



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

ASL 110 Introduction to Deaf Culture

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class is designed to introduce the students to the deaf community as a complex and diverse community with a rich heritage and prosperous future. This course focuses on three aspects of the deaf community and culture: 1) historical perspectives and cultural norms within the deaf community, 2) diversity within the deaf community and 3) artistic expression and humor.

PREREQUISITES: None

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- Understand the historical perspectives and cultural norms of the deaf community
- Understand the diversity within the deaf community
- Understand the artistic expression and humor in the deaf community
- Discuss the educational, social and political history of the American deaf community
- Describe the deaf culture, including features and biases people have towards deaf people
- Research and analyze an oral-only vs. a total communication approach to education of the deaf
- Demonstrate knowledge of ASL as a legitimate language

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