



Deaf Culture and American Sign Language Studies

A.A. Degree

PART TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2025-26

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 63.5

Start Term: Fall

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall)

13 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	DEAF 310 American Sign Language I	4		
Req	DEAF 351 Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3		4
GE	ENGL C1000 Academic Reading and Writing or	3		1A
	ENGL C1000H ^H Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	3		
GE	MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		2

Semester 2 (Spring)

13.5 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	DEAF 312 American Sign Language II	4	DEAF 310	
Req	DEAF 320 Fingerspelling, Classifiers and Numbers	0.5	DEAF 310	
Req	DEAF 352 Introduction to American Deaf Education	3	DEAF 351	
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall)

11 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	DEAF 314 American Sign Language III	4	DEAF 312	
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

This degree prepares students for entry-level positions such as paraprofessional services in an individual or group setting, in an educational or social services agency which serves deaf clients.

Advising Notes:

- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-G ETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).

Scheduling Notes:

- DEAF 370 is offered in the fall.
- DEAF 352 and 355 are offered in the spring.
- All of the other DEAF courses are offered in both fall and spring.

Other Notes:

- This program can be started in the spring as well. See a counselor to adjust the coursework.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course ¹	1		5C

¹ The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course.

Semester 4 (Spring)

13 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	DEAF 316 American Sign Language IV	4	DEAF 314	
Req	DEAF 355 Audism and Inequality of the Deaf	3	DEAF 351	
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B

Third Year

Semester 5 (Fall)

13 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	DEAF 318 American Sign Language V	4	DEAF 316	
Req	DEAF 370 Linguistics of American Sign Language	3	DEAF 316	
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course in a discipline other than DEAF	3		4
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6

^H honors courses

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list