

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
COURSE SYLLABUS
FALL TRIMESTER, 2009**

COURSE : ASL 101

TIME : Every other Tuesday, 5:30 – 9:30 (class meetings)
Off Tuesdays TBA (labs and other events)

TERM : Fall Trimester, 2009

***** This class requires additional labs on the 'off' week.
This will be discussed the first night of class.**

CLASSROOM : Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN
Room TBA

INSTRUCTOR : Eileen Bruns – Home Phone 282-9334
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OFFICE HOURS : Before/after class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Beginning American Sign Language I : An introduction to Deaf culture and the signs and syntax of ASL

COURSE OBJECTIVE: Students will:
A) develop basic and intermediate sign vocabulary
B) learn ASL sentence structure, facial expressions and body language
C) gain general knowledge of Deaf Culture
D) learn to express thoughts in ASL using no voice, written English or glossing

HOMEWORK : Students are expected to complete homework before class meetings, and should be prepared to participate in the review of these assignments.

TEXTBOOK : **REQUIRED**
A Basic Course in American Sign Language, 2nd Edition
Tom Humphries, Carol Padden, Terrence J. O'Rourke
TJ Publishers, 1994

ATTENDANCE : **EXPECTED** Class attendance is essential to success in learning ASL. Attendance is recorded each class, and two or

more absences will result in a lower final grade. If an absence cannot be avoided, please let the instructor know in advance in order to obtain an excused absence. An extra credit assignment may be given.

EVALUATION METHOD :: Standard methods of evaluation will be used such as quizzes, assignments and a final exam. Students will also be graded on sign production and participation in discussions.

Students may earn up to 10 points of extra credit when approved!

GRADING SCALE

A = 100 to 90

B= 89 to 80

C= 79 to 70

D= 69 to 60

F= 59 and below

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS :

Students are required to study the Manual Alphabet (ASL) on page 243 and be prepared to fingerspell their names and other proper nouns.