

Fall 2007

Dear students of 74.201.99 – History Education and Guidance of the Deaf,

Welcome to a new experience in deaf education on the Bloomsburg University campus. For the second time ever, we are offering our History Education and Guidance of the Deaf class in an online fashion. Having taught this course for 27 years, I'm familiar with the content but am experiencing an incredible learning curve in offering the course online. I'm looking forward to working with you in this exciting new format.

Please realize that you will need several things to be a member of this class:

1. A Blackboard account login can be obtained once you are officially registered for the course. You must use your bloomu.edu email account for all participation in this class.
2. WIBMA is contained in Blackboard and can be found under "Communications" and "Live Classrooms". (WIMBA is a tool for providing online courses via video, audio, and text through the Internet.) Please log into Blackboard and enter the Live Classroom to do the set up at least 2 hours before class. If you can not log into Blackboard, please let me know and I will send you the URL for the Wimba class.
3. Hearing students will need a headset and microphone which can be obtained from any store that sells audio and/or computer equipment such as Wal*Mart, Radio Shack, Staples, etc.
4. Deaf students will be provided a video interpretation as well as closed captioning of the lecture.
5. You will need to purchase the text for the course which is: Moores, Donald. (2001) *Educating the Deaf: Psychology, Principles, and Practices*. Fifth Edition, Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.
6. Also required is Slike, S. *Readings for 74.201 History, Education and Guidance of the Deaf/HH* (available in the Bloomsburg University bookstore).
7. Please realize that everyone will need to be patient as we explore the use of this new technology.

Our first class meeting will be on Tuesday, August 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and will occur every Tuesday of the semester. Your participation in these Tuesday night sessions will be calculated into your final grade. Our class is a "Real-Time Live" class.

Please let me know that you have received this email by replying to me at sslike@bloomu.edu.

I look forward to working with you and expect to learn as much as you do this semester.

Dr. Slike