GENERAL STUDIES COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM
(ONE COURSE PER FORM)

1.) DATE: 1/30/17

2.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Maricopa Co. Comm. College District

3.) COURSE PROPOSED: Prefix: SLG Number: 212 Title: Deaf Culture Credits: 3

CROSS LISTED WITH: Prefix: Number: ; Prefix: Number: ; Prefix: Number: ;

4.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATOR: Raymond M. Baesler PHONE: 623-845-3640

FAX: 623-845-3674

ELIGIBILITY: Courses must have a current Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) evaluation. Courses evaluated as NT (non-transferable are not eligible for the General Studies Program.

MANDATORY REVIEW:

☐ The above specified course is undergoing Mandatory Review for the following Core or Awareness Area (only one area is permitted; if a course meets more than one Core or Awareness Area, please submit a separate Mandatory Review Cover Form for each Area).

POLICY: The General Studies Council (GSC) Policies and Procedures requires the review of previously approved community college courses every five years, to verify that they continue to meet the requirements of Core or Awareness Areas already assigned to these courses. This review is also necessary as the General Studies program evolves.

AREA(S) PROPOSED COURSE WILL SERVE: A course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. Although a course may satisfy a core area requirement and an awareness area requirement concurrently, a course may not be used to satisfy requirements in two core or awareness areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirements and the major program of study.

5.) PLEASE SELECT EITHER A CORE AREA OR AN AWARENESS AREA:

Core Areas: Select core area... Awareness Areas: Cultural Diversity in the United States (C)

6.) On a separate sheet, please provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

7.) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

☒ Course Description
☒ Course Syllabus
☒ Criteria Checklist for the area
☒ Table of Contents from the textbook required and list of required readings/books
☒ Description of how course meets criteria as stated in item 6.

8.) THIS COURSE CURRENTLY TRANSFERS TO ASU AS:

☒ DEC prefix
☒ Elective

Current General Studies designation(s): None

Effective date: 2017 Fall Course Equivalency Guide

Is this a multi-section course? ☒ yes ☐ no

Is it governed by a common syllabus? ☒ yes ☐ no

Chair/Director: DR. JIM REED, GCC

Chair/Director Signature: [Signature]

AGSC Action: Date action taken: ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Effective Date:
Rationale and Objectives

The contemporary "culture" of the United States involves the complex interplay of many different cultures that exist side by side in various states of harmony and conflict. The history of the United States involves the experiences not only of different groups of European immigrants and their descendants but also of diverse groups, including, but not limited to, American Indians, Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans—all of whom played significant roles in the development of contemporary culture and together shape the future of the United States. At the same time, the recognition that gender, class, and religious differences cut across all distinctions of race and ethnicity offers an even richer variety of perspectives from which to view ourselves. Awareness of our cultural diversity and its multiple sources can illuminate our collective past, present, and future and can help us to achieve greater mutual understanding and respect.

The objective of the Cultural Diversity requirement is to promote awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity within the contemporary United States through the study of the cultural, social, or scientific contributions of women and minority groups, examination of their experiences in the U.S., or exploration of successful or unsuccessful interactions between and among cultural groups.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

**ASU--[C] CRITERIA**

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

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<td>The course is an in-depth study of culture-specific elements, cultural experiences, or cultural contributions (in areas such as education, history, language, literature, art, music, science, politics, work, religion, and philosophy) of gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States.</td>
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<td>This course offers an in-depth exploration of Deaf culture in the United States and the contributions of that culture from the early 1800s to the present. Particular focus is placed on the view of deafness as a culture versus deafness as a disability. The evolution of a Deaf minority within a hearing majority and the consequences of that juxtaposition will help students better understand the importance of understanding and communication where cultural diversity exists.</td>
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| Criteria 2a: The course is an in-depth study of culture-specific elements, cultural experiences, or cultural contributions (in areas such as education, history, language, literature, and politics) of a linguistic minority group within the United States. | The primary goal of this course is to show that Deaf people are best understood from a cultural rather than a pathological or medical perspective. Students will learn how culture is defined and how that definition can be applied to the Deaf experience. Special emphasis is placed on the enculturation process of Deaf individuals. In addition, students will compare Deaf cultural norms with their own. Students will also view the Deaf experience through the lens of Deaf art and literature (both in English and American Sign Language). | **Course Description:**
Linguistic, social, educational, and political issues in deaf culture. Values and group identity issues as related to heritage and literature. Special emphasis on the cultural and philosophical attitudes shared with other minority groups.

**Course Competencies:**
1. Describe the development of deaf education in the United States.
2. Explain both past and present political actions influencing the deaf community.
3. Explain the issue of the bi-cultural/bi-lingual movement and how it relates to deaf literature and heritage.

