Schools Offering American Sign Language (ASL) Classes

Statewide information regarding ASL courses for High School Credit

Lisa A. Harris, Ed.D.
Specialist for World Languages and International Education
Virginia Department of Education
Office: (804) 750-8083
Email: lisa.harris@doe.virginia.gov
Website: www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/instruction/world-language

Colleges Offering American Sign Language (ASL) Classes

College credit may be offered for courses in American Sign Language. ASL students work toward becoming fluent in ASL as a foreign language. The listing of the Interpreter Training Programs will be on page 9.

Virginia Community Colleges – Statewide (23 community colleges)
Website: https://courses.vccs.edu/colleges
Click on "Courses." Then type in the search box: "American Sign Language"
The list is comprehensive of course levels and on the right column shows which community colleges offer the class you selected. Click on the community college of your choice. It will load the detailed course information

Charlottesville
University of Virginia
Grep Propp
P.O. Box 40080
258 Cabell Hall
Charlottesville, VA 22904-4808
Office: (434) 924-6691 (Voice)
Office: (434) 566-0213 (Videophone)
Email: gp5c@virginia.edu
Website: https://asl.virginia.edu/asl-program

Fairfax
George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
4400 University Drive, MS 1F2
Fairfax, VA 22030
Office: (703) 993-5040
Website: https://gse.gmu.edu/special-education/american-sign-language

Lynchburg
Liberty University
1971 University Boulevard
Lynchburg, VA 24515
Office: (434) 592-4025
Email: modernlanguages@liberty.edu
Website: BA in American Sign Language & Interpreting | College of Arts & Sciences | Liberty University

Norfolk
Old Dominion University
5115 Hampton Boulevard
Norfolk, VA 23529
Office: (757) 683-3685
Website: https://catalog.odu.edu/course-search/   Key Word: American Sign Language

Radford

Radford University
105 Heth Hall
P.O. Box 6904
Radford, VA 24142
Office: (540) 831-5549
Website: American Sign Language

Colleges Offering Interpreter Training Program (ITP)

Annandale

Northern Virginia Community College
8333 Little River turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003
Office: (703) 323-3000
Website: https://www.nvcc.edu/

Lynchburg

Liberty University
1971 University Boulevard
Lynchburg, VA 24515
Office: (434) 592-4025
Email: modernlanguages@liberty.edu
Website: BA in American Sign Language & Interpreting | College of Arts & Sciences | Liberty University

Norfolk

Tidewater Community College
1428 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322
Office: (757) 822-5100
Website: Arts and Humanities Career Pathway | TCC Arts Programs

Richmond

Reynolds Community College
Parham Road Campus
1651 E. Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23228
Office: (804) 371-3000
Website: American Sign Language (ASL) - English Interpretation | Reynolds Community College

WEBSITE   YOUTUBE   MOBILE APPS

Online Resources

Websites

ASL Bloom Online - https://www.asl.bloom.com
ASL Bloom Online has a huge sign library, a visual dictionary, and fun app-based lessons, you'll build real signing confidence fast at home, in class, or on the go. Accessible to everyone, especially in low-income countries where classes aren't available. This platform is also available on YouTube and mobile app.

ASL Deafined - https://www.asldeafined.com/
ASL Deafined is a subscription-based website for ASL video lessons. The content is for anyone who wishes to learn ASL, regardless of age. It has been designed to instruct Deaf students, parents of Deaf children, and the community at large. All lessons are taught by Deaf experts of ASL.

Described and Captioned Media Program - https://dcmp.org/learn/510-asl-training-resources-for-parents-and-educators
The Described and Captioned Media Program is the nation's leading source for accessible educational content, providing services for students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Families and school personnel with early learners through Grade 12 students can register for free access to over 6,000 Educational Media titles on-demand and on DVD. Our Learning Center contains a wealth of information related to education, accessibility, deafness, blindness, and other related topics. Provided by the Department of Education.

Gallaudet University ASL Connect – https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect
ASL Connect is a central resource for learning ASL and about Deaf Studies online, with all content created by Deaf ASL-fluent scholars. We offer ways to learn some basic ASL online to get you started, and then we offer highly engaging and interactive ASL and Deaf Studies courses online.

