Deaf Culture and American Sign Language Studies A.A. Degree

FULL 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: 2026-27

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 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A
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) — 13 Units

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-GETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- This map is designed for students who are able to take 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program as quickly as possible. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.
- 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.

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 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course in a discipline other than DEAF**	3		4
GE	**any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course**	3		6

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) 11 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 5B (Biological Sciences) course**	3		5B
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 and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

[H] honors courses

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program

- 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 counsel or to adjust the coursework.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
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

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