J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ASL 295
Credits: 3

Course Title: Topics in ASL: American Sign Language III

Course Description: Develops vocabulary, conversational competence, and grammatical knowledge with a total immersion approach. Introduces increasingly complex grammatical aspects, including those unique to ASL. Discusses culture and literature. Encourages contact with the Deaf Community to enhance linguistic and cultural knowledge. Part I of II. Prerequisite: ASL 102 or permission of instructor. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To continue to develop intermediate-level ASL conversational fluency and provide students with meaningful interactions exemplifying Deaf culture.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
Prerequisite: ASL 102 or permission of instructor

Course Objectives:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Make a suggestion, make a request, and ask for permission;
b. Complain about someone or something they know;
c. Appropriately role shift between two characters;
d. Utilize two perspectives when describing an individual or a thing;
e. Incorporate appropriate mouth movements (e.g., adverbials) when using classifier predicates to describe an individual or a things;
f. Describe the structure of and accurately perform an ASL narrative; and
g. Incorporate appropriate non-manuals, prosody, and signs when transitioning from one topic to another during narration.

Major Topics to Be Included:
a. Making complaints, suggestions, and requests
b. Exchanging personal information
c. Identifying and describing things
d. Utilizing different perspectives to describe and talk about people and things
e. Utilizing classifier predicates

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: February 20, 2015