

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF STUDIES

## CERTIFICATE - 9 CREDITS

### About this program

The American Sign Language and Deaf Studies certificate program is designed to introduce students to the language, culture, and history of the American Deaf community. Students will acquire a foundation of American Sign Language (ASL) and become acquainted with various issues and concerns of the Deaf community. The curriculum provides students with the academic qualifications to enter advanced ASL courses and is also ideal for those pursuing professions that work with Deaf people. This program does not prepare students to become interpreters.

### Program outcomes

1. Demonstrate basic conversational skills and use of appropriate American Sign Language.
2. Effectively communicate with deaf and hard-of-hearing people in a variety of settings.
3. Comprehend that the Deaf community shares a set of values, rules, and traditions that are different from typical American values.
4. Be prepared to enter advanced American Sign Language and Deaf studies courses.

### Curriculum overview

<b>Crds</b>	<b>Requirement type</b>
9	Required courses
9	<b>Total</b>

**Developmental courses note:** A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

**Accreditation:** Minnesota State Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411 <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> Phone: 312.263.0456 / 800.621.7440

# Curriculum requirement details

## Required courses

## Other requirements or restricted electives

Course	Crds
ASL1100 - Introduction to Deaf Studies .....	3
ASL1101 - American Sign Language and Deaf Culture I	3
ASL1102 - American Sign Language and Deaf Culture II	3



## Course summaries

### **ASL1100 - Introduction to Deaf Studies** ..... (3 credits)

This course introduces the language and culture of the Deaf and provides a general introduction to the lives of Deaf people. It covers key concepts within Deaf Studies, the diversity of Deaf community members, technology used by the Deaf and professions involving American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf people. Students will analyze existing stereotypes related to Deaf and hard-of-hearing people and the cultural impacts of being Deaf.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Assessment into ENGL1101

### **ASL1101 - American Sign Language and Deaf Culture I** ..... (3 credits)

This is the first in a series of courses designed to develop the skills and knowledge needed to communicate in American Sign Language (ASL). This course introduces information about the Deaf community and Deaf culture. It will familiarize students with basic ASL vocabulary and grammar, including hand shapes, body movements and facial expressions to convey meaning. The course includes interactive activities, cultural awareness education and individual feedback, with emphasis on appropriate language use in common communication settings.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Assessment into ENGL1101

### **ASL1102 - American Sign Language and Deaf Culture II** ..... (3 credits)

This is the second in a series of courses designed to develop the skills and knowledge needed to communicate in American Sign Language (ASL). ASL 1102 will focus on vocabulary development, fingerspelling, numbers and grammatical structure. This course includes further practice with both expressive and receptive ASL, along with additional information about the Deaf Community and Deaf Culture.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- ASL1101
- Grade of B or better in ASL1101.

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Program Plan — "ASL and Deaf Studies"  
Locations: Moorhead

1st Fall Term (3 credits)

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**Courses**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Crds</b>
ASL1101 - American Sign Language and Deaf Culture I..	3

1st Spring Term (3 credits)

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**Courses**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Crds</b>
ASL1102 - American Sign Language and Deaf Culture II.	3

2nd Summer Term (3 credits)

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<b>Course</b>	<b>Crds</b>
ASL1100 - Introduction to Deaf Studies .....	3