

American Sign Language 205  
Class: TTh 230-420 pm/430-630  
Palomar College, MD-222  
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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**American Sign Language (ASL) 205** is the third 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 production of ASL. Six basic categories will be emphasized in the coursework: grammar, vocabulary expansion, facial expression, fingerspelling, production skills and cultural understanding. The student learning outcome for students is to demonstrate their ability to notate ASL in ASL gloss after having received a signed message from the instructor. This SLO will be judged on the final exam.

### **COURSE TEXTBOOK**

*Learning American Sign Language* by Humphries and Padden  
*Signing Naturally Level II* by Mikos, Smith and Lentz  
*Conversational Sign Language II* by Madsen  
*ASL-English Comparative Linguistics Handbook* by Struxness and Marable

### **GRADING POLICY**

Midterm Exam (100 points)  
Two Grammar Quizzes (20 points)  
Final Exam (100 points)  
Lab/Tutor Hours (1 pt each hour up to 15 hours: total 15) - last day on Dec 2  
Deaf Event: CSDR HC Game, CSDR Tour, DAD or Mata Expo (25 points)  
A picture of your deaf event attendance is required for credit

### **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.

### **RANGE OF POINTS FOR EACH LETTER GRADE**

### **Point Accumulation Chart**

234 - 260 = A (90% - 100%)  
208 - 233 = B (80% - 89%)  
177 - 207 = C (68% - 79%)  
143 - 176 = D (55% - 67%)  
0 - 142 = F (0% - 54%)  
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Midterm Exam	_____
Grammar Quiz #1	_____
Grammar Quiz #2	_____
ASL Lab/Tutor Hours	_____
Deaf Event	_____
Absences	_____
Subtotal	_____

### **Important Notice**

**Successful performance in an ASL class requires the similar level of commitment as any other foreign language class. You are responsible for being prepared for major exams and quizzes. This means you need to invest a sufficient number of hours studying and practicing the specified course content outside the class time. Studying at regular intervals works better for many students, especially those who have somewhat weak ASL backgrounds.**

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### **Schedule of Important Class Activities**

**Sept 6 - Labor Day Holiday**

**October 6 – Grammar Quiz #1**

**October 18/20 – Midterm Exam**

**Nov 17 - ASL Grammar Quiz #2**

**Dec 3 - Last Day for Lab/Tutor Hours**

**Dec 6/8 - Final Exam**

**This syllabus is subject to change**

