AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF STUDIES

Associate in Arts in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
and
Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

This curriculum is designed to prepare students for paraprofessional positions in areas of deaf education (instructional aides, dorm counselors, etc.), research, human services, or community services. This program will also help students with other majors and with their personal and/or professional contacts with Deaf persons.

Requirements for Associate in Arts Degree:

a) Complete Major Field, Major Field Electives, and Supporting Courses with a grade of C or better.

b) Complete Plan A, B, or C General Education requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.

c) Complete at least 60 degree-applicable units with a 2.0 grade point average.

d) Complete at least 12 units at Ohlone College.

Requirements for Certificate of Achievement:

a) Complete Major Field and Major Field Electives.

b) Complete at least six units at Ohlone College.

c) Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in Major Field and Major Field Electives.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Employ the knowledge and skills in ASL that will support the undertaking of study and employment in education of the Deaf, interpreting, and in various professional and paraprofessional occupations in which the ability to communicate using American Sign Language is essential.

2. Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate in ASL with diverse members of the Deaf Community in all types of settings.

3. Acquire and apply their knowledge of the Deaf Community, Deaf Culture, Deaf Education, and all aspects of Deaf Life so that the student will become an effective advocate working with the Deaf to advance understanding and support for Deaf related issues which impact the lives of Deaf children and adults worldwide.
MAJOR FIELD
ASL-101A Principles of American Sign Language I 5
ASL-102A Principles of American Sign Language II 5
ASL-103A Principles of American Sign Language III 5
ASL-104A Principles of American Sign Language IV 5
ASL-140 Deaf Education OR 3
DEAF-330 Educating the Deaf (3)
ASL-142 Deaf Culture OR 3
DEAF-311 Introduction to American Deaf Culture (3)
ASL-150 Linguistics of ASL OR 3
DEAF-312 Linguistics of ASL (3)
ASL-152 Advanced Fingerspelling 1
ASL-154 Advanced American Sign Language Vocabulary 2
ASL-156 Advanced Reception of ASL 3
ASL-160 American Sign Language Field Work OR 1
ASL-161 American Sign Language Field Work (2)

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MAJOR FIELD ELECTIVES
Complete at least three of the following courses:
ASL-145 Deaf History 3
ASL-155 ASL Literature (Folklore) 3
ASL-157 ASL Storytelling 3
ASL-158 Classifiers in ASL \( \frac{3}{9} \)

SUPPORTING COURSES
These supporting classes are approved California State Education Requirements for the California School for the Deaf.

Complete a minimum of three semester units in at least three different areas from those listed below:

Child Growth and Development:
Select three units from:

Education Techniques:
Select three units from:

English Composition or Report Writing:
Select three units from:
ASL-155, ENGL-101A, ENGL-101B, ENGL-101C

Health, Science, and Hygiene:
Select three units from:

Psychology, Sociology, Behavioral Sciences, Handicapping Conditions, Family Life, Social Work, or Rehabilitation:
Select three units from:
PSY-101, PSY-112, SOC-101, SOC-102

Recreational Planning and/or Physical Education Methodology for Children:
Select three units from:
PE-250-PE-379

Total Required Units: 54-55