

American Sign Language 101
Class: M/W 1100-1250 am
Palomar College, Classroom NS-359
Fall 2011

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

American Sign Language (ASL) 101 is the second semester of a two-year long visual language learning for communicative competency in the Deaf Culture. This course focuses on both the comprehension skills development as well as the manual production of ASL. Six basic categories will be emphasized in the coursework: grammar, vocabulary development, facial expression, fingerspelling, production skills and cultural knowledge. The student learning outcome for students is to be able to use the language skills learned thus far to discuss a current event or news worthy item in ASL. This SLO will be judged on the final exam.

Learning American Sign Language (Purple Book) by Humphries and Padden
ASL-English Comparative Linguistics Handbook (Orange Book) by Struxness and Marable

GRADING POLICY

- Midterm Exam (100 points)
- Final Exam (100 points)
- Joint Homework Assignments (10 point each: total 30)
- Joint Deaf Culture Presentation (10 points)
- ASL Lab or Tutorial Hours (2 points for each hour up to 10: total 20)

Range of Points for Each Letter Grade

234- 260 = A (90% - 100%)
208 - 233 = B (80% - 89%)
182 - 207 = C (70% - 79%)
156- 181 = D (60% - 69%)
0 - 155 = F (0% - 59%)

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Point Accumulation Chart

Homework #1	_____
Midterm Exam	_____
Homework #2	_____
Homework #3	_____
Culture Paper	_____
Absences	_____
ASL Lab Hours	_____
Subtotal	_____

A final grade of "C" (at least 182 points earned) is required for moving up to ASL 205.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Success in this class requires regular attendance. Students are allowed four absences (excused or unexcused) for a four-unit course. Beyond the four absence allotment, ten (10) points will be deducted for each successive absence from the point total for a final grade. Please keep track of your absences.

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Schedule of Class Activities, Homework and Exams

Aug 22 - 1) Syllabus; 2) Student Survey; 3) Buddy System
Aug 24 - 1) Review ABC and numbers; 2) LASL #13; 4) Deaf Culture Topics
Aug 29 - 1) LASL #1 Review; 2) Buddy System; 3) LASL #13; 4) Deaf Culture Topics
Aug 31 - 1) LASL #2 Review; 2) LASL #14; 3) Practice Exam

Sept 5 - **Labor Day - No Class Meeting**

Sept 7 - 1) LASL #3 Review; 2) LASL #14; 3) Practice Exam
Sept 12 - 1) LASL #4 Review; 2) LASL #15; 3) Assign HW #1; 4) **Deaf Culture Paper Due**
Sept 14 - 1) LASL #5 Review; 2) Pair Work for HW #1; 3) LASL #15; 4) Practice Exam
Sept 19 - 1) LASL #6 Review; 2) **HW #1 Due**; 3) LASL #16
Sept 21 - 1) LASL #7 Review; 2) LASL #16 ; 3) Practice Exam
Sept 26 - 1) LASL #8 Review; 2) LASL #17; 3) Assign HW #2
Sept 28 - 1) LASL #9 Review; 2) Pair Work for HW #2; 3) LASL #17; 4) Practice Exam

Oct 3 - 1) LASL #10 Review; 2) **HW #2 Due**; 3) LASL #18
Oct 5 - 1) LASL #11 Review; 2) LASL #18; 3) Practice Exam
Oct 10 - 1) LASL #12 Review; 2) LASL #19; 3) Assign HW #3
Oct 12 - 1) Pair Work for HW #3; 2) LASL #19; 3) Practice Exam
Oct 17 - 1) **HW #3 Due**; 2) LASL #20
Oct 19 - 1) LASL #20; 2) Practice Exam; 3) Got ASL Lab/Tutor hours?
Oct 24 - **Midterm Exam**
Oct 26 - **Midterm Exam**
Oct 31 - Discuss Midterm Exam; 2) LASL #21

Nov 2 - 1) LASL #21; 2) Pair Practice
Nov 7 - 1) LASL #22; 2) Pair Practice
Nov 9 - 1) LASL #22; 2) Pair Practice
Nov 10 - 1) LASL #23; 2) Pair Practice
Nov 16 - 1) LASL #23; 2) Got ASL Lab/Tutor hours?; 3) Pair Practice
Nov 21 - 1) LASL #24; 2) Pair Practice
Nov 23 - 1) LASL #24; 2) Pair Practice
Nov 28 - 1) Material Review; 2) **Last day for Lab/Tutor Hours**

Dec 5 - Material Review
Dec 7 - **Final Exam**
Dec 12 - **Final Exam at 10:00 am**

This syllabus is subject to change



