

# ASL Essays – Improving ASL thinking and performance for millennials, elements and essentials

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## Description

With limited opportunities for millennials to engage in traditional activities such as attending Deaf clubs, the training and development of recorded ASL genre (*ASLr*) supports their ability to engage with a variety of Deaf people in a variety of different contexts. This also enables learners to effectively engage in VLOGs and other virtual media—a staple of 21st century Deaf lives.

This presentation will demonstrate the use of ASL essays within Gallaudet’s BAI and MAI programs. We will give examples of a style sheet for an ASL essay, an example of a ‘how-to’ supporting students in recording their ASL essays and providing ASL feedback to develop their knowledge and performance of *ASLr* amongst other registers (see Stone, 2011).

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