

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2016	Instructor Name:	Reyna Gutierrez
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Classroom:	313B	Office #:	By appointment
Semester Dates:	8/15/16 to 12/9/16	Office Hours:	By Appointment
Class Days:	Tuesday/Thursday	Office Phone #:	760-235-1852
Class Times:	6:30pm-9:00pm	Emergency Contact:	
Units:	4.0		

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- 1) Differentiate between basic similar signs.
- 2) Recognize basic differences between simple ASL and English sentence structures.
- 3) Identify basic differences between Deaf and Hearing cultures.

Course Objectives

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

- 1) Demonstrate how to sign numbers zero to one hundred using the cardinal and ordinal numbering systems correctly.
- 2) Express and receive fingerspelled words at basic skill level.
- 3) Recall and produce basic sign vocabulary, approximately 25-30 signs per week, being able to distinguish between signs that are produced similarly.
- 4) Recognize and produce specific grammatical structures, including, personal and possessive pronouns, directional verbs and noun-verb pairs.
- 5) Express a basic knowledge of American Sign Language syntax.
- 6) Sign presentations, following the criteria and topics indicated by the instructor.
- 7) Participate in class signing activities- including physical and emotional descriptions, discussing daily routines, and requesting in ASL.
- 8) Demonstrate a basic use of simple classifiers.
- 9) Sign using the correct facial grammar and syntax for forming questions in ASL.
- 10) Discuss basic Deaf culture issues including: differences between Deaf and Hearing cultures; how to navigate a signing environment; appropriate greetings and attention getting behaviors.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

- Learning American Sign Language, 2nd Edition, Tom Humphreys and Carol Padden, Pearson Education, Inc, Boston, MA and/or DVD.
- American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary, Author: Tennant, 2nd Edition
- 3 ring binder (1/2 inch), paper, pen/pencil

Other Resources/Links:

- Online Dictionary: <http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>
- Online Dictionary: <http://www.aslpro.com>
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <http://www.rid.org>
- San Diego County Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <http://sdcrid.org>
- National Association for the Deaf: <http://www.nad.org>
- Online dictionary of Educational signs: <http://needsoutreach.org/Pages/sl.html>
- Online Dictionary: <http://signingsavvy.com>
- Online Dictionary: <http://lifeprint.com>
- Facebook: ASL THAT!, The Daily Moth, Gallaudet University, Asl Grade Asl Grade

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

The instructor will generally be teaching with a non-voice approach. This will increase your receptive comprehension. You will participate in a variety of class exercises designed to increase both your receptive and expressive skills. New vocabulary will be introduced weekly and applied through a variety of exercises. Students will learn grammatical structures weekly as units in the book are completed. ASL assignments will require to be done inside and outside of class. Clear instructions will be given by the instructor to produce successful assignments. Students will sign with instructor, in small groups, or in front of the class. During lecture, students will be given specific exercises to focus on to improve your signing skills. All presentations will be signed. You **must** practice outside of class.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

CATEGORY	CONTENT	POINTS WORTH
PARTICIPATION	Attendance = 100 pts	100 PTS (10%)
QUIZZES	12 Unit Quizzes @ 25 pts = 300 pts 1 Dictionary Quiz @ 20 pts = 20 pts	320 PTS (32%)
PRESENTATIONS	1 Self Disclosure @ 100 pts 1 Family Story @ 100 pts	200 PTS (20%)
EXAMS	1 Midterm @ 100 pts 1 Final @ 100 pts	200 PTS (20%)
EXERCISES	3 Exercises @ 10 pts = 30 pts	30 PTS (3%)
HOMEWORK / CLASSWORK	9 Homeworks @ 5 pts = 45 pts 1 Classwork @ 5 pts	50 PTS (5%)
WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT	1 Report @ 100 pts	100 PTS (10%)
TOTAL		1000 PTS = 100%

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. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and 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