Handspeak - https://www.handspeak.com/
Sign language resources and extracurricular ASL (American Sign Language) materials for language and culture enthusiasts, ASL students and learners, instructors and teachers, interpreters, homeschoolers, parents and professionals for practice or self-study.

Lifeprint - http://www.lifeprint.com
A resource site for ASL students and teachers. Here you will find information and resources to help you learn ASL and improve your signing skills.

Sign Language 101 - http://www.signlanguage101.com/
Guided by Deaf language experts, the website offers each course marked with vocabulary, numbers, tips about learning ASL, fingerspelling practice and special knowledge of Deaf Culture.

Sign On - www.signonconnect.com
A "Virtual Immersion Program," connects the hearing and Deaf communities through an authentic learning immersion interaction (some fees apply). For the parents of deaf children, there is also access to this program through http://deafchildren.org/sign-on/

YouTube Channels

ASL Bloom - https://www.youtube.com/@aslbloom5842
ASL Bloom has 25 ASL lesson videos.

ASLdeafined - https://www.youtube.com/@ASLdeafinedcom
ASLdeafined is a resource for anyone that wants to learn how to sign in a self-paced format. ASLdeafined has over 300 topic specific lessons, retention exercises, 16,000 video dictionary, and much more.

ASL That - https://www.youtube.com/user/chsasl/videos
ASL That offers ASL lessons, ASL vocabulary, and topics in ASL and Deaf Culture.

American Sign Language University - https://www.youtube.com/user/billvicars
https://www.youtube.com/@aslu
American Sign Language University is a resource site for ASL students, teachers, interpreters, and parents of Deaf children.

Lingvano - https://www.youtube.com/@lingvano
Lingvano consists of an international and diverse team of Deaf, and hearing people. All of the teachers are Deaf and share a strong passion for teaching Sign Languages available in American Sign Language (ASL), British Sign Language (BSL), and Austrian Sign Language (OEGS).

Mobile Apps

ASL Bloom - (Android Users) https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.toleio.us
(iOS Users) https://apps.apple.com/us/app/asl-bloom-sign-language/
ASL Bloom is a mobile app designed for learning American Sign language (ASL). It features 25+ learning modules, beginner-friendly, comprehensive learning, and free online resources.

ASL Fingerspelling - https://apps.apple.com/us/app/asl-fingerspelling-lifeprint-com/id605558017
The ASL Fingerspelling mobile app by Lifeprint is a comprehensive tool designed to help users improve their fingerspelling skills in American Sign Language (ASL). The app offers a variety of practice exercises, including: fingerspelling practice, practice quizzes, and animated spelling quizzes. The app is available on mobile browsers, making it accessible for users on the go.

ASL with Care Bears - (iOS users only) http://bit.do/aslwithcarebears
ASL with Care Bears, brought to you by the creators of The ASL App, is designed for kids learning American Sign Language. Packed with over 400 signs and phrases related to feelings, hobbies, friends, family, and more, this app will keep your hands busy. Kids will learn common signs and popular phrases, the unique sign names of Care Bears, and the ASL alphabet. Learning to sign is made easy through their "Read-Along" in English.

ASLdeafined - (Android Users) https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.asldeafined.app
                (iOS Users) ASLdeafined on the App Store
ASLdeafined is a subscription based website for American Sign Language (ASL) video lessons. The content is for anyone who wishes to learn ASL, regardless of age. It has been designed to instruct Deaf students, parents of Deaf children, and the community-at-large. A free trial is available

InterSign ASL - (Android Users) https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=intersign.learn.asl
                (iOS Users) InterSign ASL - Learn Now! on the App Store
The InterSign ASL app is a mobile application designed to teach American Sign Language (ASL) in a fun and engaging way. It features over 320 lessons, built-in ASL dictionary and glossary, interactive activities and mini-games to keep learning enjoyable and effective.

