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.

HOW DO I KNOW 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

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?
- Special Education Aide
- Eligibility Worker
- Community Service Worker
- Camp Counselor
- Social Service Assistant
- Tour Guide
- Recreation Worker
- Cruise Lines
- Federal/Local Government
- Museums
- Colleges and Universities
- Community Centers
- Healthcare Facilities
- Retail Stores
- Convention Centers
- Libraries
- Sports and Entertainment
- Courthouses
- Financial Institutions

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
- Adult Schools/Community Education
- Airlines/Airports
- Financial Institutions
- Colleges and Universities
- Community Centers
- Convention Centers
- Courthouses
- Cruise Lines
- Federal/Local Government
- Museums
- Healthcare Facilities
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- Sports and Entertainment

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL WAGE OUTLOOK?
This Associate Degree may lead to a position as a Social Service Assistant, which according to O*NetOnline, the median wage in California was $37,590. The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook for other occupational titles, visit www.onetonline.org.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below require at least a bachelor’s degree in Deaf Studies or a similar degree. According to the EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2017 the median salary for Interpreters and Translators in California was $52,910 annually, or $25.43 per hour. For more information, visit www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides.
- Adult Education Teachers
- Tutor
- K-12 School Teachers
- Interpreters and Translators
- Linguists
- Special Education Teacher
- University Professor
- Researcher
- Speech Pathologist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Social Worker

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.
### Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree: (A403)

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