

ASL 2

American Sign Language 2 Reedley College Fall 2011

Instructor: James Lawrence

Course: American Sign Language 2

No Office hour: Please email me at jlbike@aol.com with your message and/or page me. I will e-mail you, but please don't depend on me too much, unless you have good reason like serious or emergency.

Code : 54001 **Class Meetings:** SOC 30

Class Time: Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00am -11:50 am

Required Text: Smith, Lentz, & Mikos, SIGNING NATURALLY: STUDENT WORKBOOK & DVD-TEXT, Level One, Dawn Press, Berkeley, CA., 1988.

Matthew S. Moore & Linda Levitan, FOR HEARING PEOPLE ONLY, Deaf Life Press, Rochester, New York 2003

Course Description: This course is designed to re-introduce students to a visual-gestural language used by the Deaf community in the United States and Canada. It will assist them to learn more about the culture of the Deaf community and its appropriate behaviors. They will also be engaging in conversation using American Sign Language (ASL) at a level expected for high-beginning signers.

Course Objectives: Using ASL, students will learn to:

- * Identify and produce signs covered in class
- * Produce non-manual grammatical signals
- * Introduce themselves to others
- * Describe features of people, clothing, and objects
- * Describe your occupation
- * Engage in brief question and answer dialogue

Class Participation & Expectations

* In order to facilitate the learning of ASL, students are encouraged NOT to speak in the classroom. Therefore, leave your voice outside the classroom. ASL is a visual language, not an auditory language. This will be part of your class participation points.

* Students are encouraged to raise their hand and ask the instructor when they do not understand what the instructor is teaching. It is every student's responsibility to ask for clarification and the instructor will be happy to clarify. ☺

* Students are not expected to understand every sign the first time they see it, but they are encouraged to keep trying by observing and participating as much as possible.

* Making mistakes is an expected part of the learning process. Therefore, please

do not feel afraid of making errors.

*Remember, ASL and English are two separate languages. The sign vocabulary will be taught in context since there are many signs in ASL that do not have English equivalents.

* It is strongly encouraged for you to have daily study groups or have a classmate to practice your signing skills.

* The most important thing you can do is relax. Watch and practice, practice, and practice! ☺

Grades and Requirements:

* **Attendance and Class Participation:** Students are required to attend all classes since active participation is VITAL to the learning process and acquisition of the basic principles of ASL. Five points will be deducted if you miss class. Two points will be deducted if you leave class early or arrive late or talk in class.

* **Quizzes:** Five quizzes will be given in class. Your lowest quiz will be dropped and there will be NO make-up quizzes.

* **Class Assignments:** Four class assignments will be given throughout this Fall session. I will inform you of the due dates as the session progresses. Three points will be taken off if class assignments are submitted late.

* **Midterm & Final Exams:** The midterm and final exams will be cumulative. I will inform you of the exact date for the Midterm as the Fall session progresses. There are two parts to the final exam. The first part will be signed. The second part of the final exam will include multiple choice and true/false answers. There will be NO midterm and final exam make-ups. The Signed Final will take place on Dec. 15 or 17 .

Points for the Final Grade in Class (Total points = 395):

Points:

2 Quizzes = 50 points (5 points each)

2 Tests = Midterm/Final = 100 points (50 points each)

Participation = 5 points (170 points of 34 classes)

Homework = 25 points (5 points each)

Report up to 5 pages or more

50 to 45 Points: A, 44 to 39 Points: B, 38 to 33 Points: C, 32 to 27 Points: D, 26 to 0 Points: F

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 evaluate according to the following scale.

Points:

Final Grades

395 – 295

A

294 – 195

B

194 – 095

C

094 – 085

D

084 – 000

F

Important Dates:* No Class – November 25 to 27 for Thanksgiving Holiday

* Last day of class and Final Exam – which one day on December 12 to 18.

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Fall 2011 Schedule
Subject to Change

Week 1: Aug. 16-18	Introduction to course Review ASL 1
Week 2: Aug. 23-25	Unit 12 – “Talking about Routines” Unit 12 Class activities Deaf Events Papers Due – Announce for when due Report up to 5 pages or more from For Hearing People Only or other Issue Due in End of November and first week of December
Week 3: Aug. 30-Sept. 1	Unit 12 Exam Review Unit 12 Exam
Week 4: Sept. 6-8	Unit 7 – “Giving Directions” Unit 7 Class activities
Week 5: Sept. 13-15	Unit 7 Class activities Unit 7 Exam Review Unit 7 Exam
Week 6: Sept. 20-22	Unit 8 – “Describing Others” Unit 8 Class activities
Week 7: Sept. 27 – Sept. 29	Unit 8 Class activities Review for Midterm (Units 12, 7, 8)
Week 8: Oct. 4–6	Midterm Exam (Units 12, 7, 8) Unit 9 “Making Requests Unit 9 Class activities
Week 9: Oct. 11 –13	Unit 9 Class activities Watch The Movie: The Miracle Worker Homework Assignments Due – Tuesday, Oct. 20
Week 10: Oct. 18 –20	Unit 9 Exam Review Unit 9 Exam
Week 11: Oct. 25 –27	Unit 10 – “Talking About Family and Occupations” Unit 10 Class activities

Week 12:
Nov. 1 – 3

Unit 10 Class activities
Unit 10 Exam Review
Unit 10 Exam

Week 13:
Nov. 8-10
Week 14:
Nov. 15-17

Unit 11 – “Attributing Qualities to Others”
Unit 11 Class activities Unit 11 Exam Review
Unit 11 Exam
Feedback to each other

Week 15:
Nov. 22-24

Watch The Movie: “SOUND and FURY” : 6 years later
After that, Do your homework for
Pro and Cons about Hearing Implant
**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY –
NOVEMBER 23 TO 25 ☺**

Week 16:
Dec. 1

Cumulative Review Units 7 – 12
Expressive Final Exam

Week 17:
Dec. 6-18

Due on Report and Feedback each other with sign

LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION – Thursday, Dec. 8

Week 17:
Dec.13 and 15

Signed Final Exam
Vote which one day on Dec. 13 and 15.

Take a look Website for www.dhhsc.org
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.
A lot of deaf events on 2011 calendar

Remember to relax, enjoy, and have a great Fall Semester! ☺