Lingvano: Sign Language - ASL -
                (Android Users) https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lingvano.app
                (iOS Users) Lingvano - Learn Sign Language on the App Store
Lingvano Sign Language - ASL is a mobile app designed to teach American Sign Language (ASL) to beginners. The app offers a variety of features to facilitate learning, including: video lessons, bite-sized lessons, visual lessons, progress tracking, real dialogues, special rewards.
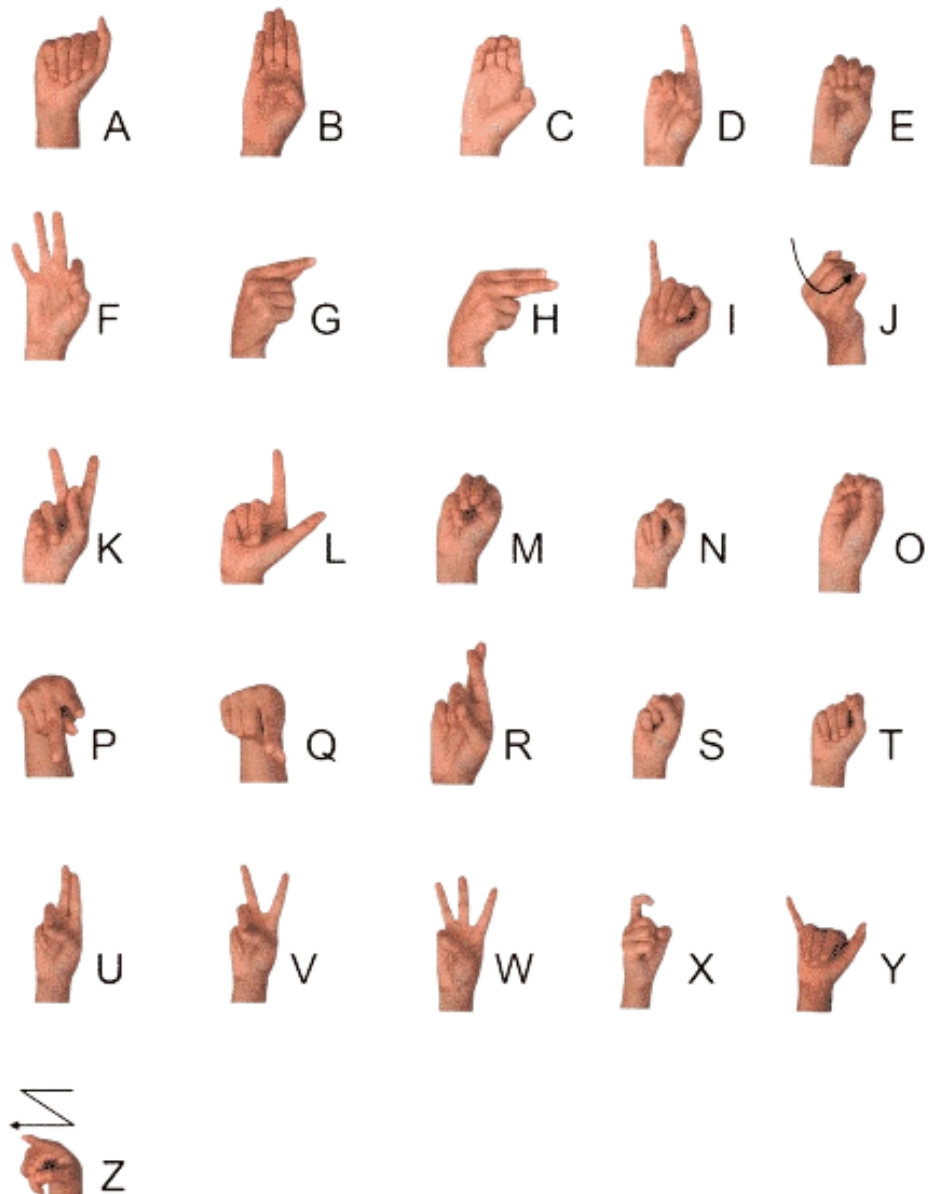
 Marlee Signs -
      (iOS users only) https://apps.apple.com/us/app/marlee-signs-learn-american/id566054855
The Marlee Signs app is designed for learning American Sign Language (ASL) through high-quality video demonstrations starring Marlee Matlin. The apps covers the fundamentals of ASL, including the signed alphabet, basic vocabulary, common expressions, spell section, has slow motion setting.

The ASL App - https://www.theaslapp.com/
The ASL APP is all about teaching you conversational ASL. Packed with 2,500+ signs and phrases, easy navigation and features, with different signers, The ASL App is designed to make learning easy, accessible, and fun. You can save favorite signs (or the signs you want to practice more), go into slow mode, and tap/scrub anytime you want the video to pause or go back a bit. This app is available on both Android and iOS platforms, links to app stores are available on their website.

American Sign Language Alphabet

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