

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

The Associate in Arts in American Sign Language (ASL) program is designed for students who wish to acquire verbal and written language proficiency, develop an awareness of Deaf culture, and pursue a career or further degrees in ASL, Deaf Studies, interpreting, linguistics, education, audiology, and other related fields. ASL is taught using the communicative approach, emphasizing conversational practice, work with authentic texts, linguistic competence, and cultural awareness.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Engage in conversation and interactions with users of ASL employing the necessary rules of pronunciation, grammar, and syntax.
- Understand and interpret ASL and respond to it at all levels of proficiency.
- Understand and interpret texts (video) in ASL at various levels of proficiency.
- Convey information, concepts, and ideas in text (video) of the target language to an audience on a variety of topics.
- Exhibit a comprehensive understanding of Deaf culture and its social and cultural influences.

## Associate in Arts Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Core</b>		
LING 10	Foundations of Language	3
SIGN 1A	Elementary American Sign Language I	5
SIGN 1B	Elementary American Sign Language II	5
SIGN 2A	Intermediate American Sign Language	5
SIGN 2B	Advanced American Sign Language II	5-6
or SIGN 10 & SIGN 20	Structure and Culture of American Sign Language and Introduction to Deaf Culture	
<b>TOTAL MAJOR UNITS</b>		<b>23-24</b>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>		<b>36-37</b>
Complete Competency Requirements, general education pattern (MPC General Education, CSU General Education, or IGETC), and electives, if needed, for a total of 60 degree-applicable units.		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.