

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
FALL TRIMESTER, 2008**

**COURSE :** ASL 101

**TIME :** Every other Tuesday, 5:45 – 9:45 (class meetings)  
Off Tuesdays TBA (labs and other events)

**TERM :** Fall Trimester, 2008

**\*\*\* This course requires additional class meetings.  
This will be discussed and a schedule will be set  
the first night of class.**

**LOCATION :** Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE, Rochester, MN  
Room TBA

**INSTRUCTOR :** Eileen Bruns – Home Phone 282-9334  
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**OFFICE HOURS :** Before/After Class. Please make arrangements in advance.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION :** Beginning American Language 1 : An introduction to Deaf Culture and the signs and syntax of ASL

**COURSE OBJECTIVES :** Students will:

1. develop basic and intermediate sign vocabulary
2. learn ASL sentence structure, facial expressions and appropriate body language and gestures
3. gain general knowledge of Deaf Culture
4. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition  
Tom Humphries, Carol Padden, Terrence J. O'Rourke  
T J 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.

**EVALUATION METHOD :** Standard methods of evaluation will be used such as quizzes, assignments, class participation and final exam. Both receptive and expressive skills will be evaluated. Students may earn extra credit as well.

**GRADING SCALE :**

**A = 100 - 90**

**B = 89 – 80**

**C = 79 – 70**

**D = 69 – 60**

**F = 59 and below**

**ASSIGNMENT FOR THE FIRST CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

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