

## American Sign Language 100 Syllabus Spring 2014

AMSL 100 MTWR 8:35AM - 10:00AM

Course # 20558

Room # 313A

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**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 as well.

### **Required Textbooks:**

- *Sign Language Handshape Dictionary* (2nd/e). Gallaudet University Press. ISBN: 9781563684449
- Humphries, T., Padden, C. (2004). *Learning American Sign Language* (2nd/e). Boston, MA Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: 9780205275533
- 3 ring binder to keep track of handouts, quizzes, etc.

**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 Policy:** Due to the nature of this course, attendance is crucial. Regular attendance in all classes is expected from all students enrolled. The instructor may drop you from this class after 4 consecutive absences. If you wish to drop the course, please do so yourself to ensure that your withdrawal is complete. If a student is absent during a test or quiz, no make-ups are allowed unless previous arrangements have been approved by instructor.

### **Class Rules:**

- 1) The use of cell phones, tablets, laptops, ipods, or any other electronic device is not permitted. ASL is a visual language and students must pay attention at all times.
- 2) Disruptive behavior WILL NOT be tolerated.
- 3) If you come in late, apologize and give reason why using sign language (instructor will show you how).
- 4) If you're confused and/or do not understand, please ask the instructor, NOT the person next to you.
- 5) Please refrain from making any noises or distractions when students are signing their

performances and/or assignments.

6) Cheating is prohibited. Please refer to the Academic Misconduct Policy.

**Grading:**

Participation	90-100% = A
Homeworks	80- 89 % = B
(10) Quizzes	70-79 % = C
(2) Presentations	60-69 % = D
(2) Tests	59 and below F
Final Presentation	

**Teaching Strategy:** New vocabulary and class activities are introduced using a “No-Voice” approach. Students are encouraged to ask for clarification, questions and any comments using sign language, mime and gestures. Don’t say answers out loud. You will be participating in a variety of in class exercises designed to increase your receptive and expressive skills. **YOU MUST PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF CLASS.**

**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.

Presentations, homework assignments, tests and due dates may be SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**AMSL 100 MTWR SPRING 2014**  
**Course Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>In Class</b>
<b>01/20</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>
01/21	Welcome, Syllabus
01/22	Introductions, ABCs #s 1-10 Unit 1, Personal Information
01/23	Practice Quiz
01/27	Unit 2 Understanding & Asking
01/28	Cont. Unit 2, Objects in the classroom
01/29	Extra Vocabulary, #s 10-20
01/30	Quiz 2 Deaf Culture Lecture
02/03	Unit 3, Directional Verbs
02/04	Cont. Unit 3
02/05	Extra Vocab, #s 20-30
02/06	Quiz 3, ASL Grammar, Topic Markers
02/10	Review Units 13
<b>02/11</b>	<b>Test #1</b> Begin Unit 4
02/12	Cont. Unit 4, Colors, Extra Vocab. #s 30-40
02/13	Quiz 4, Deaf Culture Lecture, Classifiers
<b>02/17</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>
02/18	Unit 5 Requests
02/19	Extra Vocab, #s 40-50
02/20	Quiz 5, Parameters of ASL
02/24	Unit 6 Expressing Yourself
02/25	Cont. Unit 6, Deaf Culture Lecture
02/26	Extra Vocab, #s 50-60
02/27	Quiz 6
03/03	Unit 8 Family and Friends
03/04	Cont. Unit 8
03/05	Extra Vocab, #s 60-70
03/06	Quiz 7, Talk about Family Presentations
03/10	Review for test #2 (Units 4,5,6,8)
03/11	Cont. Review
03/12	Deaf Culture Lecture

## **03/13 Test # 2**

03/17 Unit 9, Personality  
03/18 Cont. Unit 9 , Documentary (Reflection HW)  
03/19 Extra Vocab, #s 70-80  
03/20 Quiz 8, **Family Presentations**

03/24 Unit 10 Home, Objects at home and Daily Routine  
03/25 Cont. Unit 10  
03/26 Extra Vocab, #s 80-90  
03/27 Quiz 9, Talk about Weekend Presentation

03/31 Unit 7 More Descriptions  
04/01 Cont. Unit 7, Extra Vocab.  
04/02 Movie "The Hammer"  
04/03 Cont. Movie, Final question or concerns about presentation

04/07 Turn in Movie Reflection, **Weekend Presentation**  
04/08 Cont. Weekend Presentations  
04/09 Talk about final presentations  
04/10 Deaf Culture Lecture

04/14 Unit 11  
**04/15 Final selection for book story or song.**  
04/16 Extra Vocab #s 90-100  
04/17 Movie: Family Stone/ Children of a lesser God/ Black Sand

## **04/21 - 04/25 Spring Break**

04/28 Unit 12 Offering & Declining  
04/29 Cont. Unit 12  
04/30 Extra Vocab, #s 100-110  
05/01 Big Quiz Units 11-12

05/05 Work on final presentations  
05/06 Makeup Quizzes  
05/07 Review class course,  
05/08 Final questions or concerns

## **05/12- 05/15 Finals Week Presentations**

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