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# SYLLABUS

Course: **American Sign Language**  
Instructor: **Katherine Carlsen**

**No Office Hours:** Please leave a message with your name and date. I will call you as soon as I can through Relay Service or page me at (209) 735-5402 Please be sure to leave your phone number.

## 1. ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is a mandatory requirement. Students are expected to attend all class sessions. If you miss a class you will lose points. It is the students responsibility to keep up with the assignments. Notify the teacher for make up information for all missed quizzes and tests.

## 2. Punctuality:

Students are expected to arrive for class on time and attend the entire period. I can't teach you if you are not at class. Each class will begin and end on time.( ) There will be a fifteen minute break which will begin at different times depending on how class time is progressing.

## 3. HOMEWORK & CLASS ROOM PARTICIPATION:

An assignment will be given each week that will be due at the next class meeting. Students are expected to actively participate in all classroom activities. Please note: Class Room participation will play a major role in the assessment of your final grade. Experience has shown that students who participate actively will learn more and sign faster.

## 4. EXAMINATIONS:

The MIDTERM and FINAL examinations will be cumulative. Occasionally, there will be pre-announced "Pop" quizzes during the semester. With this in mind the student will need to be prepared for each and every class. The student will also be graded on one presentation.

**Talking with your voice is not allowed!!!** This is to help you use Sign Language more.

## Points:

1 Book Report = 100 points; 6 Quizzes= 20 points each; 2 Tests MIDTERM/FINAL= 60 points each; 1 Presentation=100 points and Attendance=110 points. The total number of points will be compiled and the total number of points will reflect the grade each student earns. Test papers and other assignments will evaluated according to the following scale.

| <u>Points</u> | <u>Grades</u> |
|---------------|---------------|
| 550-511       | A             |
| 510-471       | B             |
| 470-431       | C             |
| 430-391       | D             |
| 390- 0        | F             |

6. **Book Report:**

Book Report is due on \_\_\_\_\_.

The Student is also responsible for a book report that will be due before the semester ends. Summarize the story. (a minimum one page report) The Teacher will be available to answer any questions.

A Student may chose any cultural/informational book(s) on deafness. See the Library computer for a list of books. "*Deaf Like Me*" is a very interesting book. The Student will learn a lot about the deaf culture through reading about deaf people and their lifestyles.

7. **QUIZZES:**

Quizzes will be given after practice in the class. They will include receptive sign language and fingerspelling skills as well as short answer responses. Test items will be based on material covered in previous class sessions, text information and homework materials.

8. **MIDTERM EXAM:**

The exam will be given on \_\_\_\_\_ after practicing in the class. Students must take this exam in order to receive credit.

9. **FINAL EXAM:**

The FINAL exam will be given on \_\_\_\_\_ after practicing in the class. Student must take this in order to receive credit.

10. **MATERIAL:**

Please bring the following items to class each week:

- \*Required text
- \*Sense of humor
- \*Creativity
- \*Patience
- \*Smile

I look forward to seeing you in class!