Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

ASL 100   American Sign Language I

CREDIT HOURS: **3**.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This introductory course is designed to develop the basic skills of American Sign Language. It consists of a preparatory phase to attune students to communication in the manual-visual mode, followed by instruction and practice in vocabulary, sentence structure, elementary conversation, and literature.

PREREQUISITES: None

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:
- Develop basic ASL communication skills with appropriate vocabulary and grammatical structures
- Develop an emphasis on communicative and linguistic functions
- Acquire and use basic conversational vocabulary, appropriate question and negation forms, facial expressions, classifiers, counting system, manual alphabet, time elements, basic sentence structures and creation of plural forms
- Develop a vocabulary of approximately 800 signs over the semester
- Create grammatically correct sentences using appropriate body and facial expression
- Receptively translate signed ASL sentences to proper written English form
- Comprehend short ASL dialogues containing vocabulary used in class

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9%= B
70%-79.9%= C
60%-69.9%= D
<60% = E