

DEAF STUDIES (M.A.)

Degree: Master of Arts

Major: Deaf Studies

Total Hours: 36

The Deaf Studies program was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a 36-hour Master of Arts (MA) degree program in 2020. The 36-hour program consists of 24 hours of core courses, 6 hours of statistic/research courses, and 6 hours of thesis credits. The program focuses on theory and research in the field of Deaf Studies, including courses in Deaf History, ASL Literature, and ASL linguistics. Obtaining a MA degree provides the credentials to teach ASL at a community college or enter into a doctoral degree in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education.

Vision Statement

DSDE, acclaimed as a pioneer and nationally recognized bilingual program in the field of Deaf Education and Deaf Studies, leads in innovation in education, research, and service to Deaf individuals.

Mission Statement

The Department of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education (DSDE) cultivates and inspires students with research base innovative learning opportunities to become scholars, service providers, and advocates.

Learning Outcomes

Graduate students' progress through the MA program will include accomplishing four PLOs:

- Apply the basic principles of inquiry and research design to educational research;
- Demonstrate "T" learning; the top of the T demonstrates breadth in knowledge about Deaf Studies and Deaf Education while the stem of the T demonstrates depth of knowledge in the cognate/dissertation area;
- Demonstrate an ability of ASL/English bilingual fluency in academic content; and
- Publish peer-reviewed and translational articles.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
DSDE 5301	Deaf History	3
DSDE 5303	ASL Literature	3
DSDE 5305	Psycholinguistics	3
DSDE 5315	Statistics	3
DSDE 5316	Ethics	3
DSDE 5323	Scholarly Writing	3
DSDE 5324	ASL/English Linguistics	3
DSDE 5329	Law & Deaf Education	3
DSDE 5340	Intro to Qualitative Research	3
DSDE 5346	Comparative Cultural Analysis	3
Thesis or Non-thesis		6
<i>Thesis</i>		
DSDE 5390	Thesis	
DSDE 5391	Thesis	

<i>Non-Thesis</i>		
DSDE 5360	Capstone in Deaf Studies	
Three credit hours of an elective		
Total Hours		36
First Year		
Fall		
DSDE 5316	Ethics	3
DSDE 5340	Intro to Qualitative Research	3
DSDE 5323	Scholarly Writing	3
Hours		9
Spring		
DSDE 5303	ASL Literature	3
DSDE 5324	ASL/English Linguistics	3
DSDE 5315	Statistics	3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fall		
DSDE 5301	Deaf History	3
DSDE 5305	Psycholinguistics	3
DSDE 5390	Thesis (or elective)	3
Hours		9
Spring		
DSDE 5329	Law & Deaf Education	3
DSDE 5346	Comparative Cultural Analysis	3
DSDE 5391	Thesis	3
	or DSDE 5360	or Capstone in Deaf Studies
Hours		9
Total Hours		36