Module 5 Assignment: ASL 205L

1. Review vocabulary in Learning American Sign Language (LASL) Units 1-24. It is important for you to memorize vocabulary. Have you made flashcards? Drill yourself on vocabulary until recognition of each sign is automatic. Go over your class notes. If your teacher has taught you any new signs that are not in units 1-24 or if you are farther along in your class, take time to remember and practice all vocabulary before you go on.

2. Re-read the grammar and culture notes in Units 20 and 21 of LASL. Study and practice using each grammatical feature that the textbook discusses. How is an adjective modified in ASL to convey a repeated state or condition? An on-going or continuous condition? Intensity (eg: very hot, very cute, very beautiful, very smart, etc)? Read the “Note” on page 288. If the sign UNDERSTAND is used in this manner, the English meaning would be, “but only if (some condition is met).” Remember to take good notes on information you learn from both LASL and SN.

3. Practice signing exercises in LASL Units 20-21. We are taking this time for review to make sure each student has a solid foundation of the vocabulary and grammatical features included in these units.

4. Complete workbook exercises in SN Unit 10. Remember that you will have to rewind often to do each exercise. Many students find Unit 10 and 11 to be harder than Unit 12. If you feel that these units have been too difficult, you may want to back to an earlier unit or even the beginning of the workbook. Earlier lessons are easier, so they won’t take much time and may be a very good investment. You will have to rewind several times in order to complete the exercises. You may find Unit 10 to be a bit challenging. Many students have trouble with this unit. If you get stuck, be sure to ask a lab assistant for help. After this week, we will be moving on to Signing Naturally, Level Two, so please let me know if you don’t yet feel ready.

5. If you have more than a couple of incorrect answers in each section, go back and review the videotape. Can you see now what went wrong? If you are having substantial difficulty with any of the sections even after you checked the answers in the back of the book,
write a short paragraph to explain what you are struggling with and email it to me with this week’s assignments.

6. Respond in writing to the following questions and email it to me with this week’s assignments:
   - What do you still find most confusing about the grammar in Units 1-21 of LASL?
   - How well do you know the vocabulary in Units 1-24 of LASL?
     o Very well, okay, or not very well
   - What unit of Signing Naturally, Level 2 is your teacher covering right now in your ASL 3 class?
   - What do you still find most confusing in Units 10-12 of SN?
   - How well do you know the vocabulary in SN?
     o Very well, okay, or not very well

7. If you have completed these assignments and still have time, watch a videotape of your choice. Write down the name and producer of the video. What did you think about the video you chose? In what ways was it most helpful? What about the video was least helpful? Include the assessment of the video you watched along with your response to number five and six and email to me at mbsmith@palomar.edu.