

Course Title: **An Introduction to the Deaf World**

Course Code: **NZSL502**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2026**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **5**

PREREQUISITE/S:

COREQUISITE/S:

RESTRICTION/S:

## LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

**Total learning hours: 150**

## PRESCRIPTOR

An introduction to the contemporary Deaf World: a basic awareness of Deaf people and their language and culture. Students will learn the impacts of the history of Deaf education on Deaf people's lives and discover various perspectives of Deaf people as disabled individuals and as a culturally affirmative minority in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally. Students are expected to gain an understanding of Deaf experiences through real-life interactions with Deaf people throughout the semester.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. demonstrate an understanding of the history of global Deaf education
2. describe the impact of education on Deaf individuals, their language use and identity formation
3. identify pathological and sociocultural perspectives of Deaf people
4. demonstrate an awareness of Deaf culture and Deaf worldviews

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## CONTENT

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- History of international and national Deaf education
- Various educational approaches in Deaf education
- Impact of Deaf education on language use, identity and community
- Pathological and sociocultural perspectives of Deaf people
- Linguistic terms within the Deaf community
- Membership avenues into Deaf community
- Deaf Identity Development
- Deaf cultural traditions, norms, values and Deaf heritage
- Deaf spaces and Deaf worldviews
- Deafness and Deafhood
- Deaf Gain

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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- Lectures
- Readings
- Online tasks
- Guest speakers
- Class discussions
- Reflections

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

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Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
In-Class Test	40.00	1-3
Prerecorded Presentation	60.00	2-4

<b>Grade Map</b>	<b>MAP1</b>
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

### Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

To pass the course, the student needs to:

- Submit all assessments and meet requirements as outlined in the Assessment grid.

All assessments are compulsory.

- If any compulsory assessment is not handed in, a final grade of DNC will be awarded for the course.

NOTE: As per the General Academic Regulations of AUT, if you do not submit a completed compulsory assessment, you may be withdrawn from the course.

## LEARNING RESOURCES

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**For further information, contact:** Te Ara Kete Aronui - Faculty of Culture & Society

**Principal Programme:** AK3006, Bachelor of Arts (NZSL-English Interpreting)

**Related Programme/s:** AK3704  
AK3002

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