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Required text: Learning American Sign Language
Padden and Humphries.

American Sign Language 100 Syllabus – Spring 2013

Class: MW 12:55 – 3:25 pm **Code number:** 20771

Course Description: An introduction to American Sign Language and fingerspelling. The course will focus on conversational skills, grammar, and vocabulary as it used in Deaf community. Deaf culture will be examined.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completing this course with a grade of C or better, you will be able to:

- 1) Initiate and participate in a basic conversation in American Sign Language.
- 2) Differentiate between basic similar signs.
- 3) Recognize basic differences between simple ASL and English sentence structures.
- 4) Identify basic differences between Deaf and Hearing cultures.

Attendance and Tardiness Policy:

Due to the nature of this course, attendance is crucial. Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students enrolled. The instructor may drop you from this class after four consecutive absences. Two consecutive tardies will be considered an absence. If you wish to drop the course, please do so yourself to ensure that your withdrawal is complete.

Grading: Grading will be based on a standard distribution (i.e., 90-100% = A, 80-89.9% = B). There will be 1,000 points possible during the course. No extra credit will be given.

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| Participation | 150 (includes participation, no voice, following class rules) |
| Homework | 125 (includes written and signed homework) |
| Labs | 50 (voice off practice on Thursdays) |
| Exams | 300 |
| Quizzes | 150 |
| Paper | 50 |
| Presentations | 50 (2 @ 25 points each) |
| Section finals | 75 (3 @ 25 points each) |
| Interactive final | 50 (signing one on one with the instructor) |
| TOTAL | 1,000 |

Class Rules:

- 1) Cell phones off and AWAY.
- 2) Ask the instructor if you don't understand – NOT the person next to you.
- 3) No cheating. Please refer to the Academic Misconduct Policy.

Teaching Strategy:

The instructor will generally be teaching with a voice off approach. This will increase your receptive comprehension. You will be participating in a variety of class exercises designed to increase both your receptive and expressive skills. Please arrive to class on time, ready to start signing. **YOU MUST PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF CLASS.** The instructor will be following IVC's Discipline Policy.

Accommodations:

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Students' Programs and Services (DSPPS) office as soon as possible. The DSPPS office is located in the Health Sciences Building, room 2717.