



# Deaf Studies A.A. Degree

This degree provides an introductory overview of the Deaf community and American Sign Language in cultural context. Students completing this degree will develop an understanding and respect for the Deaf culture, which will enable them to collaborate effectively with Deaf people for the empowerment of the Deaf community. This degree provides students with the psychosocial dynamics necessary to work in an educational or social service setting or to pursue an advanced degree at a 4-year institution.

**Total Units:** 60-63

## First Year

### Semester 1

14-15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>DEAF 310</b> American Sign Language I	4		F, S	
<b>DEAF 351</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3		F	
<b>CRC Area II(a)-Writing Competency</b>	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	
<b>CRC Area II(b)-Math Competency</b>	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	
<b>CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity</b>	1		F, S, Su	

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### Semester 2

19 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>DEAF 312</b> <sup>Z</sup> American Sign Language II	4	DEAF 310	F, S	
<b>DEAF 352</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to American Deaf Education	3		S	
<b>CRC Area I-Humanities</b>	3		F, S, Su	
<b>CRC Area IV-Natural Science</b>	3		F, S, Su	
<b>CRC Area V(a)-American Institution</b>	3		F, S, Su	
<b>CRC Area V(b)-Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>	3		F, S, Su	

## Career

### Options/Outlook:

Interpreters and Translators interpret oral or sign language, or translate written text from one language into another. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

### A sample of reported job titles:

Court Interpreter, Deaf Interpreter, Educational Interpreter, Interpreter, Medical Interpreter, Paraprofessional Interpreter, Sign Language Interpreter, Spanish Interpreter, Technical Translator, Translator

### Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

1,340

### Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

28% growth

### Median Salary in California (2021):

\$71,050/yr

### Source:

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<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/27-3091.00>

## Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

## General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC Area, CSU Area or IGETC Area without pre- or co-requisite can be taken at any semester.

## Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

## About this program map:

This program map 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 map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

## Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

# Year 2

## Semester 3

14-16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>DEAF 314</b> <b>Z</b> American Sign Language III	4	DEAF 312	F	
<b>DEAF 360</b> <b>Z</b> Deaf Art	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>CRC Area III(b)-Life Development Skills</b>	3		F, S, Su	
<b>CRC Area VI-Ethnic/Multicultural Studies</b>	3		F, S, Su	
<b>Elective</b> <sup>1</sup>	1-3		F, S, Su	

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<sup>1</sup> Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

## Semester 4

13 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>DEAF 316</b> <b>Z</b> American Sign Language IV	4	DEAF 314	S	
<b>DEAF 311</b> <b>Z</b> Fingerspelling, Classifiers and Numbers <b>or</b>	3	DEAF 310	F(even year), Su	
<b>DEAF 354</b> <b>Z</b> Creative Signs <b>or</b>	3	DEAF 314	F, Su	
<b>DEAF 380</b> <b>Z</b> American Sign Language Literature	3	DEAF 314	S	
<b>Elective</b> <sup>1</sup>	3		F, S, Su	
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^You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a “C” or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

\*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

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