

SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Sign Language Studies prepares students for careers relating to the Deaf community and/or American Sign Language (ASL). Students will gain skills in communicating through ASL and translating English to ASL/ASL to English. Sign Language Studies may lead students to careers in Deaf Education, Interpreting, Sign Language Instruction, linguistic research, and many other areas. Additionally, students will have greater employment opportunities with their ability to communicate with deaf and hard-of-hearing population, especially in the legal, education, public safety, and health care fields.

CAREER AT A GLANCE:

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy providing a service to others
- You have strong research and analytical skills
- You have good oral communication skills and memory
- You are adaptable and remain calm in high-stress situations
- You enjoy studying foreign languages and cultures
- You enjoy public speaking
- You can focus for a long period of time and pay close attention to details
- You like to use nonverbal forms of communication to express thoughts and ideas

Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Adult Schools/Community Education	Airlines/Airports
Financial Institutions	Colleges & Universities
Community Centers	Convention Centers
Courthouses	Cruise Lines
Federal/Local Government	Healthcare Facilities
Libraries	Museums
Retail Stores	Sports and Entertainment

For more information visit: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Start taking introductory sign language courses
- Volunteer at community events
- Job shadow and network with professionals in positions you wish to obtain in the future
- Participate in campus clubs to improve teamwork and leadership skills

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Special Education Aide	\$33,660
Camp Counselor	\$27,290
Eligibility Worker	\$49,560
Social Service Assistant	\$40,450
Community Service Worker	\$40,450
Tour Guide	\$30,170
Recreation Worker	\$27,290

WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Adult Education Teachers	\$71,290
Tutor	\$36,880
K-12 School Teachers	\$77,980
Interpreters and Translators	\$53,020
Linguists	\$53,020
Special Education Teacher	\$76,380
University Professor	\$83,080
Researcher	\$138,190
Speech Pathologist	\$92,810
Rehabilitation Counselor	\$30,000
Social Worker	\$51,470

For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit www.onetonline.org.

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MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

LEGEND: G=Grade IP=In Progress N=Need **Bold: Prerequisites** Plain Text: No Prerequisites

Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree: (A403)

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
ASL 2*	Elementary American Sign Language II				4
ASL 3	Intermediate American Sign Language III				4
ASL 4	Intermediate American Sign Language IV				4
ASL 18	Introduction to Deaf Studies				3

Student Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

Counselor: _____

Plus a minimum of six units from the following:

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
ANTHRO 1	Introduction to Biological Anthropology				3
COMSTD 14	Oral Interpretation of Literature				3
COMSTD 74	Intercultural Communication				3
ED 10	Elementary Classroom Fieldwork				3
PHIL 72	Seminar in Ethics (or PHIL 76, Critical Thinking)				3
PSYCH 65	Social Psychology				3
SOC 10	Introduction to Sociology				3

COUNSELOR NOTES:

* Students with advanced placement into ASL 3 may substitute a course from the elective list for ASL 2.

\$46 per unit for CA Residents

In addition to completion of the MAJOR, there are other requirements for the degree, refer to the Chaffey College Graduation Requirement Sheet or see a counselor in the Counseling Center. All courses required for a certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C.