Beginning American Sign Language I

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SCCCD- Reedley College

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Class Hours: Mon & Wed, 6:00-7:50pm

Room: Life Science, Room B

Course: ASL 1-57852

Required Text: *Learning American Sign*

 *Language*, by Tom Humphries &

 Carol Padden

Optional Text: *Deaf Like Me,* by Thomas S.

 Spradley & James P. Spradley

Course Objective: ASL 1 is the first of a four-course language series. Instructional emphasis will be on everyday communication with Deaf individuals; ASL vocabulary, idioms, grammar, and Deaf culture.

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

* Use the basic structures and principals of ASL
* Respond to short, simple sign instruction
* Ask questions for information
* Engage in limited conversation and discussions
* Have awareness of the basic aspects of Deaf culture, Deaf community, and the differences of hearing cultures

Course Policies:

* No Cell Phones- ASL is a visual language; your eyes need to be up and alert
* No cheating or plagiarizing of any kind will be tolerated
* Voices OFF during class. We will be speaking English at limited times-everything else will need to be signed
* Due to the nature of signed tests, there will be no make-ups on Exams or Pop Quizzes. Late papers will have two points taken away for each day they are late
* Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class- attendance in this class is mandatory
* Maintain good attendance. 5 tardies=1absence; on the 6th absence, student will be dropped from class. Last day to drop and obtain refund is Friday, August 26; Last day to drop and avoid “W” is Friday, September 2; Last day to drop is Friday, October 21, 2016

Students with Disabilities: If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (e.g Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the American with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact your instructor as soon as possible.

Homework:

Homework will be assigned at the end of each class. Homework will be due at the beginning of the following class. Homework will be counted as part of the participation grade.

Pop Quizzes:

There will be eight pop quizzes throughout the semester. Pop quizzes are worth 5 points each. Pop quizzes will be based on homework assignments, reading, and classroom discussion. There will be no make-ups allowed for quizzes.

Midterm & Final:

Both of these tests will be based on readings, homework, classwork, and class discussions. Both tests will consist of a visual signed portion as well as a written portion. There will be a review before the tests. The Final Exam will be cumulative. Each of these exams is worth 50 points. There will be no make-ups offered.

Article Review Papers:

There will be two article review papers for this class. Each paper will be a review of a specific article provided in class. You will need to write two pages (no-more) on what you learned from the article, your thoughts and your feelings. You will be graded on paper presentation, your thought process, your understanding of the article, as well as grammar and spelling. Papers are worth 25 points each.

Deaf Event Paper:

You will need to attend at least one Deaf event over the course of this session. Deaf events provide a great opportunity to interact with the Deaf community! You will need to write a two page paper describing your event and the impact it had on you. This paper is worth 25 points.

Extra Credit Paper:

You have the option of writing a two page book report on *Deaf Like Me.* This report must include a review of the book and a section on your thoughts about the book. This paper is optional for extra credit and is worth 25 points.

Grades will be as follows:

Pop Quizzes (5 points each) 40

Midterm Exam 75

Final Exam 75

Paper 1 25

Paper 2 25

Deaf Event Paper 25

Participation/ Homework 50

(Optional Extra Credit Paper) (25)

A 315-292

B 281-251

C 250-219

D 218-188

F 187-0

Important Dates:

*No School*-Labor Day Monday, September 5

Paper #1 Due Monday, September 19

Midterm Exam Part 1 Monday, October 10

Midterm Exam Part 2 Wednesday, October 12

Paper #2 Due Wednesday, October 26

Deaf Event Paper Due Wednesday, December 7

Extra Credit Paper Due Wednesday, December 7

Final Exam Monday, December 12

Course Outline:

Week 1: Introductions

Week 2: Personal Information

Week 3: Classroom

Week 4: Politeness

Week 5: Politeness Continued

Week 6: Descriptions

Week 7: Requests

Week 8: Expressing Yourself

Week 9: Midterm Week Part 1 & 2

Week 10: Family & Friends and Home & Living

Week 11: Food & Shopping

Week 12: Offering Declining & Expressing Yourself

Week 13: Attitudes and Opinions & Recreational Activities

Week 14: Travel, Occupations and Experiences

Week 15: The Body and Health

Week 16: Current Events

Week 17: How things are done

Week 18: Finals Week