

# BA IN DEAF STUDIES

Units required for Major 41-44  
Total units required for BA: 120

## Program Description

Deaf Studies takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Deaf and hard-of-hearing people in American and world society. The program promotes the understanding of the Deaf community as a linguistic and cultural group and encourages students to analyze existing stereotypes and policies relating to Deaf and hard-of-hearing people in order to work both within their own communities and others in affecting change for the betterment of the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

## Admission Requirements

There are no admission requirements, prerequisites or other criteria for admission into the BA in Deaf Studies. Students are encouraged to enter into the program with previously acquired ASL skills in order to continue and build upon their learning before going out into the field in working with Deaf people. Students need to maintain a C (or better) in all Deaf Studies major coursework in order to graduate with a degree in Deaf Studies.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses (44 Units)</b>		
DEAF 51	American Sign Language 1	4
DEAF 52	American Sign Language 2 <sup>1</sup>	4
DEAF 53	American Sign Language 3 <sup>1</sup>	4
DEAF 56	ASL Fingerspelling and Numbers	1
DEAF 57	ASL Classifiers	2
DEAF 60	Introduction to Deaf Studies <sup>1</sup>	3
DEAF 154	American Sign Language 4	4
DEAF 155	American Sign Language 5	4
DEAF 161	Deaf History	3
DEAF 162	Deaf Culture and Community	3
DEAF 163	ASL Literature	3
DEAF 164	Sign Language Structure and Usage	3
DEAF 166	Experiences in the Deaf Community - Dynamics of Oppression and Building Allyship	3
Select one of the following:		3
DEAF 165A	Special Topic: English/ASL Translation	
DEAF 165B	Special Topic: Deaf Education - Power & Politics	
DEAF 165C	Special Topic: Technology and The Deaf Community	
DEAF 165D	Special Topic: Global Deaf Languages & Cultures	
DEAF 165E	Special Topic: Deaf Representation in Media	

<sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area 1: English Composition (9 Units)</b>		
1A	English Composition	3

1B	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
1C	Oral Communication	3
<b>Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Units)</b>		
Area 2 course		3
<b>Area 3: Arts and Humanities (3 Units)</b>		
3A	Arts	3
3B	Humanities <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 Units)</b>		
Area 4 Course		3
Area 4 Course <sup>2</sup>		0
<b>Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences (7 Units)</b>		
5A	Physical Science	3
5B	Biological Science	3
5C	Laboratory (Note: Lab experience to be taken with 5A or 5B)	1
<b>Area 6: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)</b>		
Area 6 Course		3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>28</b>

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)</b>		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI)	3
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (6 Units)</b>		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>2,3</sup>	0

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<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>

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<sup>4</sup> The 165 Series are rotating special topics courses – students are required to take only one in this sequence; others may be taken as electives or in lieu of waived/transferred coursework.

*The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.*

### Deaf Studies, BA: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
DEAF 51	American Sign Language 1	4
DEAF 60	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
GE Area 1A - English Composition <sup>2</sup>		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
DEAF 52	American Sign Language 2	4
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
DEAF 53	American Sign Language 3	4
DEAF 56	ASL Fingerspelling and Numbers	1
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
GE Area 3A - Arts <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
DEAF 57	ASL Classifiers	2
DEAF 154	American Sign Language 4	4
GE Area 5B - Biological Science <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory <sup>2</sup>		1
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
DEAF 155	American Sign Language 5	4
DEAF 161	Deaf History	3
DEAF 162	Deaf Culture and Community	3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 3B - Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
DEAF 163	ASL Literature	3

DEAF 165A or DEAF 165B or DEAF 165C or DEAF 165D or DEAF 165E	Special Topic: English/ASL Translation <sup>3</sup> or Special Topic: Deaf Education - Power & Politics  or Special Topic: Technology and The Deaf Community or Special Topic: Global Deaf Languages & Cultures or Special Topic: Deaf Representation in Media	3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
DEAF 164	Sign Language Structure and Usage	3
DEAF 166	Experiences in the Deaf Community - Dynamics of Oppression and Building Allyship	3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences + Writing Intensive <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
GR American Institutions (US History) <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>120</b>

### Deaf Studies, BA: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
DEAF 154	American Sign Language 4	4
DEAF 161	Deaf History	3
DEAF 162	Deaf Culture and Community	3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
DEAF 155	American Sign Language 5	4
DEAF 163	ASL Literature	3
DEAF 165A or DEAF 165B or DEAF 165C or DEAF 165D or DEAF 165E	Special Topic: English/ASL Translation <sup>3</sup> or Special Topic: Deaf Education - Power & Politics  or Special Topic: Technology and The Deaf Community or Special Topic: Global Deaf Languages & Cultures or Special Topic: Deaf Representation in Media	3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>

**Year 2**

**First Semester**

DEAF 164	Sign Language Structure and Usage	3
DEAF 166	Experiences in the Deaf Community - Dynamics of Oppression and Building Allyship	3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences + Writing Intensive <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>

**Second Semester**

Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
GR American Institutions (US History) <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>62</b>

- <sup>1</sup>. Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.
- <sup>2</sup>. Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).
- <sup>3</sup>. Please see an academic advisor for elective options.