

# ABOUT THE COLLEGE

## The College

Chaffey College, one of the first colleges to be established in California, is a two-year public community college situated in an area of natural and tranquil beauty in Southern California. The campus occupies 200 acres of rolling lawns and native foliage in the foothills of the majestic San Gabriel Mountains. Founded in 1883 as a private college, Chaffey has been a publicly funded college since 1916.

## Curricula

Chaffey College offers two year associate in art or science degrees in academic or vocational fields, one-year certificates of achievement, and transfer programs that meet the lower-division requirements for a baccalaureate degree to be obtained at a four-year college or university. The college operates on the semester system, which consists of fall, spring, and summer terms.

Courses are offered at the main campus in Rancho Cucamonga and at campuses in Chino and Fontana, as well as online through the Distance Education program.

## District

The college district serves a population of 750,000 in the west end of the vibrant Inland Empire of San Bernardino County, including the communities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.



## Statement of Equal Opportunity

### Non-Discrimination and Prohibition of Harassment Policy

The District and each individual who represents the District shall provide equal access to employment and educational opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex, age (over 40), physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, marital status, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), sexual orientation, or military status as a Vietnam-era veteran, or the perception that a person has one or more of the foregoing characteristics.

Chaffey College

American Sign Language

5885 Haven Avenue  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

- INTERPRETING
- SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION
- LINGUISTIC RESEARCH

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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 the deaf and hard-of-hearing population, especially in legal fields, education, public safety, and health care.



## BENEFITS OF HAVING AN AA IN SIGN LANGUAGE

Students possessing skills in American Sign Language will be more equipped to communicate with deaf people in a wide variety of careers. Many students completing their AA in Sign Language Studies may pursue a BA degree in Deaf Studies so that they can work as a Sign Language Interpreter, a teacher to deaf children, or a Social Worker with the deaf community. The AA program at Chaffey transfers to CSUN's Deaf Studies program, a highly respected program for anyone wanting to enter this field of study.

Students who want to pursue other Bachelor's degrees can also benefit from having an AA in Sign Language Studies. Their sign language skills can improve their success and provide promotional opportunities in many careers outside of sign language. Many professions interact with people in the deaf community, including teachers, nurses, doctors, medical receptionists, police officers, lawyers, counselors, social workers, and speech therapists.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

Major Requirements for Sign Language Studies majors:

ASL 2* Elementary American Sign Language	(4 units)
ASL 3 Intermediate American Sign Language	(4 units)
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ASL 18 Introduction to Deaf Studies	(3 units)

*Choose 6 units from the following courses*

PHIL 72 – Seminar in Ethics	(3 units)
OR PHIL 76 – Critical Thinking	
ANTH 1 – Introduction to Physical Anthropology	(3 units)
COMSTD 74 – Intercultural Communication	(3 units)

COMSTD 14 – Oral Interpretation of Literature	(3 units)
ED 10 – Introduction to Education and Teaching	(3 units)
PSYCH 65 – Social Psychology	(3 units)
THEATRE 10 – Beginning Acting	(3 units)
SOC 10 – Introduction to Sociology	(3 units)
OR SOCSCI 13 Intro to Social Work	

**Total Units for Sign Language Studies Major = 21 units**

\*Students with advanced placement into ASL 3 can replace units from ASL 2 from the list of ASL elective units.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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