

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: American Sign Language (ASL)
2. Course Number: 203
3. Course Title: Comparative Analysis of American Sign Language to English
4. Credit Hours: 3
5. Course Description: Enhanced study of the fundamental principles and cognitive processing of American Sign Language. Includes a further study of the Deaf community and Deaf culture.
Prerequisite: ASL 202 with a grade of B or better and ENG 102 or Consent of Instructor. May be taken for S/U credit. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals: To provide continued development of second language fluency with special attention to cultural aspects of language use.

C. Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, student will:

1. discuss the role of the classifiers in American Sign Language;
2. discuss the linguistic aspects of verb modulation/inflection;
3. explain the functions of eye-indexing, pronominalization, compounding, contracting, sign space referents, facial grammar, relative clauses and conjunctions;
4. list three critical components of language;
5. diagram and describe the sign language continuum of manually coded English, Rochester Method; American Sign Language; Pidgin Sign Language, and oral;
6. discuss basic comparisons between American Sign Language and English semantics, morphology, phonology, and syntax;
7. discuss American Sign Language as a living language including historical changes of American Sign Language, current trends, and future predictions;
8. read, write, and explain the role of basic gloss transcription;
9. and produce an American Sign Language research paper demonstrating necessary research writing skills using an approved discipline related style format.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment will include:

1. course grades determined by the instructor as outlined in the course syllabus;
2. essays and/or reflection papers;
3. and written and video exam.

E. Course Content will include:

1. history of American Sign Language;
2. language requirements;
3. linguistic fields;
4. communication systems;
5. animal communication;

6. assimilation/symmetry principles;
7. American Sign Language/English Comparisons;
8. time/tense indicators;
9. semantics;
10. morphology;
11. syntax;
12. phonology;
13. facial grammar;
14. sign space;
15. modulation/inflection;
16. and classifiers/SASSes.