

SIGN LANGUAGE/ INTERPRETING (CERTIFICATE T0801)

Humanities and Social Sciences Division Certificate T0801

The Mt. San Antonio College Interpreter Training Program is designed to prepare individuals for careers as Sign Language Interpreters. Interpreters are needed wherever communication happens between the hearing community and the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. There are an endless number of settings in which this communication takes place. Interpreters are employed by school districts, cruiseship companies, corporations, government agencies, hospitals, colleges and universities, and a vast number of other organizations and private businesses.

Program Preparation: Preparation for the program includes fluency in American Sign Language demonstrated by the completion of SIGN 104, (or the equivalent skill) and English fluency demonstrated by the completion of ENGL 1A.

National Certification: There are many specialties within the field of Sign Language Interpreting, but the focus of this program is on preparing the interpreter generalist. Although requiring some type of certification is becoming more common in California, there are still many job opportunities for the precertified interpreter.

Completing the certificate in Sign Language/Interpreting does not make one a "Certified Interpreter"; however, graduates of this program are encouraged to apply for National Interpreting Certification (NIC) through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) at www.rid.org (<http://www.rid.org>).

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Core Courses		
SIGN 105	American Sign Language 5	4
SIGN 108	Fingerspelling	2
SIGN 201	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
SIGN 202	American Deaf Culture	3
SIGN 210	American Sign Language Structure	3
SIGN 220	Translation: American Sign Language and English	4
SIGN 223	Principles of Interpreting	3
SIGN 225	Ethical Decision Making for Interpreters	2
SIGN 227	Cognitive Processing for Interpreters	4
SIGN 231	Interpreting	4
SIGN 232	Advanced Interpreting	4
SIGN 239	Applied Interpreting	2
Required Electives		
Choose three courses from the following:		5-5.5
SIGN 240	Vocabulary Building for Interpreters	
SIGN 250	Interpreting with Classifiers	
SIGN 260	Video Interpreting	
SIGN 299	Special Projects in Sign Language/Interpreting	
Total Units		43-43.5

Sign Language/Interpreting Department Website (<http://www.mtsac.edu/sign-language/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

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

- Apply Demand Control Schema (DC-S) Theory to the field of Sign Language Interpreting.
- Given an English narrative, successfully give a functional equivalent message in ASL in a simultaneous mode.

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.

Looking for guidance? A counselor can help. This Guided Pathways for Success (GPS) is a suggested sequence of coursework needed for program completion. It is not an official educational plan. Schedule an appointment (<https://esars2012.mtsac.edu/appointments/counseling/eSARS.asp?WCI=Init&WCE=Settings>) with a counselor or advisor as soon as possible to create an individualized Mountie Academic Plan (MAP) specific to your goals and needs.

Course	Title	Units
Fall Term 1		
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition ⁴	4
SIGN 101	American Sign Language 1 ⁴	4
SIGN 201	Introduction to Deaf Studies ³	3
ENGL 1A prerequisite for SIGN 227 ⁷		
SIGN 101 preferred completion in summer or winter ¹		
Units		11
Winter Term 1		
SIGN 102	American Sign Language 2 ⁴	4
Units		4
Spring Term 3		
SIGN 232	Advanced Interpreting ⁴	4
Units		4
Fall Term 4		
SIGN 225	Ethical Decision Making for Interpreters ²	2
SIGN 239	Applied Interpreting ²	2
SIGN 299 elective course preferred w/SIGN 239 ⁹		
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Units		4
Spring Term 1		
SIGN 108	Fingerspelling ²	2
SIGN 103	American Sign Language 3 ⁴	4
SIGN 202	American Deaf Culture ³	3
SPCH 1A	Public Speaking ⁴	4
SPCH 1A prerequisite for SIGN 231 ¹		
Units		13
Fall Term 2		
SIGN 104	American Sign Language 4 ⁴	4
SIGN 105	American Sign Language 5 ⁴	4
SIGN 210	American Sign Language Structure ³	3
SIGN 220	Translation: American Sign Language and English ⁴	4
SIGN 223	Principles of Interpreting ³	3
SIGN 105 recommendation to have completed prior to ⁵ this term; 14 units is required to stay on track ⁴		

to completion	to completion	
	Units	18
Spring Term 2		
SIGN 227	Cognitive Processing for Interpreters ⁴	4
Electives: SIGN 240, 250, 260 299 3 courses ³		
(5-5.5 units) to be completed this semester ⁵		
following terms as noted; may be taken fall/spring ^{following}		
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	Units	4
Fall Term 3		
SIGN 231	Interpreting ⁴	4
SIGN 201 202 may be completed before this term ²		
	Units	4
Winter Term 3		
SIGN 240 possible for elective ⁰		
	Units	0
	Total Units	62