

STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND ARTS

COMM 2903 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I

CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION: Basic conversation using American Sign Language. Emphasis on expressive as well as receptive skills. Knowledge regarding Deaf Culture is included as it pertains to linguistics.

NO PRE-REQUISITE FOR THIS COURSE.

CREDIT/CONTACT/LOAD HOURS: 3/3/3

TARGET AUDIENCE AND TRANSFER: This course is designed for students interested in learning the basics of the American Sign Language for the Deaf. The course may transfer to other institutions as elective credit.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Identify specific components of the Deaf culture.
2. Identify regional dialects.
3. Demonstrate growth in receptive skills.
4. Organize, structure, and express messages through signing.

REQUIRED TEXT

"Signing Naturally"

TOPICS

Linguistics, Deaf Culture, use of space, body language and movement, verb tenses, vocabulary, expressive skills, receptive skills.

REQUIRED INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. One mid-term exam (students will view videotape of signed situations and write down discourse observed)
2. One final exam (students will view videotape of signed situations and write down discourse observed)
3. Students will sign a short story of their individual choice

REQUIRED FORMS OF ASSESSMENT

One section of this course is offered each semester. No assessment is conducted at this time.

RESOURCES

Videos, handouts, guest presenters, short stories, vocabulary lists.