

## **American Sign Language 100 Syllabus Spring 2014**

AMSL 100 MW 12:55pm- 3:25pm  
Course # 20908  
Room # 1307  
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**Course Description:** An introduction to American Sign Language and fingerspelling. The course will focus on conversational skills, grammar, and vocabulary as it is used in the Deaf community. Deaf culture will be examined as well.

### **Required Textbooks:**

- *Sign Language Handshape Dictionary* (2nd/e). Gallaudet University Press. ISBN: 9781563684449
- Humpheries, T., Padden, C. (2004). *Learning American Sign Language* (2nd/e). Boston, MA Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: 9780205275533
- 3 ring binder to keep track of handouts, quizzes, etc.

**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 Policy:** Due to the nature of this course, attendance is crucial. Regular attendance in all classes is expected from all students enrolled. The instructor may drop you from this class after 4 consecutive absences. If you wish to drop the course, please do so yourself to ensure that your withdrawal is complete. If a student is absent during a test or quiz, no make-ups are allowed unless previous arrangements have been approved by instructor.

### **Class Rules:**

- 1) The use of cell phones, tablets, laptops, ipods, or any other electronic device is not permitted. ASL is a visual language and students must pay attention at all times.
- 2) Disruptive behavior WILL NOT be tolerated.
- 3) If you come in late, apologize and give reason why using sign language (instructor will show you how).
- 4) If you're confused and/or do not understand, please ask the instructor, NOT the person next to you.

- 5) Please refrain from making any noises or distractions when students are signing their performances and/or assignments.
- 6) Cheating is prohibited. Please refer to the Academic Misconduct Policy.

**Grading:**

Participation	90-100% = A
Homeworks	80- 89 % = B
(10) Quizzes	70-79 % = C
(2) Presentations	60-69 % = D
(2) Tests	59 and below F
Final Presentation	

**Teaching Strategy:** New vocabulary and class activities are introduced using a “No-Voice” approach. Students are encouraged to ask for clarification, questions and any comments using sign language, mime and gestures. Don’t say answers out loud. You will be participating in a variety of in class exercises designed to increase your receptive and expressive skills. YOU MUST PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF CLASS.

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

Presentations, homework assignments, tests and due dates may be SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**AMSL 100 MW SPRING 2015**  
**Course Calendar**

**Date    In Class**

02/16 **NO CLASS**

02/18 Welcome, Syllabus, Introductions, ABCs #s 1-10

02/23 Unit 1 Personal Info

02/25 Practice Quiz, Deaf Culture Lecture

03/02 Unit 2 Understanding & Asking, #s 10-20

03/04 Extra Vocab. Quiz 2 Deaf Culture Lecture

03/09 Unit 3, Directional Verbs, #s 20-30

03/11 Extra Vocab. Quiz 3, ASL Grammar.

03/16 Topic Markers, Review for Test #1

03/18 **Test #1** Begin Unit 4, #s 30-40

03/23 Cont. Unit 4, Colors, Extra Vocab. Review results for Test #1

03/25 Quiz 4, Classifiers

03/30 Unit 5 Requests, Extra Vocab, #s 40-50

04/01 Quiz 5, Parameters of ASL

**04/06 - 04/10 SPRING BREAK**

04/13 Unit 6 Expressing Yourself, Extra Vocab, #s 50-60

04/15 Quiz 6, Watch Documentary, **Talk about Family Presentations,**

04/20 Unit 8 Family and Friends, Extra Vocab, #s 60-70

04/22 Quiz 7, Review for Test #2 (Units 4,5,6,8)

04/27 **Test #2** Begin Unit 9, Personality, #s 70-80

04/29 **Family Presentations,** Pass out Extra Vocab.

05/04 Unit 10 Home, Objects at home and Daily Routine, Extra Vocab, #s 80-90

05/06 Quiz 8, Review Test #2, **Talk about Weekend Presentations**

05/11 Unit 7 More Descriptions. Extra Vocab. Movie "The Hammer"

05/13 Turn in Movie Reflection, Quiz #9

05/18 Unit 11, #s 90-100, Extra Vocab.

05/20 **Weekend Presentations**

**05/25 NO CLASS**

05/27 Unit 12 Offering & Declining, #s 100 and above

06/01 Quiz 10, **Final 3 important things draft**

06/03 Work on final presentations, Make-up Quizzes/ Review class course,

06/08 - 06/12 FINALS WEEK

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