Beginning American Sign Language I

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SCCCD- Reedley College

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Class Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri, 2:00-3:10pm

Room: Humanities, Room 64

Course: ASL 1-59586

Required Text: *Signing Naturally Student*

*Workbook, Units 1-6 with DVD’s,*

By Smith/Lentz/Mikos

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 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; points will be deducted for each absence. Last day to drop and obtain refund is Friday, January 20. Last day to drop and avoid “W” is Sunday, January 28 via Web Advisor.

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.

Quizzes:

There will be eight quizzes throughout the semester. Quizzes are worth 10 points each. Quizzes will be based on homework assignments, reading, and classroom discussion. There will be no make-ups allowed for quizzes.

Midterm

The Midterm have two parts: a conversational part and a written part. This test will be based on readings, homework, classwork, and class discussions. There will be a review before the test. The Midterm Exam is worth a total of 50 points.

Narrative Presentation

Presentations will be done on a one-on-one basis with the instructor. More information will be provided during class. The Narrative Presentation is worth 25 points.

Final:

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

Article Review Papers:

There will be two article opinion papers for this class. Each paper will be an opinion of a specific article provided in class. You will need to write or type two pages (no-more) on what you learned from the article, your thoughts and your feelings. I want your opinion, so please use “I” in your paper. You will be graded on your understanding of the article; all opinions will be welcome. Papers are worth 25 points each.

Deaf Event Paper OR Book Review 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.

If you are unable to attend an event, you may write a book review and opinion on the book *Deaf Like Me.* You will need to read the whole book, write a brief summary and express the impact the book had on you. These papers are worth 25 points.

Grades will be as follows:

Quizzes (8 x 10 points each) 80

Midterm Exam 50

Final Exam 50

Opinion Paper 1 25

Opinion Paper 2 25

Deaf Event Paper / 25

Book Review Paper

Narrative Presentation 25

Participation/ Homework 50

Total Points Possible: 330

A 330-296

B 295-262

C 261-230

D 229-199

F 198-0

Important Dates:

*No School*-Martin Luther King Jr. Monday, January 16

*No School-*Lincoln’s BirthdayFriday, February 17

Opinion Paper #1 Due Monday, February 6

*No School-*Washington’s BirthdayMonday, February 20

Midterm Conversational Exam Monday & Wednesday, March 6 & 8

Midterm Exam Written Friday, March 10

Opinion Paper #2 Due Monday, April 3

*No School-*Spring Break Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14

Deaf Event/Book Review Paper Due Monday, May 8

*No School-*Finals WeekMonday & Friday, May 15 & 19

Final Exam Wednesday, May 17 @ 2:00pm

Quiz Dates: (will be on Fridays) Jan 13; Jan 20; Feb 3; Feb 24; Mar 17; Mar 31

Apr 21; May 5

Course Outline:

Week 1 & 2: Unit 1

Week 3 & 4: Unit 2

Week 5, 6, 7: Unit 3

Week 8: Review

Week 9: Midterm

Week 10, 11, 12: Unit 4

Week 13: Unit 5

Week 14: Spring Break

Week 15, 16: Unit 5

Week 17: Unit 6

Week 18: Unit 6 & Review

Week 19: Finals Week