

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language (ASL) promotes fluency in ASL and an understanding of ASL culture. This is an eighteen unit program of study of a second language and its culture that prepares students to interact appropriately with Deaf persons in a variety of settings, including education, retail, medicine, entertainment, and community services. The program assists students who are seeking careers in a wide variety of fields that value multilingualism and multiculturalism, and/or cater specifically to Deaf consumers. The Certificate of Achievement establishes ASL linguistic and cultural fluency as a foundation for further studies in ASL, linguistics, ASL interpreting, or Deaf Studies.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Communicate in American Sign Language at an intermediate-high level as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).
- Critically examine and comprehend the culture, values and practices of Deaf Americans.

Certificate of Achievement Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
SIGN 1A	Elementary American Sign Language I	5
SIGN 1B	Elementary American Sign Language II	5
SIGN 2A	Intermediate American Sign Language	5
SIGN 10 or SIGN 20	Structure and Culture of American Sign Language Introduction to Deaf Culture	3
Total Units		18

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.

The model sequence of coursework below is one pathway for students to complete the program. The information below is not an official educational plan. An MPC Counselor can assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. Visit MPC's Counseling website for more information about Counseling and up-to-date program requirements.

Suggested Course Sequence

Year 1		Units
Fall		
SIGN 1A	Elementary American Sign Language I	5
Units		5
Spring		
SIGN 1B	Elementary American Sign Language II	5
Units		5

Year 2		
Fall		
SIGN 2A	Intermediate American Sign Language	5
SIGN 10 or SIGN 20	Structure and Culture of American Sign Language or Introduction to Deaf Culture	3
Units		8
Total Units		18