Sussex Centre for Language Studies

Open courses in modern languages

British Sign language and Deaf Culture – Stage 1

This course provides an introduction to the British Sign language. Emphasis will be placed on signing, and on understanding everyday conversation.

The course aims to give you sufficient language to be able to deal with simple situations to include finger spelling, family and social arrangements, directions, time and numbers, travel and transport, food and drink, shopping, and holidays and leisure.

You will be given an insight into the culture of the deaf world within the framework of your language studies.

Course learning outcomes
By the end of the course you will have acquired basic sign language skills and be able to sign slowly to get a message across in a variety of situations. You will be able to comprehend and respond to simple sign language.

Teaching and learning methods
Communicative language teaching, particularly tutor-led group work, will guide you through the basic structures and functions of the beginners’ syllabus. You will be encouraged to develop basic communicative skills.