Elementary American Sign Language (SL 001)
Guideline for Research Paper

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You must use at least one article from the Gallaudet Encyclopedia (GE) or American Annals for the Deaf (AAD) as a starting place to find a topic. Then do more research from other sources and more current information once the topic is approved.

You must have authorization from the instructor for your specific topic prior to beginning your research paper. You must follow the topic that was approved by the instructor. (Put it at the end of your paper.)

Your research paper must be submitted via www.turnitin.com, and follow the MLA format. The Writing Lab has all of the MLA format guidelines and specifications. APA style will also be accepted if you have the instructor’s authorization at the time of your topic approval.

You may submit your MLA outline for the teacher to review, but the teacher will not proof/review your complete written paper. You may make an appointment with the Writing Lab for help in the writing process.

Your research paper must be turned in on time, by the due date given in the syllabus. See syllabus for more information on late papers.

Your research paper must contain at least one major perspective from the Deaf community (Cultural perspective NOT a Pathological or Medical perspective.)

Your paper must reflect depth to your research. i.e. how much information on the topic you were able to gather and report upon. Cursory reviews or broad generalization of articles will not suffice.

Your research paper musts have a Minimum of three (3) references, with at least one reference from Gallaudet Encyclopedia (GE) OR American Annals of the Deaf (AAD).

Avoid plagiarism, cite your sources. If a source is a major reference for your paper, cite it consistently and continually throughout your paper. If you would like more information on plagiarism and how to avoid it you may ask your instructor or visit http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html.

Your research paper must have a Works Cited page.

You must keep any drafts (to avoid plagiarism issues) to prove you did the work, if needed. (These do not need to be turned in, they are for your safety only.)

You must assume that the audience reading your paper does not know ASL or Deaf Culture.

Your analysis must come to a conclusion that needs to be a synthesis of your research. Your opinions on the approved topic should be reflected here. Your paper should be written in the third person, with the exception of your conclusion, which can be in the first person.

Your paper must bee a minimum of 1800 words.

Assignments will be uploaded to www.Turnitin.com by their due date.

Assignments will not be accepted in hard copy.