

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus

American Sign Language 100 – AMSL 100



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2018	Instructor Name:	Fernanda Moran
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Class Dates:	FEB 12 – JUNE 8, 2018	Office Hours:	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Class Days:	Mondays/Wednesdays (M/W)	Class Times:	6:30 – 9:00 PM
Units	4 Units	Emergency Contact:	(760) 352-8320 (8 AM – 5 PM)

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.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required: Learning American Sign Language, 2nd Edition, Tom Humphreys and Carol Padden, Pearson Education, Inc, Boston, MA and/or DVD.

Recommended: American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary, Author: Tennant, 2nd Edition

Required: 3 ring binder (1/2 inch), paper, pen/pencil, Index Card Packets

Other ASL 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, RIT/NTID, Convo, SignTalk, Sign Language of the Deaf World, Whyisign, Tru Biz

Instagram:

ASL_NYC, ASLSTORYTELLING, SIGNEDWITHHEART, ASLLESSON, THEASLAPP, ASLSLAM, GALLAUDETETU

Phone App: ProDeaf – translator in sign language (can download from Apple store or Google Play)

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

- Written test (2)
- Homeworks (several)
- Presentations (2)
- Participation (constantly and necessary)
- Final (presentation)

Percentages:

90-100% = A 60-69% = D

80- 89 % = B 59% and below = F

70-79 % = C

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

- Maintain Eye Contact
- Ask instructor to repeat when you don't understand.
- Students who arrive late will give reason for coming late using sign language.
- Check your IVC student email and Canvas account for any messages from instructor on a continuous basis (recommendation: daily).
- No makeups on performances, assignments or quizzes unless arrangements have been made with instructor.
- Before taking the Midterm and Final make sure you use the restroom, have enough pens/pencils, and tissue if you are sick. You are not allowed to leave the classroom during the Midterm or Final unless previous arrangements or consent has been arranged with the instructor.
- 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.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **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.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this

population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences: • Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives • Students experiencing homelessness • Formerly incarcerated students To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355- 5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

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](#).

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

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

DATE IN CLASS

02/12 Welcome Introductions, Syllabus. Unit 1 ABCs, Personal Info

02/14 Continue Unit 1, #s 1-10 Practice Quiz

02/19 NO CLASS

02/21 Unit 2 Understanding & Asking, Objects in the classroom #s 10-20 Quiz #2

02/26 Unit 3, Directional Verbs, #s 20-30 Deaf Culture Lecture

02/28 Quiz 3 ASL Grammar, Topic Markers lecture

03/05 Cont. ASL Grammar (TTDAD)
03/07 #s 30-40, Review Units 1-3, Terminology and History

03/12 Test #1
03/14 Quiz 4 Colors, Clothing, People #s 40-50

03/19 Quiz 5 Requests, Lecture Parameters
03/21 Unit 6 Expressing Yourself, #s 50-60, Quiz 6

03/26 Unit 8 Family and Friends
03/28 Review for test #2 (Units 4,5,6,8) Talk about Family Presentations

04/02 – 04/07 SPRING BREAK

04/09 Cont. Review for Test 2 Talk about Family Presentations
04/11 Unit 9, Quiz 8, Presentation List Selection Test #2

04/16 Go over test #2, final draft for presentations
04/18 Group activity, List presentation selection

04/23 Family Presentations
04/25 Classifiers lecture Handout

04/30 Unit 10 Home, Objects at Home Daily Routine, CLASSIFIERS BALL story
05/02 Quiz 9, Talk about Weekend Presentation, Unit 7 More Descriptions

05/07 Final draft for presentations, one on one with instructor
05/09 Weekend Presentations

05/14 Talk about final presentations, ABC Stories, Number Stories, #s 60-80
05/16 ASL MOVIE

05/21 Deaf/Hearing Lecture, Movie Reflection due
05/23 Unit 11 #s 90-100, Deaf/Hearing Quiz

05/28 **NO CLASS**
05/30 Final Presentations list order

06/04 – 06/06 FINALS WEEK

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****