1. Maintain Eye Contact
 2. Ask instructor to repeat when you don't understand.
 3. Students who arrive late will give reason for coming late using sign language.
 4. Check your IVC student email and Engrade/Blackboard account for any messages from instructor on a continuous basis (recommendation: daily).
 5. No makeups on performances, assignments or quizzes unless arrangements have been made with instructor.
 6. Before taking the Midterm and Final make sure you use the restroom, have enough pens/pencils, and tissue. Walking out during the Midterm or Final could result in missing the expressive parts of the tests.
 7. Please refrain from making any noises or distractions when students are signing their performances and/or assignments.
- 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 by the instructor.
 - 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.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- **Plagiarism** is taking and presenting 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 "cite a source" correctly, 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 that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing 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 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) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **Blackboard Support Site.** The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills 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. Please contact them 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.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

WEEK	ACTIVITY	HOMEWORK
1	TUESDAY 8/16- Course Introduction, Syllabus, Alphabet, Fingerspelling Handout, Name Introduction, Start Unit 1 . THURSDAY 8/18- Feeling Conversation, Continue Unit 1 , Vocabulary 1-25, Numbers 1-10, ASL Grammar, GLOSSING.	TUES- Textbooks, 1) List of 10 Feelings THURS- Textbooks
2	TUESDAY 8/23- QUIZ 1 (Unit 1, Vocab, Numbers 1-10, Fingerspelling Handout, Grammar, Syllabus), Start Unit 2 , Discuss Exercise 1. THURSDAY 8/25- Exercise 1, Number Rules, Continue Unit 2 , Vocabulary 26-50, Numbers 11-20.	TUES- Start reading Dictionary Pages 9-36. 2) Gloss Exercise 1. THURS- Read Dict. Pages 9-36. 3) Write a brief summary of Pg. 9-36
3	TUESDAY 8/30- QUIZ 2 (Unit 2, Vocab, Numbers 11-20, Number Rules, Dictionary Reading), Start Unit 3 , Discuss Presentation 1: Self Disclosure. THURSDAY 9/1- Dictionary Quiz , Rules on Presenting, Sentence Types, Continue Unit 3 , Voc. 51-75, Numbers 21-30.	TUES- Study for Dictionary Quiz THURS- 4) GLOSS Presentation 1: Self Disclosure

4	<p>TUESDAY 9/6- QUIZ 3 (Unit 3, Vocab, Numbers 21-30, Rules on Presenting, Sentence Types), Edit Presentation 1, Classifiers, Start Unit 4.</p> <p>THURSDAY 9/8- NMMs, Deaf Culture Lecture (Gallaudet, Clerc, Cogswell) / Hist. of FS, Continue Unit 4, Vocabulary 76-100, Numbers 31-40.</p>	<p>TUES- Review Classifiers, Practice Presen. 1.</p> <p>THURS- Practice Presentation 1.</p> <p>READ RULES ON PRESENTING!</p>
5	<p>TUESDAY 9/13- Presentation 1</p> <p>THURSDAY 9/15- QUIZ 4 (Unit 4, Vocab, Numbers 31-40, Classifiers, NMMs, Deaf Culture), ASL Grammar, Parameters of ASL, Discuss Presentation 2: Family Story.</p>	<p>TUES- Review for Unit 4 Quiz</p> <p>THURS- 5) Write the Parameters to 5 Signs</p>
6	<p>TUESDAY 9/20- Directional Verbs, Symmetry Condition, Start Unit 5.</p> <p>THURSDAY 9/22- Idioms, Iconic Signs, Continue Unit 5, Vocabulary 101-125, Numbers 41-50.</p>	<p>TUES- Begin Reviewing for Midterm</p> <p>THURS- Start GLOSS Family Story</p>
7	<p>TUESDAY 9/27- QUIZ 5 (Unit 5, Vocab, Numbers 41-50, ASL Grammar, Parameters, Directional, Symmetry, Idioms, Iconic Signs), Start and Finish Unit 6, Vocabulary 126-150, Numbers 51-60, Discuss Exercise 2.</p> <p>THURSDAY 9/29- QUIZ 6 (Unit 6, Vocab, Numbers 51-60, Cumulative), Exercise 2, MIDTERM REVIEW.</p>	<p>TUES- Continue GLOSS Family Story.</p> <p>6) Famous Person Picture</p> <p>7) GLOSS Exercise 2: Describe Famous Person (CL/Mouthings)</p> <p>THURS- Review for Midterm, 8) GLOSS Presentation 2: Family Story (Hardcopy or Email)</p>
8	<p>TUESDAY 10/4- MIDTERM</p> <p>THURSDAY 10/6- Presentation 2</p>	<p>TUES- Practice Presen. 2</p> <p>THURS- Watch YouTube <i>“Through Deaf Eyes”</i></p>
9	<p>TUESDAY 10/11- In Class Summary <i>“T.D.E.”</i>, Start Unit 7.</p> <p>THURSDAY 10/13- Fingerspelled Loan Signs / Lexicalization, Conjunctions, Continue Unit 7, Vocabulary 151-175, Numbers 61-70.</p>	<p>TUES- Start REFLECTION on Documentary.</p> <p>THURS- REFLECTION</p>
10	<p>TUESDAY 10/18- QUIZ 7 (Unit 7, Vocab, Numbers 61-70, FLS, Conjunctions, Oralism), Start Unit 8, Discuss Exercise 3.</p> <p>THURSDAY 10/20- Exercise 3, Number Incorporation Rules, Continue Unit 8, Vocabulary 176-200, Numbers 71-80.</p>	<p>TUES- 9) GLOSS Exercise 3: A Day Out (Conjunction)</p> <p>THURS- Review CL/NMMs</p>

