

College ASL 3 projects

THE SHORT VERSION

Projects for college-level ASL 3 students who are ready to deepen their expressive fluency, cultural understanding, and real-world application of American Sign Language.

TEN PROJECTS

Expressive fluency, cultural understanding, and real-world use.

01 Deaf community observation and reflection

Attend a Deaf event (in person or virtual) and observe communication styles, etiquette, and cultural norms. Submit a signed reflection or a journal written in ASL gloss.

02 ASL storytelling project

Choose a children's story, folktale, or personal narrative and retell it in ASL using NMMs, classifiers, and transitions. Submit a signed video performance.

03 Deaf advocacy PSA

Create a short public service announcement to raise awareness on a Deaf-related issue such as audism, captioning, or interpreter rights. Submit as a signed video or visual PSA.

04 Interpreter role-play scenarios

In pairs, act out interpreting situations (e.g., doctor's appointment, interview, classroom visit). Focus on perspective shift, classifier use, and space management.

05 Deaf history research project

Research a key figure or event in Deaf history (e.g., Laurent Clerc, Deaf President Now, Milan 1880). Present the information in ASL with visuals or a signed timeline.

06 ASL poetry or classifier performance

Create and perform a visual poem, ABC story, or handshape-based narrative using ASL. Focus on creativity, expression, and clarity.

07 “Deaf in the media” analysis

Watch a show, movie, or commercial featuring Deaf characters. Analyze the portrayal and cultural accuracy. Present your thoughts in a signed critique or summary.

08 Language accessibility audit

Choose a public space, website, or business and evaluate its accessibility for Deaf people. Submit a signed report with findings and improvement suggestions.

09 ASL lesson design and teaching

Work in small groups to design and teach a mini ASL lesson to beginners. Include vocabulary, activities, and objectives. Record or present your lesson live.

10 “Why ASL matters” capstone

Reflect on your personal ASL learning journey and its importance to you. Submit a 2–3 minute signed video sharing your experience, growth, and future goals.

YOUR OWN PROJECT IDEAS
