

**KINGS RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Selma High Campus)**  
**Beginning American Sign Language (ASL-4)**  
**Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:50 p.m. (January 10 - May 15, 1996)**  
**SPRING SEMESTER 1996**

**Instructor:** Betty Shaw, Resource Specialist  
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8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Required Text:** Learning American Sign Language  
by Tom Humphries and Carol Padden

**Course Description:**

An introduction to the study of American Sign Language. Cultural differences between deaf and hearing people and appropriate behaviors for social interaction will be examined. This course covers the first half of level one of the Signing Naturally curriculum which emphasizes the functions of everyday communications.

**Course Objectives:** Students will:

1. gain insight into common myths associated with deaf people.
2. distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable ways to interrupt signing conversations depending on the situations.
3. identify a socially acceptable way to start or end a signing conversation and how this differs from hearing people.
4. write analytically and critically in three research papers relevant to topics in the course outline.
5. be able to converse in American Sign Language.

**Course Requirements:** Students will:

1. bring textbook to class each week.
2. participate in class discussions and cooperative groups.