American Sign Language

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Degree(s)
Transfer:
None
See:
A.A. in Liberal Arts - Arts, Humanities & Communications
Emphasis

Non-Transfer:
None
See:
A.A. in Humanities

Certificate(s)

Employment Concentration Certificate(s)
None

Program Description

The study of American Sign Language (ASL) offers students the chance to communicate in and understand another language while familiarizing themselves with the community and culture of the target language group. Students are exposed to a variety of learning situations to increase their understanding of American Sign Language and Deaf culture. Audiovisual, computer software, and field trips to deaf culture events are used extensively to help students develop their ASL skills.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate expressive and receptive competence of ASL grammatical features when communicating with the Deaf/Hard of Hearing people.
- Demonstrate expressive and receptive competence and interpersonal communication using visual language between individuals.
- Acquire information and recognize distinctive viewpoints that are only available through American Sign Language and Deaf culture.
- Engage in one-to-one conversations using ASL with the Deaf community to access information about Deaf culture that will lead to lifelong learning experiences.
- Examine expected social behaviors when interacting with mixed groups of Deaf/Hard of Hearing and hearing individuals at Deaf events (e.g., handwaving to show enjoyment of entertainment).

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in this program might not be the same as those required for transfer into the major at a four year university. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.