**MCCCD Official Course Outline:**
III. Political Forces
A. Legislation
B. Disability
C. Accessibility
D. Advocacy
E. Leadership
F. Minority issues
G. Oppression
H. Institutional education
I. Mainstreaming
V. Bi-lingual/Bi-culture Model
A. Literature
B. Folklore
C. Heritage
D. Attitudes
E. Art

**Film:**
The Heart of the Hydrogen Jukebox |

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| Criteria 2c: The course is primarily a study of the social, economic, political, or psychological dimensions of relations between and among gender, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups within the United States. | The notion that Deaf people are members of a linguistic minority and not a disabled population is examined through analysis of the following:
1) the recognition of American Sign Language as a natural language
2) the diverse segments of the Deaf community
3) the tension between the Deaf and disabled communities, and
4) how Deaf people have developed solutions for effective | **Course Description:**
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**Course Competencies:**
4. Describe identity, values, and group interaction in deaf culture.
6. Describe technological

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**MCCC Official Course Outline:**

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   A. Historical perspective
   B. Education
   C. Communication
   D. Employment

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I. Mainstreaming

IV. Deaf Community
   A. Organization
   B. Resources
   C. Athletics
   D. Identity
   E. Values
   F. Social aspects
   G. Subcultures
   H. Parenting issues

VI. Technology
   A. Captioning
   B. Federal/state funded telecommunications
   C. Computers
   D. Assistive devices
   E. A.S.L. (American Sign Language) linguistic research
   F. Film and videotape

**Film:**

*Sound and Fury*
DeafCulture

Course: SLG212  Lecture 3 Credit(s) 3 Period(s) 3 Load
First Term: 2015 Summer
Course Type: Occupational
Final Term: Current
Load Formula: S

Description: Linguistic, social, educational, and political issues in deaf culture. Values and group identity issues as related to heritage and literature. Special emphasis on the cultural and philosophical attitudes shared with other minority groups.

Requisites: Prerequisites: SLG202, or permission of Department or Division. Completion of prerequisites within the last three years is required.

MCCCD Official Course Competencies

1. Describe the development of deaf education in the United States. (I)
2. Define terminology as related to the deaf community. (II)
3. Explain both past and present political actions influencing the deaf community. (III)
4. Describe identity, values, and group interaction in deaf culture. (IV)
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   B. Hearing impaired
   C. Hard-of-hearing
   D. Deafened
   E. Oralist
   F. Pre/post lingual
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Last MCCCD Governing Board Approval Date: 12/14/2004

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Raymond Baesler
Faculty - Communication & World Languages

Contact

Biography
My office is located in Building O-2 108. You can meet with me there during my posted office hours or by appointment. My office phone number is (623) 845-3640; however, the best way to contact me is via email. My address is raymond.baesler.jr@gccaz.edu

You can contact me through the Canvas messaging system. Just click on the Inbox icon on the left side of this window, and send a message. Keep in mind that direct email will reach me faster.

OFFICE HOURS (Spring 2017)
Mon & Wed......... 10:00am - 11:00am
Tue & Thu.......... 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri..................... 8:00am - 10:00am (by appointment)

If these time do not fit your schedule, we can arrange a time to meet on campus OR make arrangements to meet virtually via Skype or FaceTime. To meet virtually, it is best to make an appointment so I am sure to be in my office with the appropriate software on.

On Skype my username is raymondbaesler
On FaceTime contact me at raymond.baesler.jr@gccaz.edu

Links
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Membership(s)

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Course Syllabus

Course Title

*Deaf Culture, SLG 212*

Section: 33968, Tue/Thu 5:45pm-7:00pm  
Format: Face-to-face  
Room: LA-107  
Spring 2017

Instructor Information

If you click on the **People** link to the left, you will find my contact information and office hours.

Course Schedule

*This calendar* shows a tentative schedule for the semester. *The calendar* includes the homework assignments for each class meeting.

I reserve the right to change *the course calendar* in order to meet the needs of the class.

Final Written Exam: May 9, 2017  
NO CLASS MEETINGS ON MAR 14 or MAR 16

Course Description

SLG 212 is an exploration of linguistic, social, educational, and political issues in deaf culture. We will examine values and group identity issues as related to Deaf heritage and literature. Special emphasis will be placed on the cultural and philosophical attitudes shared with other minority groups.

Course Competencies

Click here ([https://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/acres.woa/wa/freeForm2?id=79139](https://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/acres.woa/wa/freeForm2?id=79139)) to see the official course competencies and outline.

Grading Policies

**Exams** - There will be 3 exams this semester. A missed exam may be made up only in the case of an official (excused) absence. Other missed exams will be assigned a grade of zero.

