Instructor:	Liisa Mendoza	Required tex	ts: Signing Naturally, Level 3.
Office hours:	MW 10:00 - 11	:30 am	Workbook & DVD.
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American Sign Language 204 Syllabus – Fall 2013

 Class:
 F 11:35 am - 2:45 pm
 Code number: 10103

Course Description: AMSL 204 continues, at the intermediate level, the development of the American Sign Language proficiency students acquired in AMSL 202. Students continue to expand their awareness of ASL conventions, grammar, and vocabulary, including a continued review of topical signs and idioms. Students develop a greater competency in their receptive understanding of extended ASL discourse and in their expression of extended ideas, concepts and stories in ASL. Their expressive competency in discussion of ideas includes an expression of their understanding of Deaf Culture. Students continue the growth of their technical awareness of Deaf culture and ASL linguistics. (CSU)(UC)

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course with a grade of C or better, you will be able to:

- 1) Narrate personal stories following ASL narrative structures.
- 2) Display basic understanding of ASL fictional storytelling techniques.
- 3) Identify new ASL vocabulary and idioms for a variety of everyday topics.

Attendance and Tardiness Policy:

Attendance is crucial. Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students enrolled. The instructor may drop you from this class after sufficient 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	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

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 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 6 hours of homework per week. **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 will be 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.