

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL OF COLLEGE
Clan 102 American Sign Language I
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Instructor Information:

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Course Information:

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Clan 101

Meeting Day(s): Tuesdays, Thursdays **Meeting Time(s):** 9:35 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

Course Description:

Presents the basic skills used in American Sign Language. Includes vocabulary and grammar related to the exchange of personal information, introductions and negotiating the environment of sign conversation. Uses workbooks and videotapes. (First of four courses in ASL. Credit by examination is available.)

Core Learning Outcomes:

Students completing this course will be able to:

1. Develop appropriate use of ASL signs.
2. Participate in dialogue with ASL users or classmates.
3. Learn how to interact with ASL users or classmates.
4. Understand the fundamental grammatical rules of ASL.
5. Use expressive and receptive skills.
6. Improve the comprehensive skills for communicating with ASL users or classmates.
7. Differentiate the meaning of ASL signs in different contexts.
8. Write effective, organized, clear, and grammatically correct English in a format appropriate for a specific subject, purpose, and audience.
9. Generate and evaluate alternative solutions to problems when determining the most appropriate way to communicate using ASL in unfamiliar situations.
10. Display academic honesty and adhere to professional standards in their fields.
11. Value the importance and responsibility of the individual.
12. Appreciate lifelong learning and understand its applicability to their educational goals.
13. Acknowledge a plurality of cultural and personal values and will demonstrate respect for the right of others to express their viewpoints with particular emphasis on deaf culture.
14. Examine a global issue/event from the perspective of the deaf community and deaf individuals.
15. Recognize the importance of American Sign Language in understanding cultural differences.

16. Work cooperatively in groups with diverse membership and contribute to the group's efforts with ideas and suggestions.

Instructional Methods:

No Voice.....use eyes to read ASL/facial and body expressions.....The class will be conducted in a lecture style and through various class participation activities including, individual, pairs and group work. The instructor will physically help students to produce correct handshapes and expressions.

Text(s) for Course:

Smith,C., Lentz, E., Mikos, K., 1“**Signing Naturally Level** -Student Videotext and workbook,” Dawn Sign Press, San Diego, CA.

Hillebrand, Linda Lascelle with Lottie L. Rickehof, “**The Joy of Signing Puzzle Book**”

Evaluation Methods: Grading

Letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F will be assigned in this course. Grading will be based on the following factors:

- 1) Attendance
- 2) Participation in the class activities and assignments
- 3) Performance on quizzes, assignments, evaluations and games.
- 4) Mastery of content presented, receptively and expressively.

90 -100% = A
89 – 80% = B
79 – 70% = C
69 – 60% = D
Below 59% = F

Attendance Policy: <required>

The student is expected to attend all the classes expect in case of serious illness, emergency, hardship and religious holidays. They are responsible for conferring with the class instructor to determine whether the absence is excused. Class attendance is very important. Excessive absences will affect the student's academic performance and will have a negative impact on his or her final grade. No make up tests/quizzes will be provided if miss on that day supposed to have quizzes or tests. The grade will be zero if you miss the quiz or test on that day.