

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

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General Description

Recognized by ACTFL as a foreign language taught in K-12 and higher learning education, American Sign Language (ASL) is used prevalently in the Deaf community. While ASL is one of the five most studied foreign languages in the United States, the field of study is rapidly growing in research, cross-cultural studies, teaching, and interpreting.

ASL is a visual language embedded with rich cultural beliefs, systems, and heritage. This program offers students a rich opportunity to learn ASL and prepare for transfer to a four-year institution. These language and culture courses scaffold students' learning experience and heightened awareness to communicate effectively and interact appropriately in the community—the program focus on building sign language competency in an entry-level scope.

Career Options

Acquiring ASL and understanding Deaf culture are monumental and vital skills to attain in any vocation working with Deaf and hard of hearing individuals. With this set of skills, one can communicate with Deaf and hard of hearing individuals in a wide array of occupational opportunities and not limited to government, business, medicine, healthcare, education, technology, social services, and public services.

Degree/Certificate Options	Major Code
Certificate of Achievement	
American Sign Language (http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/american-sign-language/american-sign-language-coa/)	01486

Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.

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