



Reedley College

ASL 1, Fall Semester 2013

Instructor: James Lawrence

Course: American Sign Language 1

No Office hour: Please email or page me at james.lawrence@reedleycollege.edu. I will e-mail you, but please don't depend on me too much, unless you have good reason like serious or emergency.

Code: 50335 **Class Meetings:** LFS A

Class Day and Time: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2:00PM - 3: 10 PM

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 five 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:

4 Quizzes = 50 points (5 points each)

Unit# test = 100 points (5 points each)

2 Exams = Midterm/Final = 100 points (5 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

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: Learning American Sign Language Level I & II**

Second Edition (Blue with purple fade edge with yellow rectangle)

Deaf Culture Our Way (Fourth Edition) and Concise American Sign Language Dictionary (Random House Webster's)

***Sense of humor**

***Creativity**

***Patience**

***Smile**

***Be yourself**

***Support each other**

***Teamwork**

I look forward to seeing you in class!

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Week 1: Aug. 12, 14, 16	Introduction to ASL 1 Welcome your name to each other, Deaf History, Fingerspelling A to Z on back page inside and Selected Number on front page inside. Talk to each other with ASL for practice
Week 2: Aug. 19, 21, 23	Unit 1- Introductions and Personal Information What, Where, Who, why, when, how Deaf Events Papers Due – Announce for when due Report up to 5 pages or more from Deaf Culture Our Way or other Issue like deaf movies Due in End of November and first week of December
Week 3: Aug. 26, 28, 30	Unit 1 Introductions and Personal Information Vocabulary and ASL structure
Week 4: Sept. 2, 4, 6	Labor Day on Sept 2 – No class Warm up with sign then ready for Unit 1 Quiz
Week 5: Sept. 9, 11, 13	Unit 2 - Learning ASL Vocabulary and ASL structure Watch the Movie: The Hammer
Week 6: Sept. 16, 18, 19	Unit 3 - Politeness Still watch the movie: The Hammer then do homework for short report Vocabulary and ASL structure Unit 2 & 3 Test
Week 7: Sept. 20, 25, 27	Unit 1, 2, 3 Practice sign for feedback each other Midterm Exam (Units 1, 2, 3) After test, tell each other for feedback
Week 8: Sept. 30, Oct. 2, 4	Unit 4 - Descriptions Vocabulary and ASL structure Adjective, what do the people look like? Homework: Do write down 5 sentences while you look what do the people look like?
Week 9: Oct. 7, 9, 11	Unit 5 - Request Vocabulary and ASL structure Don't mind, please, manner, Be nice Unit 4 & 5 quiz
Week 10: Oct. 14, 16, 18	Unit 6 - Expressing yourself and Unit 7 More Descriptions Vocabulary and ASL structure Unit 4, 5, & 6 Test

- Week 11:
Oct. 21, 23, 25
- Unit 7 Quiz**
Unit 8 - Family and Friends, Unit 9 - More Descriptions
Vocabulary and ASL structure
It is very important for good communication with sign
Unit 8 & 9 test
- Week 12:
Oct. 28, 30, Nov. 1
- Unit 10 - At Home and Daily Living and
Unit 11 Food and Food Shopping
Talking about food for what do you like to eat for
Thanksgiving's Day?
Vocabulary and ASL structure
- Week 13:
Nov. 4, 6, 8
- Unit 10 & 11 Quiz
Unit 12 – Offering and Declining
Vocabulary and ASL structure
- Week 14:
Nov. 11, 13, 15
- Unit 10, 11, 12 Test**
Feedback to each other
- Week 15:
Nov. 18, 20, 22
- Watch The Movie: Through Deaf Eyes
After that, Do your homework for short report: What do
you think between Deaf Culture and Hearing Culture ?
- Week 16:
Nov. 25, 27, 29
- THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY –
NOVEMBER 27 TO 29 ☺**
Vote which one day on December 11, 13 or 16
- Week 17:
Dec. 2, 4, 6
- Tell Each Other for feedback with sign for all review
Unit 1 to 12, Due on Book Report
LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION – Friday, Dec. 6
- Week 18:
Dec. 9, 11, 13
- Signed Final Exam**
Vote which one day on Dec. 11 and 13.

Take a look Website for www.dhhsc.org
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.
A lot of deaf events on 2013 calendar

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