

SOCIAL SCIENCES:

Deaf Studies Specialization

Associate of Science Degree

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Purpose: This program is designed for persons who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.) in a program that requires a background in American Sign Language and the Deaf Community. Graduates may use their skills to work in Human Service fields such as daycare settings and as Teacher Assistants. Graduates from the program can also transfer to 4-year institutions and major in a wide variety of fields, including: ASL instruction, Deaf education, Linguistics, Deaf Studies (eg. history, literature, research, etc.), Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Human Services, Communication Sciences & Disorders, and Social Work.

Transfer Information: This program provides transfer paths that include the general education courses and introductory major courses that students typically take during the first two years at a four-year college or university when they are majoring in a social science that deals with the Deaf Community. Because senior institutions differ in their requirements, students are strongly urged to work with their assigned advisor or a counselor and to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which they plan to transfer. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

Special Admission Requirements

Admission to this program requires that a student demonstrate an intermediate level of ASL fluency. A grade of "C" or better in ASL 202 will satisfy this requirement.

Students may be able to waive the ASL requirement if they have prior experience in ASL. To demonstrate ASL competency, students must receive a score on the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) or the Gallaudet University American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (GU-ASLPI) of "Intermediate" or higher.

Two Years		Credits
1st Semester		
ASL	261 American Sign Language V	3
ASL	150 Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People	2
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
¹ MTH	151 Math for the Liberal Arts I or higher level MTH	3
SDV	Elective	1
SPD	110 Introduction to Speech Communication or SPD 126 Interpersonal Communication or SPD 229 Intercultural Communication	<u>3</u>
	Total	15
2nd Semester		
ASL	262 American Sign Language VI	3
² ENG	112 College Composition II	3
¹ MTH	152 Math for the Liberal Arts II or higher-level MTH	3
ASL	125 History and Culture of the Deaf Community	3
³ PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
⁴ ___	Social Science Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	16
3rd Semester		
ITE	115 Intro. to Computer Applications & Concepts	3
⁵ HIS	Elective	3
⁶ ___	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
⁷ SOC	Elective	3
⁸ ___	Natural Science/Lab Elective	<u>4</u>
	Total	16
4th Semester		
ASL	225 Literature of the US Deaf Community	3
⁸ ___	Natural Science/Lab Elective	4
³ PED/RPK	Elective	1
⁴ ___	Social Science Electives	<u>6</u>
	Total	14

Total credits for the A.S. Degree in Social Sciences with a Specialization in Deaf Studies = 61

¹ Many universities require MTH 151 or higher while others require MTH 163 or 166 or higher, often including a statistics course, for majors in the social sciences. It is therefore important that students confer with a counselor to determine the appropriate mathematics courses for their intended transfer university.

² ENG 125 may be substituted with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor according to requirements of transfer institutions.

³ The PED requirement may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr. plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr. plus RPK activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

⁴ The social science elective may be selected from the social/behavioral sciences courses listed under General Education Electives. To meet requirements at many universities, students should enroll in at least one U.S. History course and one Western Civilization course. Students should consult with a counselor to determine the appropriate social science courses for their intended transfer university.

⁵ HIS 101 or 102 are recommended to meet the Western Civilization requirement at many universities.

⁶ Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives. Electives should be selected with advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of the transfer institution.

⁷ SOC 200 or 201 are recommended to meet the Sociology requirement at many universities.

⁸ The science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed under General Education Electives. Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.