



United Methodist Committee of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries

ONLINE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES AND DICTIONARIES

Info on Free Online Instruction Programs in American Sign Language (ASL)

Free online ASL instruction programs are typically self-paced and don't result in course credit. Some organizations also provide supplementary materials to enhance learning, and many include videos that may require additional software, such as QuickTime. Free online ASL dictionaries are also acceptable resources for learning ASL. Although ASL dictionaries don't provide lesson plans or guided learning, students can still find videos or images demonstrating correct signing.

Free Online Deaf Culture Videos

Through Deaf Eyes

<https://youtu.be/tJeAG8tZyf4>

Understanding Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened Culture

(this section starts about 14 minutes into the video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1447&v=2eM_s1yrLiU

Free Online ASL Instruction Programs

ASL University

- **ASL 1** is one of four free ASL courses offered online by ASL University. Courses are separated into six units that contain five lessons each and include quizzes, numbers practice and fingerspelling practice activities. Most lessons consist of objectives, vocabulary, practice sentences and stories for translation. Each lesson contains visual diagrams and instructor-led videos to show students acceptable signing.
<http://www.asluniversity.com/>

Start ASL

- **ASL 2** is the second in a series of three progressive ASL courses. Training includes fingerspelling, reading assignments, videos, conversion sentences and various tips for perfecting skills. These courses cover topics in numbers, grammar, vocabulary and comprehension.
<https://www.startasl.com/>

Lesson Tutor

- **ASL for the Deaf** is an ASL training program offered in three series that consist of 12 lessons each. Along with an explanation article, each lesson also presents visual diagrams on proper ASL form. Worksheets are available to demonstrate training. Students can utilize Lesson Tutor's ASL dictionary to translate additional signs.
<http://www.lesstutor.com/ASLgenhome.html>



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Sign Language 101

- **Sign Language 101** has a library of free ASL video lessons that provides an introduction to sign language. The YouTube videos offers signs and phrases.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bFoZTlv9g>

Expert Village

- **Sign Language Lessons: Common Phrases** and descriptions are displayed in short videos on a YouTube channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA73C298C5686C43E>

Free ASL Dictionaries

Michigan State University

- **ASL Browser** has fingerspelling images for letters and short videos for words. Each video is supplemented by a written description explaining why certain signs are made.
<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

Handspeak

- **ASL Dictionary** sorts common words alphabetically using videos to demonstrate signing. Each word is also offered with definitions, synonyms and related notes. Students can search English-to-ASL, ASL-to-English and ASL medical terms.
<http://www.handspeak.com/>

Signing Savvy

- **Sign Language Dictionary** allows students to choose to browse signing categories according to letter, fingerspelling, numbers, colors, baby signs, animals and geography. Short videos demonstrate signs to help students learn proper hand and finger movements. For a fee, Signing Savvy also offers additional services, such as printable flash cards and mobile apps.
<https://www.signingsavvy.com/>

United Methodist Church

- The United Methodist Church's glossary of signed videos of church related-terms.
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/glossary-american-sign-language-videos>