

Beginning American Sign Language

I. Course Description Beginning American Sign Language I: An introduction to Deaf culture and the signs and syntax of ASL.

II. Course Goals and Objectives

Students Will

- A. Develop basic sign vocabulary
- B. Learn ASL sentence structure, facial expressions and body language
- C. Gain knowledge of Deaf Culture
- D. Learn to express thoughts in ASL using no voice or written English

III. Course Outline

- A. First Semester
 - 1. History of Sign Language
 - 2. Getting Started: The Basics
 - 3. Basic Hand Shapes
 - 4. Hints for Better Signing
 - 5. The Manual Alphabet
 - 6. Family, People, and Pronouns
 - 7. Home, Clothing, and Colors
 - 8. Food and Eating
 - 9. Actions and Related Words
- B. Second Semester
 - 1. Sports, Recreation, and Hobbies
 - 2. Animals, Nature, and Science
 - 3. Travel, Holidays, Location, and Direction
 - 4. Thoughts, Emotions, and Abstract Ideas

IV. Instructional Materials

- A. Flodin, Mickey, *Signing Illustrated*, The Berkley Publishing Group, New York, NY, 1994

V. Teaching Method

- A. Teacher - Student Discussion
- B. Reading from Textbook

VI. Evaluation

- A. Assignments
- B. Sign Production and Class Participation
- C. Semester Projects

VII. Grading Scale

100-90% = A

89-80% = B

79-70% = C

69-60% = D

59 & below = F