

Course: CMSD 4840: American Sign Language IV
Date: Spring Semester 2007

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Office Hours: By appointment only

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

Materials: Blank VHS Tapes

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.** I will NOT remind you of this again after the first day of class. 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	10%
Deaf Immersion Hours	10%
Scheduled Quizzes (4 out of 5)	15%
Midterm (expressive, receptive, and/or written)	15%
Final Exam (expressive, receptive, and/or written)	15%
Expressive Sign Presentations (4)	15%
Storytelling Showcase (details TBA, to be held after the Spring Break)	20%

Deaf Immersion Events:

Attend 4 events and write a report on your experiences. Two reports are due on or before **February 27, 2007**. The other two are due on or before **April 26, 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, and/or
 - 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	January 30
Assignment # 2	February 27
Assignment # 3	March 27
Assignment # 4	Final Exam Day

Dates of the Scheduled Quizzes:

Quiz # 1	January 30
Quiz # 2	February 27
Quiz # 3	March 27
Quiz # 4	April 17
Quiz # 5	TBA

Midterm:

The midterm will be given on **February 27, 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 May 2 and 8.