



What ASL course is right for me?

Are you transferring here from another college or university, and you've already taken some ASL? Or perhaps you're an incoming first year student who took ASL in high school. You might be wondering how you know which ASL course to sign up for at Sacramento State. These instructions detail how to share a short video with the Program Coordinator, who will evaluate your skills to determine the placement that will best help you to progress in your ASL journey, and set you up for success. If you have any questions, please email the program coordinator, Dr. Don Grushkin, at grushkind@csus.edu. Please follow the instructions below carefully, making sure to not leave out any of the information requested, as it is important for determining the best placement.

 **Note:** Please ensure that your video adheres to these [filming guidelines](#). If it does not, it may be difficult to evaluate and determine an appropriate placement. Making appropriately framed videos is a big part of ASL and other Deaf Studies courses. Please integrate these guidelines into all videos you make. Please do not submit a video portrait. Make sure you're filming in landscape.

If you've completed ASL levels 1, 2 and higher or are self-taught, please make an ASL video narrative covering the following topics.

1. Give a biographical statement about yourself with the following:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Where you live
 - c. Education background
 - d. What languages you have learned and how long you have studied them
2. Describe your family members
 - a. Their names
 - b. Order of siblings including yourself
 - c. A description of at least one family member
 - i. Physical (height, body type, hair color/style)
 - ii. Typical clothing worn (colors/styles/patterns)
 - iii. Personality, listing at least 3 personality characteristics
3. Also describe your favorite (or least favorite) restaurant (exterior, interior decor, type of food served and why they like it (or don't

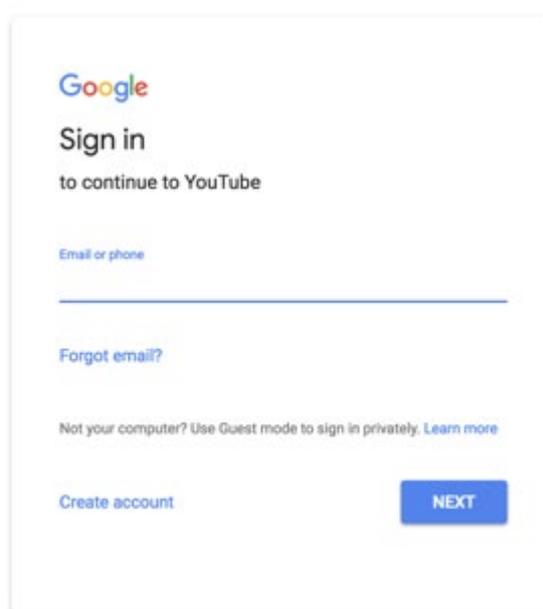
Welcome to



Sharing your video

After you've made a video corresponding to your current level of ASL, you'll need to share it with me so I can evaluate it. Here's what you do!

1. Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
2. In the top right corner, there's a red button that says "Sign in". Click that!
3. When you've clicked that, you'll be taken to a page that looks like this:



If you already have a Google account, you can sign in with those credentials. If you don't have an account, you can create one by clicking the "Create account" button on the bottom left.

4. Once you're logged in, the top right corner of the webpage will look something like this:

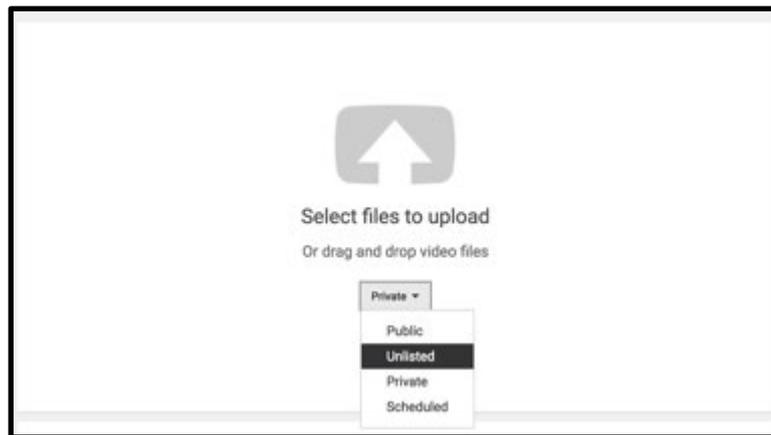
Click on the
a plus



video icon with
symbol.

5. A dropdown menu will appear asking whether you want to upload a video or record one live. Select “upload”.
6. Before you upload your video, name it in the following way:
lastName_firstName_whichLevelASL, so someone named Juan García would name their video **garcia_juan_whichLevelASL**

7. When you
“upload”, a
screen will
that looks
this:



click
new
pop up
like

Select

that you want your video to be Unlisted. This is what keeps it from being searched for/viewed by anyone in the world. Only I'll be able to view it since you'll share the link directly with me.

8. Upload your video (make sure you've named your video appropriately, as indicated in Step #6).
9. When the video is uploaded, send the Program Coordinator the link at grushkind@csus.edu. In the email, also be sure to state what it is you're sending me. You can even copy and paste this text:

Hi Dr. Grushkin, My name is _____ and I'm an incoming transfer student. I'm sharing a video with you to see which level of ASL I should take at Sac State. Here's the link to my video: [unlisted link].

Looking forward to hearing back from you! Name Student ID number

or

Hi Dr. Grushkin, My name is _____ and I'm a first year student who learned ASL in high school/taught myself some ASL/grew up with ASL as my home language. I'm sharing a video with you to see which level of ASL I should take at Sac State. Here's the link to my video:[unlisted link].

Looking forward to hearing back from you!

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Student ID number