California State University, Sacramento
Deaf Studies Program/College of Education

American Sign Language Level 1

Welcome to your first semester of American Sign Language Classes! I first encountered ASL as a 4 year-old watching Sesame Street! And I've maintained a passion for the language ever since. It truly is an amazing language. I hope you will join me on a journey of discovery as you learn to express yourself more in ASL.

Success in this class takes dedication and practice but it can be fun too!

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Required Texts:	*Signing Naturally Units 1-6* 2008. By Cheri Smith, Ella Mae Lentz, and Ken Mikos

Required Texts & Readings

- *Signing Naturally Units 1-6* 2008. By Cheri Smith, Ella Mae Lentz, and Ken Mikos. **With Two DVDs totaling 7 1/2 hours.** ISBN: 978-1-58121-210-5
- **NOTE**: Bring this workbook to every class. If you by a used book, be sure to buy one that has not been written in. Also make sure both DVDs are present and working.

Selections from the following provided in SACCT:

- *Deaf in America: Voices from a Culture* (DIA) co-authored by Padden & Humphries
- *A Journey into the DEAF-WORLD* (JIDW) edited by Lane, Hoffmeister, & Bahan

Course Description

Students will learn basic vocabulary and grammar of American Sign Language. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to exchange basic information about themselves and their families such as their names, where they live, and their interests. Through out-of-class readings, in-class discussions and demonstrations, and experiences within the deaf community, students are exposed to elements of the deaf culture and community. Note: ***Taught in ASL without voice***. Prerequisite: None

Note: Completing next semester's ASL 2 course (EDS 52) with a C- or better meets the Graduation Requirement for Foreign Language.

Attendance

Attendance is essential. In order to learn the language well you need regular exposure and practice. Much of your learning will happen in class and it is vital for you to be present and participating to make the best progress possible. Each class session will build on previous sessions. Please make every effort to attend all classes. Your contribution is important!

Examinations and Assignments

Total Possible points:	100%	Week Due
Signing Skills (85%)		
Signing Naturally Homework		Weekly starting Week 1
Lifeprint quizzes	5%	Weekly starting Week 1
Expressive Interaction 1	10%	Weeks 6-7
Expressive Interaction 2	10%	Weeks 13-14
Receptive test 1	30%	Week 8: 2nd Class of the Week
Receptive test 2	30%	Final Exam Week: May 15 12:45-2:45pm
Cultural Awareness (15%)		
Culture Quizzes	5%	Week 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10
Culture Vlog Insight	5%	
Culminating Vlog/Reading Reflection	5%	Week 11
Max Extra Credit		Week 14 the maximum you can earn is a 5% boost

Note: more detailed information will be posted on SacCT 9.1