**Reaction Papers** - There will be 3 films shown during the semester. After you have seen a film in class, you will write a 1-2 page reaction paper describing your response to the film. You will also write (and
share with the class) a short reaction to either an assigned community event OR a short summary of your research on a community or government organization that provides advocacy of services to people with hearing loss.

**Presentation** - Students will prepare and present a 5-7 minute presentation about a Deaf person. Specific requirements for this presentation will be given in class. *A missed presentation can be made up only in the case of an official (excused) absence. Other missed presentations will be assigned a grade of zero.*

**Research Paper** - Students will prepare a 5-7 page research paper on a topic related to the course material. Specific requirements for this paper will be discussed in class.

**Other Assignments** - In-class work and other homework assignments are to be completed as assigned.

**Late assignments**
- Late work is accepted until the class period following the due date, for half-credit.
- Late/make-up work is not accepted for an in-class assignment.

**Pass/Fail** - This class is not offered for a grade of Pass/Fail.

**Incomplete** - No Incomplete grades will be assigned.

**Course Points Available**

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**Grading Standards**

**Letter Grade Percent Range**
- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 0-59%
Attendance

Absences are counted beginning with the first class meeting of the semester. If you are absent more than twice during the term, I reserve right to drop you from this course.

Official (excused) absences are defined by the Maricopa Community College District as:

(1) Absence due to involvement in an official activity of Glendale Community College. These absences require the student to have an official absence form signed by the instructor and filed in the Office of Student Life prior to the absence.

(2) Jury duty or subpoena. Documentation is required prior to the absence.

(3) Major religious holiday. At least one week prior to the absence, the student must provide the instructor a written statement which includes the holiday being observed, the date of the holiday, and the reason the absence is unavoidable.

(4) Death of an immediate family member. If possible, please notify the instructor prior to the absence.

(5) All other absences are unofficial and are considered unexcused.

Classroom Policies

Cell Phones, etc. - Turn off all electronic devices and put them away out of sight during class. If you frequently use your phone during class, you may be considered absent.

Tardiness - Do not be late to class. It is disruptive and impolite.

Participation - Students are expected to complete all assignments given by the instructor and to participate in group and individual activities in class.

No sunglasses or hats are to be worn during class.

Classroom communication - Both hearing and Deaf people participate in this class. When necessary, a sign language interpreter will facilitate communication. To make this interaction as smooth as possible, conversational turn-taking is essential and will be enforced.

Key Expectations

This class requires active involvement, attendance, and acquisition of the textbook by week one. Completing assigned reading and homework after each class is also expected. All students should allot 2-3 hours of study per credit hour of class. For a 3 credit hour class, this equals 6-9 hours of study per week outside of class time.

Student Rights & Responsibilities

The Student Handbook (http://www.gccaz.edu/catalog/) has information on your rights and responsibilities. Click on the book cover to open the book. Please make note of the following sections:

- Copyright Act Compliance
Textbook(s)


This book is available in the GCC bookstore. You may also order it from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Introduction-American-Professional-Perspectives-Deafness/dp/0199777543) or [Barnes & Noble](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/introduction-to-american-deaf-culture-thomas-k-holcomb/1111740742)

Other readings may be assigned and provided by the instructor.

Other Required Resources

While this class does not require you own your own computer and have Internet access, you do need to have a computer with Internet access available to you to submit many of your assignments. *Canvas is used in this course to disseminate information and course materials as well as for submitting many assignments.*

Computers are available for your use in the GCC Student Union, Library, HT1 and HT2.

Student Responsibility

Every student is expected to know and comply with all current published policies, rules and regulations as printed in the college catalog, class schedule, and or student handbook as well as in this syllabus.

You **MUST** complete the Canvas Orientation Module to acknowledge receipt of this information.

Disability Statement

If a student has a disability that requires accommodations, please notify the Instructor and Disabilities Services and Resources (623-845-3080). This instructor cannot make accommodations without formal notification from the GCC DSR Office.

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**Disclaimer:** Course content may vary from this outline at the instructor's discretion to meet the needs of this particular group.
This course introduces students to aspects of Deaf culture and community in the United States. The distinction between culture and community is reviewed, and characteristics of each are identified. Students learn about the language, norms of behavior, values, traditions, and education of deaf people. Deaf culture and community are analyzed from a historical and sociological perspective. Cross-cultural issues relating to the role of hearing people within the Deaf community are also covered.

Deaf culture is recognized and studied by anthropologists, ethnographers, folklorists, and others interested in culture and cross-cultural communication. The textbook used in this course, *Introduction to American Deaf Culture*, by Thomas Holcomb provides students with a variety of perspectives on the language and culture of Deaf people in America and introduces students to Deaf culture, American Sign Language, and the struggle of Deaf people to gain control of their individual and community identity.
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