



Reedley College  
American Sign Language 1  
ASL 1, Spring Semester 2011

**Instructor:** James Lawrence

**Course:** American Sign Language 1

**CODE:** 54003

**No Office hour:** Please email me at [JLBike@aol.com](mailto:JLBike@aol.com) with your message. I will e-mail you, but please don't depend on me too much, unless you have good reason like serious or emergency.

**Class Meetings:** LAL Room 2 for Tuesday and SOC-36 for Thursday

**Class Time:** Tuesday, and Thursday 8:AM - 9:50 AM

**1. PARTICIPATION:**

Participation is a mandatory requirement. Students are expected to meet all class sessions. If you miss a session, you will lose points and information. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with the assignments. You are responsible to ask your classmate for missing homework and information for class. Please make an arrangement to discuss with Instructor about missing quiz, Midterm Exam or Final Exam if something happens.

**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 on class. Each class will begin and end on time. There will be ten to fifteen minutes 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: Classroom 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 better.

**4. EXAMINATIONS:**

The MIDTERM and FINAL examinations will be cumulative. Occasionally, there will be pre-announced a 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.

**No Talking with your voice in allowed / Turn off your cell phone, unless you have emergency!!!**

**This is to help you use Sign Language more without voice. I need your respect.**

From this point on you will be treated as college students. In return, I expect you to conduct yourselves in an appropriate manner. This includes everything from being in class before our scheduled starting time to conducting yourselves as college students in the classroom. Any person who continues to disrupt a class will be dropped from the course.

**Points:**

1 book Report = 10 chapters required to earn 100 points (10 points each chapter)

5 Tests/Quizzes = 100/50 points (5/5 points each)

2 Tests – Midterm/Final = 100 points (5 points each)

1 Presentation = 100 points

Participation = 7.5 points (around 128 points of 17 classes) unless extra credit.

Homework = 135 points (5 points each)

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: Grades**

663 – 563 A  
562 – 462 B  
461 – 361 C  
360 – 260 D  
259 – 0 F

**5. 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 ten chapters you pick. (a minimum one or two pages of report) Instructor will be available to answer any questions if you have anything for feedback.

(Students in ASL 1 are required to read a book, For Hearing People Only. It is a very interesting book. Read all chapters and pick 10 chapters – Student will learn a lot about the deaf culture through reading.)

**6. Quizzes:**

Quizzes will be given after practicing in the classroom with announcements.

**7. MIDTERM EXAM:**

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

**8. FINAL EXAM:**

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

**9. MATERIAL:**

**Please bring the following items to class each week:**

- \*Required text: Signing Naturally Level 1 (Blue Book) and For Hearing People Only (Second Edition)**
- \*Sense of humor**
- \*Creativity**
- \*Patience**
- \*Smile**
- \*Be yourself**
- \*Teamwork**

**I look forward to seeing you in class!**

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## ASL 1, Spring Semester 2011

Jan. 11	Introduction to ASL 1 Welcome your name to each other, Deaf History, Fingerspelling A to Z (last page of Learning ASL)
Jan. 13	Selected Numbers Conversation Practice Signing Naturally Unit 1: Introducing Oneself. Same shape or Difference shape
Jan. 18	Fingerspelling Practice A to Z, Signing Naturally Unit 2: Exchanging Personal Information, Vocabulary and Number.
Jan. 20	Vocabulary and Number Practice from Unit 2.
Jan. 25	Review Unit 1 to 2, Play Game A to Z . <b>Report about: “For Hearing People Only” (require), Deaf History or more research. Due on April 28</b>
Jan. 27	Unit 1 to 2 on quiz. Signing Naturally Unit 3: Talking About Surroundings Do your homework for watch videotape from Unit 3 about far away, moderate distance, and very near. You will see it.
Feb. 01	Signing Naturally Unit 3: Talking About Surroundings – Vocabulary, Spatial Agreement, Conveying Distance
Feb. 03	Signing Naturally Unit 3: Picture It - Playing Game in classroom for different shapes & number
Feb. 08	Signing Naturally Unit 3: Fingerspelling – Watch very carefully for trick / Still practice all above for unit 3 for feedback
Feb. 10	Watch Movie: Children of a Lesser God
Feb. 15	Signing Naturally Unit 3: Making Request, Do your homework for cutting and paste Different pictures from magazines like Parents, Kids, Home Gardens, etc. Looking for different shape like box, tire, phone, rooms. Paper size is poster with pictures due on Thursday, February 24.
Feb. 17	Signing Naturally Unit 3: Discuss about different pictures. Practice for vocabulary
Feb. 22	Review Signing Naturally Unit 3 for feedback
Feb. 24	You’ll speak with ASL for different pictures. If you will meet deaf person or more, you are real worth to earn more experience to write down the report for extra credit. Deaf Events on Calendar. Take a look website bottom of page before spring break or after. You will show it to me, I’ll mark better grade.
Mar. 01	Quiz on Signing Naturally Unit 3.
Mar. 03	Review on Unit 1 to 3 for all of them
Mar. 08	Midterm Examination on Units 1 to 3
Mar. 10	Tell to each other about Midterm Examination on Units 1 to 3 for feedback
Mar. 15	Signing Naturally Unit 4: Telling Where You Live – Vocabulary Review, play game to catch number on the board.

- Mar. 17 Signing Naturally Unit 4: Ben's Keys. How many keys do you have? Talk to each other  
Review Unit 4 – Vocabulary
- Mar. 22 Signing Naturally Unit 4 on Quiz
- Mar. 24 Signing Naturally Unit 5: Talking About Your Family – Vocabulary Review  
Unit 5: Signing Naturally How old – Practice Number, Baby to Adult.  
Conversation practice about family
- April 05 Talk to each other for your experience to meet deaf or more in somewhere.  
Review Unit 5 then Unit 5 on Quiz
- April 07 Signing Naturally Unit 6: Telling About Activities  
Past, Present and Future -Vocabulary Review  
Main Street, USA and Buildings/Streets at Reedley College.  
Number – 21 to 30, Phone number, Calendar, How much cost with sign
- April 12 Signing Naturally Unit 6: Challenge Subtraction problem,  
you figure out while I'll write down the board for new word.
- April 14 Signing Naturally Unit Review 4 to 6
- April 19 & 21 No class during Spring Break! Keep Sign Languages for more practice!**
- April 21 **Test on unit 4 to 6**, Group Discussion Review Units for feedback about all unit 1 to 6 for  
Signing Naturally Which day, I will let you know for Final Examination Unit 1 to 6 of  
Signing Naturally  
Group discussion to feedback each other  
Book Discussion for Cover Report and feedback
- April 26 Review units and Play Game or watch movie: Mr. Holland's Opus
- April 28 **Deadline for Book Report**
- May 03 All review Unit 1 to 6 for feedback to each other
- May 10 & 12 Talk to each other for ASL structure's very important!!!**
- May 17 to 19 ASL Unit 1 to 6 Final Exam** after that, all final grades

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A lot of deaf events on 2011 calendar