

Course: CMSD 4830: American Sign Language III
Date: Fall Semester 2006

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Office Hours: By appointment only

Textbooks: *Signing Naturally II*
Signing Naturally III
Inside Deaf Culture
ASL Series: Birds of a Feather
Outside Readings assigned by Instructor

Materials: 2 Blank VHS Tapes
8mm Tape

Course Objectives:

1. Exhibit receptive mastery of ASL dialogues and narratives
2. Exhibit expressive mastery of spontaneous ASL dialogues and narratives
3. Exhibit knowledge of ASL and Deaf Culture

Course Description:

The course is a continuation of ASL development skills with an emphasis on more advanced comprehension and expression, increased exposure to more complex grammatical structures, further study of Deaf folklore and cultural aspects of language use. You will be more responsible for signing yourself in and out of the classroom.

Grading:

After the semester is over, your grade will be posted. The grade is final once it is posted.

90-100	A
87-89.99	B+
80-86.99	B
77-79.99	C+
70-76.99	C
60-69.99	D
Below 60	F

Evaluation:

There will be no make-up quizzes unless otherwise excused. If you arrive late for a quiz or exam, you will be permitted to take up the quiz or exam from the point at which you arrive. No signing prior to that point will be repeated. You will receive your grade accordingly. There are 5 quizzes scheduled during this course. Only 4 of these 5 will count toward your grade. The day of the final exam, you are requested to put in writing and submit to me which quiz grade you want dropped. Failure to do so will result in first 4 quiz grades being counted, regardless their scores.

Here is how the grading system is broken down:

Attendance, Class Activities	5%
Pop quizzes	5%
Deaf Immersion Hours	10%
Scheduled Quizzes (5)	20%
Midterm (Expressive, receptive, and/or written)	20%
Final Exam (Expressive, receptive, AND written)	20%
Expressive Sign Presentations (4)	20%

Deaf Immersion Events:

Attend 4 events and write a report on your experiences. Two reports are due on or before **October 4, 2006**. The other two are due on or before **December 1, 2006**. ASL Club will NOT count for any of these four events.

Use the following format for your report:

1. Name of the Event
2. When held and times
3. Describe your experience and give supporting details
4. What made you comfortable or uncomfortable?
5. What did you learn? Please be specific.
6. How were you involved in the event?
 - a. Observing
 - b. Meeting Deaf people on your own/ Introducing yourself
 - c. Meeting Deaf people with aid of a teacher or a friend
 - d. Conversing with Deaf people
 - e. Requesting help from a Deaf person

Expressive Signing Assignments:

The following assignments may be due for class demonstration OR videotaped. These assignments will be announced by the instructor. Here are the deadlines:

Assignment # 1	September 6
Assignment # 2	October 11
Assignment # 3	November 15
Assignment # 4	Final Exam Day

Dates of the Scheduled Quizzes:

Quiz # 1	August 28
Quiz # 2	September 18
Quiz # 3	October 9
Quiz # 4	October 30
Quiz # 5	November 20

Midterm:

The midterm will be given on October 4, 2006. More details forthcoming.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be assigned to you individually. To avoid confusion and schedule conflicts, as soon as the instructor knows with certainty the date, the time, and the location, the information will be shared with the class. However, be aware the date will fall between December 8 and 14.