



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 those enrolled in other majors who are interested in learning ASL for practical purposes, a separate Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language is offered for which only the core coursework is required. For more information contact: Emily Zwaal (805) 678-5074 ezwaal@vcccd.edu .

REQUIRED CORE CLASSES		UNITS
ASL R101	American Sign Language 1	4.0
ASL R102	American Sign Language 2	4.0
ASL R103	American Sign Language 3	4.0
ASL R104	American Sign Language 4	4.0
ASL R110	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3.0
Total Required Major Units		19.0
General Education: Students will be allowed to choose the General Education pattern that best aligns with their educational goals from those offered by Oxnard College. These patterns are: the OC General Education pattern, CSU GE-Breadth , or IGETC . Students who select CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC must also complete local graduation requirements in Health and PE.	Total Required Major Units	19
	Oxnard College General Education	29
	Double-Counted Units	-(6)
	Free Electives Required	18
	Total Units Required For the A.A. Degree	60
	OR	
	Total Required Major Units	19
	CSU GE-Breadth	39
	Health	3
	Physical Education	1
Double-counted Units	-(6)	
Free Electives Required	4	
Total Units Required For the A.A. Degree	60	
OR		
Total Required Major Units	19	
IGETC	37	
Health	3	
Physical Education	1	
Double-counted Units	-(6)	
Free Electives Required	6	
Total Units Required For the A.A. Degree	60	

★ **General Education: A.S./A.A. degrees require completion of the Oxnard College General Education pattern**