



# American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Immersion Community

## Why should I choose to live in a Language Residential Learning Community (RLC)?

Students participating in Language Immersion Communities get to take part in multiple opportunities to learn, live, and grow within a specific language and culture. Within common spaces only the specific language will be used to allow students to fully immerse themselves in the language and culture outside of the classroom.

## What is the American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Community?

The Department of Students of Middle Grades, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education in collaboration with Housing and Residence Life and the American Sign Language (ASL) club, has shaped an opportunity for students who are deaf, hearing, and hard-of-hearing to live together in a community where they can use and practice American Sign Language in daily living.

Located in **Hopper Hall**, this community open to all students who have conversational ASL skills demonstrated through native use of the language or prior academic study of ASL in high school or at an institution (at least two semesters). Current VSU students wanting to live in this community will have to have passed both ASLS 2110: American Sign Language I and ASLS 2120: American Sign Language II in order to be selected to live here.

## Why should I join?

One of the areas that second- language ASL learners are often lacking is frequent, authentic engagement in the language. The ASL RLC will provide various out of class opportunities for students to interact with ASL users, both peer and faculty. Beyond second language ASL learners, native ASL users are able to interact with their language and peers through specific activities, programs, advising, tutoring, and faculty mentorship.

## Who is eligible and how do I apply?

All students are eligible to live in this community regardless of class standing.

[Apply](#) to live on campus through our housing portal. Your room preferences will be applied if you are not selected to live in this community. [Residential Learning Community](#) program director will notify you of your admittance into the program, as well as your placement.

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