



Language & Communication

# American Sign Language

2

Years

TO DEGREE

4

Classes

TO CERTIFICATE

3M

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

Persons in CA

20%

JOB GROWTH

Interpreters

## Program Overview

American Sign Language (ASL) is a unique visual, spatial, and gestural language that enables practitioners to connect with members of the Deaf community as well as gain a new perspective on communication and culture. Students in the ASL program acquire language proficiency using the communicative approach; emphasizing conversational practice; and focusing on authentic texts, linguistic competence, and cultural awareness. The program emphasizes interaction with the local Deaf community as part of the learning experience.

## Job Outlook

Program graduates are in demand in a variety of fields that value multilingualism and multiculturalism and/or specifically serve the million people who use ASL as their primary mode of communication. Settings can include education, retail, medicine, entertainment, and community services. Graduates may also pursue a career or further degrees in ASL, Deaf Studies, interpretation, linguistics, education, audiology, and other related fields.

## CAREERS

### Special Education Teachers' Aides

\$25,720 - \$48,740

### \*Interpreters

\$34,150 - \$95,850

### \*Special Education Teachers

\$43,970 - \$118,210

### \*Audiologists

\$50,550 - \$141,110

### \*ASL Instructors/Professors

\$51,150 - \$169,230

\* Requires additional training  
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
(CA data)



CSU Northridge, CSU Long Beach, and CSU Sacramento offer BA programs in ASL & Deaf Studies, with CSU Northridge offering an Interpreting Education Program as a potential concentration.



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## Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in  
Arts Degree  
MPC GE Pattern



*The ASL program at MPC has really taught me so much and has inspired me to become better with signing, and I am more involved in the Deaf community because of it. I want to continue studying ASL and I can actually, for the first time in my college career, see myself transferring to higher education.*

**Rachael Kohaut**  
MPC Graduate

YEAR <b>1</b>	FALL		SPRING	
		Units		Units
	ENGL 1A	3	SIGN 1B	5
MPC Elective	2	LING 10	3	
ENGL 101A rec.		AREA B & Lab	4	
LIBR 50	1	MPC Electives	3	
Area A2	4	ENGL 2 rec.		
MATH 10 or 16				
SIGN 1A	5			
MPC Elective	1			
PERS 10 rec.				
<b>Total Fall Units</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Spring Units</b>	<b>15</b>	

YEAR <b>2</b>	FALL		SPRING	
		Units		Units
	SIGN 2A	5	SIGN 20 or 2B	3-5
MPC Elective	3	Area E	3	
POLS 1, 10, 16 or 18 rec.		Area F	3	
SIGN 10	3	HIST 12, 24, or 25 rec.		
MPC Elective	3	MPC Elective	3	
SPCH 1, 2, or 3 rec.		SIGN 20 rec.		
		MPC Elective(s)	1-3	
<b>Total Fall Units</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Spring Units</b>	<b>13-17</b>	

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit [www.mpc.edu/counseling](http://www.mpc.edu/counseling).

Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is a fully accredited California public community college. The college is known for the excellence of its academic programs and student support services.

### Campus Locations

Monterey  
Marina  
Seaside  
Online

### Website

[www.mpc.edu/sign](http://www.mpc.edu/sign)

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