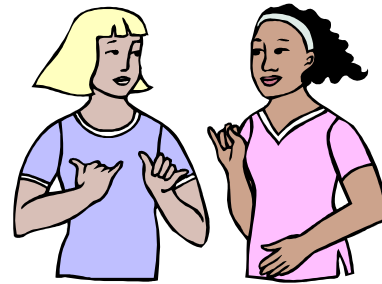


Shepherd University White Hall 106
Conversational Sign Language I
SIGN 101 Fall 2010



Instructor: Debra McCauley-Tokach, M.S., M.S.

Textbook: **Signs of the Times** by Edgar H. Shroyer

COURSE DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES

The course is designed to develop an awareness of Deafness and the implications it holds for the Deaf person and other family members. Both sign language and fingerspelling will be presented in a conversational manner.

More specific course objectives include:

- *to become familiar with American Sign Language and sign systems
- *to become aware of cultural aspects of the Deaf community
- *to acquire knowledge of the history of sign language
- *to review the causes of deafness
- *to develop both expressive and receptive signing (Pidgin) and fingerspelling skills
- *to become involved in at least one social situation frequented by individuals who are Deaf

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- *Quizzes-70 points (receptive and expressive)
 - 7 of your highest quiz grades will be used of the 9 quizzes given
 - make-up quiz given only with physician's note
 - quizzes may or may not be scheduled
 - scheduled quizzes will be announced one week in advance
- *Opportunities-30 points
- *Attendance/Class Participation-mandatory
 - 1 point added to final grade for every 5 classes attended
- *Cell phone use (any form) not permitted during class

COURSE OPPORTUNITIES

- *Silent Supper/Deaf Coffee (occur monthly)-15 points
- *attend MSD athletic event-15 points
 - Google: Maryland School for the Deaf Frederick Maryland athletic schedule
- *group trips to WVSD in Romney (arranged by instructor)-15 points
- *review activity (see instructor)-5 points
- *index card internet review-10 points (10 topics of your choice)
 - 4x6 cards (10) -website + brief summary of article
- *other (speak with instructor about your ideas)

TRIPS TO WVSD IN ROMNEY

This semester you will have opportunities to be responsible for planning and carrying out an activity for the children in the School for the Deaf's Elementary Department Dormitory. It may be necessary to limit the number of CSL I students who go on each trip according to the activity planned.

GRADING

Your final grade will be an accumulation of points following the scale below:

A	91 - 100	D	61 - 70
B	81 - 90	F	60 or below
C	71 - 80		

All index card internet reviews may be turned in at any time but will not be accepted after **November 16**; attendance at athletic events, coffees, etc. and all other opportunities must be completed by **November 30**.

If you are having difficulty with any aspect of class we will meet at a mutually agreeable time. Please contact me at either of the phone numbers below if you would like to arrange a meeting; please do not use e-mail to arrange a meeting time. Phone calls made to my work number may be made between 8:30 am and 8:45 am or between 3:30 pm and 3:45 pm.

Home/Cell: 304-702-8797 Work: 540-888-4550 (Gainesboro Elementary)

e-mail: tokachd@frederick.k12.va.us (work email)
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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

From the 2009-2011 University Catalog, page 56:

Cheating in all its forms, including plagiarism and cheating on visual work, is considered an academic matter to be controlled and acted upon by the individual faculty member.

Students guilty of academic dishonesty on examinations in any course shall receive, as minimum penalty, a grade of F in that course. Such action shall be taken by the instructor, with written notification to the appropriate College administrators. Repeated offenses shall subject the student to suspension or dismissal from the college. Students involved in facilitating the academic dishonesty among others, such as the unauthorized dissemination of examination materials, will be subject to disciplinary action beyond that called for by their own cheating in the course.

WEEKLY TOPICS...

...will be determined as the course progresses and the needs of the class are determined.

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Online Sign Dictionaries: www.handspeak.com and www.aslpro.com

