Orientation Letter
SIGN 110: Deaf Culture
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Section: 13733

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On Campus Meeting Dates: (all Mondays)
- Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
- March 9th and March 23rd
- April 13th and April 27th
- May 11th
- June 1st

On Campus Meeting Location/Time: MENH-240 (Valencia Campus) 4:00 – 6:20 PM


WELCOME

Welcome to SIGN 110: Deaf Culture! This is a Hybrid course meaning the course is conducted both on-line through Blackboard and on-campus meetings. In order to access course information, it is crucial that you become familiar and have working knowledge of Blackboard since this is where you will find and complete assignments and take quizzes and exams through the semester. Please note: Knowledge of American Sign Language is not a requirement for this course!

Course Description:

Studies various aspects of American Deaf Culture, including the description of deafness, deaf people, the Deaf community as defined by audiology and/or cultural means, services and organizations for and by Deaf people, and culture as reflected in the arts and language of Deaf people. Field assignments required.

Attendance and Course Participation:

- **On Campus:** your attendance in on-campus meetings is crucial to this course. These meetings will consist of in-depth discussion related to course material and Deaf Culture, thus attendance is mandatory. Failure to attend and participate in these meetings will significantly impact your grade.

- **On-line Participation:** Student participation in our virtual classroom is critical to your success. While there will be indepth discussions during our on-campus meetings, there will be several discussions that occur on-line. In addition, there are several assignments that you will post online, test and quizzes.
**Technology requirements:**

You must have regular access to the Internet, a good web browser (Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox work well), and a word-processing program such as Microsoft Word. There will be readings from the course textbook as well as online articles and websites.

**Blackboard:**  [https://bb9.canyons.edu](https://bb9.canyons.edu)

If you already have an account in Blackboard, use your regular login information. *If you do not have an account*, one has been created for you. Your login information is:

- Username: 7 digit student ID number
- Password: student

**Blackboard Support:** If you are new to online courses or the features on Blackboard, I strongly suggest that you utilize support available through the online tutorial at [http://www.canyons.edu/BBTutorial](http://www.canyons.edu/BBTutorial) which covers:

- How to log into Blackboard
- How to change your password
- How to enter your email address
- How to post to the Discussion Board
- How to reply to the Discussion Board
- How to take Quizzes/Exams in Blackboard

There are also a variety of short videos tutorials that can be found on YouTube to answer many questions or to help you navigate and use Blackboard.

You may also want to become familiar with the information on Blackboard at the Distance Learning website:  [http://www.canyons.edu/Offices.DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/Offices.DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx)

The course syllabus will contain specific information about grading and projects required for this course.

I look forward to meeting all of you on our first on-campus meeting date: **Monday, Feb. 9th from 4:00 – 6:20 p.m.**

If you have any general questions prior to that date, feel free to email me at: Patricia.Ivankovic@canyons.edu.

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