



# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

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Degree(s)

**Transfer:**  
 None

See:  
 A.A. in Liberal Arts - Arts, Humanities & Communications  
 Emphasis

**Non-Transfer:**  
 A.S. in Interpreter Preparation <sup>32823 AS.ASL.IPP</sup>  
*(with General Education Requirements Option A)*

See:  
 A.A. in Humanities

Certificate(s)  
 Certificate in Interpreter Preparation <sup>32553 CT.ASL.IPP</sup>

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.

The Department of American Sign Language offers an associate degree in Interpreter Preparation to educate Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students in the field of interpretation and prepare them for interpreting work in a variety of settings. The student will learn and practice translation, consecutive interpretation, simultaneous interpretation, and the socio-cultural knowledge needed to serve as a cross-cultural mediator. This degree will provide high quality American Sign Language Instruction, prepare students to become professional interpreters who are competent, ethical, and life-long learners, and promote excellent outreach resources and service to interpreters. The goal is to offer students who are interested in becoming interpreters the ability to earn an Associate degree in Interpreter Preparation. The student may then continue their education receiving a BA/BS in any field, which will then lead to national certification by RID.

The Department of American Sign Language offers, to those currently holding a BA or BS degree, a certificate in the Interpreter Preparation to educate Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students in the field of interpretation and prepare them for interpreting work in a variety of settings. The student will learn and practice translation, consecutive interpretation, simultaneous interpretation, and the socio-cultural knowledge needed to serve as a cross-cultural mediator.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

All career opportunities listed are representative careers in each field. There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. (See: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org))

### Non-Transfer Degree

The Interpreter Preparation degree offers students career opportunities, including but not limited to, Community, Theater, Education, and with advanced training, VRS, VRI, Medical and Legal, either Freelance or through an Agency. As well as other situations where Deaf/ Hard of Hearing/ Hearing individuals need an interpreter.

### Certificate

The Interpreter Preparation certificate will provide students with the preparation necessary for career placements in public and private settings, nationally, regionally and /or locally. Specific jobs and responsibilities may include placements in the community, theatre, educational, and with additional training legal and medical for interpreting situations. Both the certificate and the degree meet the requirements established by the Registry of the Interpreter for the Deaf (RID) and the National Association of the Deaf (NAD).

## 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](http://www.assist.org), review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

## 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).

## DEGREE

### A.S. in Interpreter Preparation (35 units)

The 35 units in this degree plus all MSJC General Education Option A (24 units) to include ANTH-145 (3 units) and COMM-100 (3 units) for a total of 60 units is required to earn an Associate in Science in Interpreter Preparation.

#### Required Courses (35 units)

ASL-110	Deaf Culture and Community	3 units
ASL-150	American Sign Language Linguistics	3 units
ASL-203	American Sign Language V	4 units
IPP-101	Introduction to ASL/English Interpreting	3 units
IPP-103	Processing Skills Development	3 units

IPP-104	ASL to English Interpreting I	3 units
IPP-105	English to ASL Interpreting I	3 units
IPP-201	Ethical & Professional Standards of Interpreting	3 units
IPP-204	ASL to English Interpreting II	3 units
IPP-205	English to ASL Interpreting II	3 units
IPP-210	Specialized Interpreting	3 units
IPP-250	Practicum and Seminar	2 units

## CERTIFICATE

### Certificate in Interpreter Preparation (32 units)

The 32 units in this certificate plus ANTH-145 (3 units) and COMM-100 (3 units) (if not taken) for a total of 32-38 units are required to earn a certificate in Interpreter Preparation.

#### Required Courses (32 units)

ASL-110	Deaf Culture and Community	3 units
ASL-150	American Sign Language Linguistics	3 units
IPP-101	Introduction to ASL/English Interpreting	3 units
IPP-103	Processing Skills Development	3 units
IPP-104	ASL to English Interpreting I	3 units
IPP-105	English to ASL Interpreting I	3 units
IPP-201	Ethical & Professional Standards of Interpreting	3 units
IPP-204	ASL to English Interpreting II	3 units
IPP-205	English to ASL Interpreting II	3 units
IPP-210	Specialized Interpreting	3 units
IPP-250	Practicum and Seminar	2 units



## Mt. San Jacinto College

Undergraduate certificate in Interpreter Preparation

Program Length: 72 weeks

### Students graduating on time

**N/A\*** of Title IV students complete the program within 72 weeks<sup>1</sup>

\*Fewer than 10 students enrolled in this program. This number has been withheld to preserve the confidentiality of the students.

### Program Costs\*

**\$1,472** for in-state tuition and fees

**\$10,912** for out-of-state tuition and fees

**\$3,942** for books and supplies

Other Costs:

Parking Permits cost \$68 a year or \$34 a semester

RTA Go Pass cost \$12 a year or \$6 a semester

SGA discount sticker (optional) - \$14 a year or \$7 a semester

Student representation fee (optional) - \$2 a year or \$1 a semester

Help a Student Fund (optional) - \$4 a year or \$2 a semester

Student Health Center Fee - \$40 a year or \$20 a semester

\*For summer session fees, please see: <https://www.msjc.edu/StudentServices/EnrollmentServices/Pages/What-Fees-do-I-have-to-pay.aspx>

Visit website for more program cost information: [/www.msjc.edu/StudentServices/EnrollmentServices/Pages/What-Fees-do-I-have-to-pay.aspx](https://www.msjc.edu/StudentServices/EnrollmentServices/Pages/What-Fees-do-I-have-to-pay.aspx)

\*The amounts shown above include costs for the entire program, assuming normal time to completion.

Note that this information is subject to change.

### Students Borrowing Money

#### The typical graduate leaves with

**N/A\*** in debt<sup>3</sup>

\*Fewer than 10 students completed this program within normal time. This number has been withheld to preserve the confidentiality of the students.

#### The typical monthly loan payment

**N/A\*** per month in student loans with an interest rate of **N/A\***<sup>4</sup>.

\*Fewer than 10 students completed this program within normal time. This number has been withheld to preserve the confidentiality of the students.

### Graduates who got jobs

**N/A\*** of program graduates got jobs

\*We are not currently required to calculate a job placement rate for program completers.

**Program graduates are employed in the following fields:** Interpreters and Translators: <http://onetonline.org/link/summary/27-3091.00>

### Licensure Requirements<sup>5</sup>

The following do not have licensure requirements for this profession:

**California**

### Additional Information:

No additional notes provided.

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### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> The share of students who completed the program within 100% of normal time (72 weeks).

<sup>2</sup> The share of students who borrowed Federal, private, and/or institutional loans to help pay for college.

<sup>3</sup> The median debt of borrowers who completed this program. This debt includes federal, private, and institutional loans.

<sup>4</sup> The median monthly loan payment for students who completed this program if it were repaid over ten years at a NA\* interest rate.

<sup>5</sup> The median earnings of program graduates who received Federal aid.

<sup>6</sup> Some States require students to graduate from a state approved program in order to obtain a license to practice a profession in those States.

#### <sup>7</sup> State Job Placement Rate:

Name of the state this placement rate is calculated for:

N/A

Follow the link below to find out who is included in the calculation of this rate:

N/A

What types of jobs were these students placed in?

N/A

When were the former students employed?

N/A

How were completers tracked?

N/A

#### <sup>8</sup> Accreditor Job Placement Rate:

Name of the accrediting agency this placement rate is calculated for:

N/A

Follow the link below to find out who is included in the calculation of this rate:

N/A

What types of jobs were these students placed in?

N/A

When were the former students employed?

N/A

How were completers tracked?

N/A