

Oswego State Department Of Modern Languages & Literatures
ASL 102 ~ Spring 2012

800 (5-6:20 Tu Th) Cam Ctr 256 & 810 (6:30-7:50) Cam
Ctr 258

Instructor: Laura Corey **Office Hours:** Cam Ctr 262 ~ Tu /Th
4:30-5:00

Course Objectives:

Students will continue to develop basic receptive, expressive and interactive communication skills in American Sign Language. Students will also gain awareness of additional aspects of Deaf culture and the Deaf community.

About the Course:

Welcome to ASL 102. This course is for students who have successfully completed ASL 101. We will continue to learn the third most widely used language in the United States.

In ASL 101 the emphasis is on learning the language in context. Students will learn intermediate level American Sign Language vocabulary and use it in grammatically correct sentences, and short conversations. Students will end the course by telling a short story in ASL.

Students begin with a review of vocabulary and concepts learned in ASL 101. Then, learn intermediate language concepts, cultural behaviors and issues such as: classifiers; non-manual markers; role-shifting; getting attention; asking for repetition; name signs; meeting others; technology used by deaf people; the Deaf presidents of Gallaudet University. Many language concepts are addressed in the following general categories: getting and giving directions; identifying and describing others; family and occupations; health; personality characteristics; animals; talking about routines; numbers & time.

Deaf culture and issues that impact the Deaf community are an important part of this course! We continue our study by reading an additional text.

ASL is practiced, in class, through a variety of cooperative learning activities, and at home, through the use of the Signing Naturally DVD. An important aspect of ASL instruction involves conducting class in sign, thus the goal is for students to learn without using their voice.

Students with Disabilities:

If you have a disabling condition which may interfere with your ability to complete this course successfully, please inform me as soon as possible and contact the Office of Disabled Student Services (phone: 312-3358)

Intellectual Integrity Policy:

Intellectual integrity on the part of all students is basic to individual growth and development through college course work. When academic dishonesty occurs, the teaching/learning climate is seriously undermined and student growth and development are impeded. For these reasons, any form of intellectual dishonesty is a serious concern and is therefore prohibited.

For more information visit: http://www.oswego.edu/administration/registrar/policy_text.html#cp11

Course Requirements:

There will be announced and unannounced quizzes, a midterm exam, 2 projects, and a comprehensive final exam. You will be given assignments each day to help you practice and expand upon the material presented in class. Some of the exercises assigned will be collected. Refer to your Study Guide for details. You are expected to devote 1-2 hours of study/preparation to this course each day in addition to class time. Plan to come to every class prepared.

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Midterm Exam	20%	Quizzes & Homework	20%
Projects	20%	Final Exam	20%
Participation	20%		

Materials:

A helpful **web site** with a video dictionary:

<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

(although this is a good site, please check with the instructor before using signs found here)

The following are required and are available at Oswego's College Bookstore:

Signing Naturally Level 1 (Workbook & DVD)

Cheri Smith, Ella Mae Lentz, Ken Mikos

Dawn Sign Press, 1988

For Hearing People Only 3rd Edition

Matthew S. Moore & Linda Levitan

Deaf Life Press/MSM Productions, 2003

THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PHRASE BOOK

Lou Fant

Contemporary Books, 1994

Deaf in America

T. Humphries & C. Padden

Harvard University Press, 1988

Class Expectations:**Attendance**

It is important that you come to every class. ASL is a visual language and must be demonstrated. We will be covering a lot of material every class and it will be hard to catch up if you miss class.

Homework

Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. E-mailed assignments will not be accepted. If you do not hand in an assignment you will get a zero. If the assignment is handed in at the end of class or by the class following the due date you will receive ½ credit for the assignment. No work will be accepted after this time.

DVD or computer/printer problems are NOT acceptable excuses for late assignments. Have a “back-up” plan.

Quizzes & Exams

There will be a quiz each class. Occasionally, extra credit questions, taken from homework readings or class activities, will be given on quizzes. All exams must be signed by the instructor. Absence from an exam due to illness or other emergency must be documented before a make-up exam is scheduled. There are no make-ups for quizzes. However, your lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

Signing/Voice

The best way to learn a language is to use it. Students will be expected to sign in class instead of using their voice. Please avoid the temptation to voice what is signed or ask someone for an explanation in English. Keep watching, most of the time you will figure it out! However, if you still do not understand, sign “don’t understand” and the instructor will try to explain it a different way. If all else fails...write yourself a note and ask the instructor at break or after class. Sign as much as possible. Use what you know. A participation grade may be taken for use of ASL.

Questions for the Instructor

My office hours are before class. Please try to see me during those times or by appointment. My e-mail is asl3@windstream.net