11	<p>TUESDAY 10/25- QUIZ 8 (Unit 8, Vocab, Numbers 71-80, # Inc. Rules, CL, NMMs) Start Unit 9.</p> <p>THURSDAY 10/27- Deaf Terminology / Individuals, Continue Unit 9. Vocabulary 201-225, Numbers 81-90.</p>	<p>TUES- Review ASL Grammar, Practice Translating from ASL to Eng.</p> <p>THURS- Study Terminology / Individuals, ASL to Eng.</p>
12	<p>TUESDAY 11/1- QUIZ 9 (Unit 9, Vocab, Numbers 81-90, Deaf Terminology / Individuals, ASL - Eng.) Conversations (Teacher/Student), Start Unit 10.</p> <p>THURSDAY 11/3- Time Inflections, Continue Unit 10, Vocabulary 226-250, Numbers 91-100.</p>	<p>TUES- Start Reviewing for Final</p> <p>THURS- Review for Final, Review and Practice Time Inflections</p>
13	<p>TUESDAY 11/8- QUIZ 10 (Unit 10, Vocab, Numbers 91-100, Time Inflections, CL, NMM) Start Unit 11.</p> <p>THURSDAY 11/10- Conversations (Teacher/Student), Continue Unit 11.</p>	<p>TUES- Review ASL Grammar, CL, NMM</p> <p>THURS- Review Fingerspelling</p>
14	<p>TUESDAY 11/15- QUIZ 11 (Unit 11, ASL Grammar, CL, NMM, Fingerspelling), Careers and Pay of Sign Language, 8 Types of Classifiers, Start Unit 12.</p> <p>THURSDAY 11/17- Continue Unit 12.</p>	<p>TUES- Continue Review for Final</p> <p>THURS- Review FLS</p>
15	<p>TUESDAY 11/22- QUIZ 12 (Unit 11, Careers in ASL, 8 Types of CL, FLS), <i>"I Have a Sister, My Sister is Deaf"</i>, ASL Career at IVC.</p> <p>THURSDAY 11/24- <u>HOLIDAY</u></p>	<p>STUDY FOR THE FINAL EXAM</p>
16	<p>TUESDAY 11/29- ASL Grammar Activities, CL Activities, ASL Websites</p> <p>THURSDAY 12/1- Deaf Guest Speaker or ASL Games</p>	<p>STUDY FOR THE FINAL EXAM</p>
17	<p>TUESDAY 12/6- FINAL REVIEW</p> <p>THURSDAY 12/8- <u>FINAL</u></p>	<p>ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS & PRACTICE ASL</p>