

**Del Mar College**  
**American Sign Language & Interpreting Program**

**Course:** SLNG 1215: Visual/Gestural Communication  
**Credit Hrs:** Two (2)  
**Prerequisite:** None

**Course Description:**

Development of skills in non-verbal communications. Emphasizes the use and understanding of facial expression, gestures, pantomime, and body language.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- The student will communicate using mime, body language, facial expression, and other visual/gestural strategies
- The student will be able to create and perform stories, narratives, and poems in a visual mode
- The student will be able to interact and respond appropriately to visual/gestural communications.

**Required Text & Materials:**

*From Mime to Sign* by Gilbert Eastman

**Objectives:**

- Recognize and reproduce a variety of line and shape configurations. c5 (2)
- Understand the concept of signer's perspective. c6 (5)
- Demonstrate recognition, confirmation and location of gestured objects. c7 (3)
- Communicate using mime, body language, facial expression and other visual/gestural strategies. c7 (5)
- Create and perform stories in a visual mode. c17 (2)
- Respond appropriately to visual/gestural communications. c13 (2)
- Demonstrate the ability to make information more visual. c7 (5)
- Effectively communicate ideas in English on exams, reports, and journal entries. c1 (5), c3 (4), c5 (4), c6 (5), c7 (4), c8 (4)
- Work as a team member with fellow students. c9 (3)

The SCANS competencies identified by the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills have been infused into this course. Specific competencies are indicated at the end of the targeted course objectives by the code C and a number. The SCANS were developed to close the gap between training and workplace know-how. Your instructor will explain the anticipated level of proficiency.

**Student Grades will consist of:**

In class work  
Quizzes  
Videorecorded presentations  
Tests (2)  
Final exam

The job of an interpreter is very demanding and requires a tremendous amount of discipline. It is our goal to help you gain the knowledge and skills necessary for your future career. As such, the faculty of this program have adopted the Health Science Grading Scale as shown in the Del Mar College Catalog and Student Handbook, which is as follows: **A = 100-90%; B = 89-83%; C = 82-75%; D = 74-70%; F = below 70%.** Students in the American Sign Language & Interpreting Program must pass with a grade of C or higher to receive credit for this class.