

DEAF STUDIES (AA DEGREE A0944)

Humanities and Social Sciences Division Degree A0944

The Mt. San Antonio College Deaf Studies Program's mission is to increase the knowledge and inspire students to appreciate Deaf people as a cultural and linguistic minority with a breadth and depth of rich histories, languages, cultures, and experiences; and prepare them for advanced degrees and careers with Deaf people while cultivating their professional dispositions.

Taught through a framework of social justice and communication equity about how to be an ally to the community through immersion of various intersections of Deaf culture and language. This knowledge and framework are the foundation to careers in advocacy, speech and language pathology, teaching, and counseling.

The Deaf Studies degree is comprised of three parts: language, core classes, and electives. Mt. SAC offers language classes from American Sign Language 1 to American Sign Language 5, Deaf Studies core classes, and electives. Upon graduation, students are encouraged to transfer for advanced degrees and work in a variety of settings in the Deaf community. This program is distinct from the Sign Language interpreting Program and does not focus on interpreting skills and knowledge. However, it complements the interpreting program by providing a strong foundation in Deaf Studies.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
SIGN 101	American Sign Language 1	4
or SIGN 101H	American Sign Language 1 - Honors	
SIGN 102	American Sign Language 2	4
SIGN 103	American Sign Language 3	4
SIGN 104	American Sign Language 4	4
SIGN 105	American Sign Language 5	4
SIGN 201	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
SIGN 202	Cultures in the Deaf Community	3
SIGN 206	Social Justice and Intersectionality within the Deaf Community	3
SIGN 208	Creative Uses of American Sign Language	3
SIGN 212	American Sign Language Features and Linguistics	3
Required Electives: Choose a minimum of 5 units		5
SIGN 108	Fingerspelling, Numbers and Classifiers	
SIGN 214	Lengua de Señas Mexicana (LSM) and Mexican Deaf Culture	
SIGN 223	Introduction to Interpreting	
SIGN 299	Special Projects in Sign Language/Interpreting	
Total Units		40

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a professional disposition.
- Increase knowledge and inspire appreciation for Deaf people as a cultural and linguistic minority with a breadth and depth of rich histories, languages, cultures, and experiences.

- Use the foundation of acquired knowledge to be prepared for advanced degrees and careers with Deaf people. Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.