



## DEAF STUDIES

### Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts in Deaf Studies degree prepares interested students for a multitude of careers working with Deaf and hard of hearing people in fields such as Deaf Studies, ASL/English Interpretation, Deaf Education and social services by providing the foundation needed in American Sign Language to pursue these programs at the university level. A series of four courses in the language and a Deaf Studies course comprise the core requisites of the degree, which can be completed in two years along with fulfillment of general education requirements. Field experiences embedded within the coursework provide a deeper exploration into the culture of the Deaf community, as well as the complex phonocentric and audist systems which marginalize and oppress deaf people in public spaces. This critical exploration will expand recognition of Deaf people as a unique cultural group and prepare students to effectively work with and engage deaf people in ways that support and empower the community.

★ It should be noted that this degree alone is not adequate qualification to interpret or to work within most ASL-related professions. At minimum, a Bachelor's degree is required to interpret, teach or work professionally with deaf children or adults in most fields. The A.A. in Deaf Studies will provide the necessary foundation to pursue these goals. *For more information contact: Emily Zwaal (805) 678-5074 [ezwaal@vcccd.edu](mailto:ezwaal@vcccd.edu).*

Required Core Courses		Units
ASL R101	American Sign Language I	4.0
ASL R102	American Sign Language II <i>*Prerequisites: ASL R101</i>	4.0
ASL R103	American Sign Language III <i>*Prerequisites: ASL R102</i>	4.0
ASL R104	American Sign Language IV <i>*Prerequisites: ASL R103</i>	4.0
ASL R110	Introduction to Deaf Studies <i>*Prerequisites: ASL R102</i>	3.0
<b>Total Required Major Units</b>		<b>19.0</b>
Oxnard College General Education		29.0
Double-Counted Units		-(6.0)
Free Electives Required		+ 18.0
<b>Total units required for the AA Degree</b>		<b>60.0</b>

**\*\*General Education** This A.S/A.A. degree requires completion of the Oxnard College General Education Pattern\*\*