

Basic Course Information

Semester	Spring 2016	Instructor Name	Liisa Mendoza
Course Title & #	AMSL 202 - American Sign Language 4	Email	liisa.mendoza@imperial.edu
CRN #	20813	Webpage (optional)	
Room	313A	Office	314 D
Class Dates	2/17 – 6/12/15 (includes finals)	Office Hours	MW 8:00 – 9:30 am TR 9:30 – 10:00 am
Class Days	MW	Office Phone #	760-355-6120
Class Times	9:40 – 11:05 am	Office contact if student will be out or emergency	Phone or email
Units	3		

Course Description

The course increases or strengthens students' expressive and receptive vocabulary competency; however, the major focus of the course continues to be on the expansion of students' skills in the idiomatic usage of conversational ASL, awareness of ASL grammar, usage and syntax, and facility in expressive sign language at the intermediate level.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- 1) Incorporate a variety of ASL spatial structures correctly into narrations.
- 2) Narrate your personal stories involving multiple people and events in an ASL manner.
- 3) Examine ASL literary devices and American Deaf humor.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a strengthened vocabulary competency of ASL vocabulary.
2. Increase their receptive and expressive ASL vocabulary at the 85% level.
3. Increase their understanding of Deaf cultural values and behaviors in relation to language usage in various setting.
4. Increase their receptive fingerspelling skills to the 85% competency level.
5. Develop and refine over the semester two five-minute ASL presentations of an event in their lives.
6. Increase their understanding about Deaf culture by watching the video "Signing Stories" and answer the questions about the story.
7. Compose narratives with demonstrate a mastery of targeted lexicon, 8.
8. Demonstrate advanced role shifting techniques.
9. Demonstrate correct usage of a variety of classifiers.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required texts: Signing Naturally, Level 2. (Text and DVD) Lentz, E.M., Mikos, K. & C. Smith. ISBN 0-915035-16-2.

Signing Naturally, Level 3. (Text and DVD). Lentz, E.M., Mikos, K. & C. Smith. ISBN 978-1-58121-135-1.

Recommended text: The American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary. Tennant, R. and M. Brown. ISBN 978-1-56368-444-9.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

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. We will be introducing new vocabulary weekly, and then applying it through a variety of exercises. **You MUST practice outside of class.** We will also be learning new grammatical structures weekly as we go through the chapters of the book. You will be asked to prepare some ASL assignments outside of class; you will be given clear instructions to follow to produce successful assignments. You may have to sign individually to your instructor, or in small groups, or in front of the class. We will have presentations this semester, as well as signing labs, small group work, and larger group work.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

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	300 (participation, no voice, following class rules, Deaf interaction)
Homework	150 (includes written and signed homework)
Exams & quizzes	325 (includes written and signed, individual and group)
Presentations	100 (2 @ 50 points each)
Deaf event reports	75 (3 events @ 25 points each)
Meeting SLOs	50 (teacher assessment of overall master of SLOs)
TOTAL	1,000

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

- Plagiarism is to take and present as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to correctly 'cite a source', you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials, or assisting others in using materials, which are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General School Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment ;(c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment, (e) use of a commercial term paper service

Additional Help

- Blackboard support center: <http://bbcrm.edusupportcenter.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=8543>
- Library Services: There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the learning center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313 if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. We now also have a fulltime mental health counselor. For information see <http://www.imperial.edu/students/studenthealth-center/>. The IVC Student Health Center is located in the Health Science building in Room 2109, telephone 760-355-6310.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding student rights and responsibilities please refer to the IVC General Catalog available online at http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to help students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-andletters/library-department/info-lit-tutorials/>

Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>IN CLASS</u>	<u>HOMEWORK</u>
2/17	1	
	Syllabus, basic road map	Purchase texts if necessary
	Review sentence types	Review NMMs
	Vocab SN 15 p 61, 77-79	Read p 60, watch video p 61
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2/22	2	
	Transitions	SN video workbook pp 62-64
	WHEN clauses	10 sentences with WHEN clauses
	Basic NMMs	Lab #1: WHEN clauses
	Basic ASL grammar	Practice vocab SN 15 pp 77-79
2/24		
	Lab #1 (WHEN clauses) due	
	Quiz #1 (Sentence type identification)	
	Review WHEN clauses	Practice WHEN clauses
	SN 15: Country vocab	Review SN 15 vocab pp 80-84
	Describing ethnic background	Prepare Lab #2: cultural background
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2/29	3	
	Lab #2: Cultural background	Study for Quiz #2
	Practicing ethnic background	SN 15 video workbook p 59, 66, 69-70
	Remaining vocab SN 15	Practice vocab SN 15

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Lab feedback, practice for Q#2 Review SN 15 vocab

3/2 **Quiz #2 (WHEN clauses)**

Number review: 1-100, 100+ Practice numbers

(3/4) Signing dates Lab #3: 5 events and dates, descriptions
 Signing money Finish SN 15 video workbook: p 65, 67-73

3/7 4 **SN 15 Video workbook due**

Lab #3 (dates & events) due Review numbers
 Dates and events practices Study

3/9 **Quiz #3 (Cultural background)** Read SN 17 pp 117-119

SN 17 vocab pp 134-139 Do video workbook SN 17 pp 125-127
 Practice for dates and events Practice SN 17 vocab

3/14 5 Lab #4 assigned Prepare Lab #4
 SN 17 vocab pp 140-146 Practice SN 17 vocab
 Review and practice

3/16 **Quiz #4 (Dates & Events)**

Narrating and transitions
 Review of inflections Do video workbook SN 17 pp 120-124

3/21 6 **Lab #4 due** Review and practice SN 15 & 17
 SN 17 wrap up Begin studying for Exam #1

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		Classifiers reviewed Exercise #4 introduced	Prepare Exercise #4 Prepare Exercise 3
4/20		Quiz # 5 (Exercise 1& 2 receptive due) Exercise #3 due Outline for Presentation #1 due	
		Practice Presentation #1 Group review SN 18: Exercises 1-4	Practice SN 18: Exercises 1-4 Practice Presentation #1
4/25	10	1:1 w/Liisa (Exercises 1-3, Presentation #1) By appointment	Improve Presentation #1
4/27		1:1 w/Liisa (Exercises 1-3, Presentation #1) By appointment	Improve Presentation #1
5/2	11	PRESENTATION #1 due Deaf Humor - Jokes	TBA
5/4		Make up presentations Exam #1 analysis Dates & Events WHEN clauses reviewed Deaf Humor	Read pp 137-154 Practice Dates and Events Read SN 18 Exercise 4 Review and practice WHEN clauses Review notes and examples
5/9	12	SN 18: Exercise 3 reviewed SN 18: Exercise 4 Dates and Events practice	Practice SN 18 Exercise 3 Practice SN 18 Exercise 4 HW: 10 more dates and events
5/11		1:1 Quiz (SN 18: Exercise 3) Group Quiz SN 18: Exercise 4	
		Lab: dates & events	Read pp 64 - 69
5/16	13	Quiz: Dates and events SN 20: Rules we live by	Pick game for Presentation #2 Read pp 64-69, watch video

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SN 20: Cultural Rules
SN 20: Driving Rules

Prepare to explain a cultural rule
Practice SN 20: Ex 1

5/18

Lab: SN 20 – Exercise 1 due

Cultural rule due

Keep practicing SN 20: Exercise #1

Game choice due

Gloss game presentation

SN 20: Explaining Games

Begin practicing presentation

5/23 14

Group Quiz: Exercise #1

Game gloss due

Practice mini-presentation

ASL Literature

Review notes

Questions regarding Presentation #2

5/25

5/30 15
NO CLASS

Final questions for Presentation #2

Practice Presentation #2

6/1

Quiz: Deaf Humor, ASL Literature

Final practice for Presentation #2

6/8 16

FINAL: GAME DAY (Presentation #2)