

ASL 110: Awareness of Deaf Culture
Class: Mondays 600-850pm
Palomar College, SC-4
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

ASL 110 – Awareness of Deaf Culture: An introduction to American Deaf Culture, the history, the community, and the language. Deaf cultural values, characteristics and dynamics will be discussed as well as issues related to minority dynamics, the double/multiple minority in the deaf community. Organizations and individual perceptions of self in relation to group identity, along with political views as examined through articles, books and videotapes will be studied. The goal for the Student Learning Outcome is that students will be able to identify conflicts between cultures where the conflict in views or values occur and how the student would avoid or resolve the conflict.

COURSE TEXTBOOK

Deaf America: Voices from a Culture by Carol Padden and Tom Humphries

Deaf World: A Historical Reader and Primary Sourcebook edited by Lois Bragg

GRADING POLICY

Two Written Exams (100 points each: total 200)

Group Presentation on Book Article (25 points)

Group Presentation on Cultural Conflicts (25 points)

CSDR HC Game, CSDR Tour, Deaf Awareness Day or Mata Expo Event (25 points)

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Success in this class requires regular attendance. Students are allowed three absences (excused or unexcused). Beyond the three absence allotment, ten (10) points will be deducted for each successive absence from the point total for a final grade.

Range of points for each letter grade

247 - 275 = A (90%-100%)
220 - 246 = B (80%-89%)
193 - 219 = C (70%-79%)
138 - 192 = D (50%-69%)
0 -137 = F (0%-49%)

Schedule of Classwork, Presentations and Exams

- August 22 - Syllabus; Presentation Assignments
- August 29 - Buddy System; Video *Through Deaf Eyes*
- September 5 - **Labor Day Holiday - No Class Meeting**
- September 12 - Video *An Inside View*
- September 19 - Video *Values*; Presentations
- September 26 - Chapter 1; Video *Language & Traditions*; Presentations
- October 3 - Chapter 2; Video *Group Norms*; Presentations
- October 10 - Chapter 3; Video *Rules for Interactions*; Presentations
- October 17 - Chapter 4; Video *Tools for a Cross-Cultural Adventure*; Presentations
- October 25 - **Midterm Exam**; Video *A Sign of Respect*
- October 31 - Chapter 5; Video *A Sign of Respect*; Presentations
- November 7 - Chapter 6; Video *The Preservation of ASL*; Presentations
- November 14 - Chapter 7; Video *See What I Mean*; Presentations
- November 21 - Video *See What I Mean*; Presentations
- November 28 - Video *See What I Mean*; Presentations
- December 5 - Video *The Lives of Deaf Mexicans*; Presentations
- December 12 at 5:45 - **Final Exam**

This syllabus is subject to change

