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American Sign Language 100 Syllabus – Fall 2013

Class: TR 12:55 – 3:25 pm **Code number:**

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.

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 should expect 2 hours of homework for every in class unit; for this class, you will have about 8 hours of homework per week. Some of this homework comes from practicing your sign vocabulary. **YOU MUST PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF CLASS.**

The instructor will communicate important information and content via Blackboard, IVC's electronic course management system. Please make sure that you access Blackboard regularly. Your grades will be posted on Blackboard on a regular basis; you will generally be able to calculate your grade at any time during the semester.

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 (DSPS) office as soon as possible. The DSPS office is located in the Health Sciences Building, room 2717.

Course Calendar and Assignments:

A detailed course calendar with assignments and in class content is posted on Blackboard under the Course Calendar link. Should the instructor be absent, notification will be via email from Blackboard. Alternate assignments will be posted on Blackboard.

