American Sign Language 206
Class: MW 400-550 pm
Palomar College, MD-222
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

American Sign Language (ASL) 206 is the fourth 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
1100 Words You Need to Know by Bromberg and Gordon

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

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

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 5 - Labor Day Holiday

October 5 – Grammar Quiz #1

October 24/26 – Midterm Exam

Nov 16 - ASL Grammar Quiz #2

Dec 3 - Last Day for Lab/Tutor Hours

Dec 7/12 - Final Exam

This syllabus is subject to change