## **Fluency and Mastery**

"How long does it take to become fluent in ASL?"

Simple answer: 10,000 hours

"How long is that???"

If you never sleep and sign 24 hours a day, it will take you... A little over a year (about 416 days)

If you sleep and sign 16 hours a day, it will take you... About 20 ½ months (about 625 days)

If you sleep and only sign 8 hours a day, it will take you... About 3 ½ years (about 1250 days)

"What if I ONLY sign during class?"

Assuming you sign *every* minute of *every* class and there is no testing, events, pep rallies, absences, etc., you will have signed ONLY...

144 hours by the end of ASL 1

288 hours by the end of ASL 2

432 hours by the end of ASL 3

576 hours by the end of ASL 4

Meaning??? Signing ONLY during class for 4 years, you will achieve about 5% fluency in ASL

And the point is??? SIGN, SIGN, SIGN!!!