United Methodist Committee of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries

ONLINE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES AND DICTIONARIES

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

Free online ASL training 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 ASL Training 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.lessontutor.com/ASLgenhome.html

Expert Village

- **Sign Language Lessons: Common Phrases** is separated in 15 parts, and all training is offered through videos that are 2-3 minutes long. These videos teach students to emphasize sign images, body language and facial expression while signing.

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/

SignLanguageStudent.com

- **ASL Dictionary** provides alphabetical categorization and visual aides to translate common words. After students become familiar with words covered in this dictionary, they can demonstrate their knowledge by deciphering fingerspelling videos found on the website.

  http://signlanguagestudent.com/signlanguagestudent/a/

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/