

Deaf Culture and History

This course introduces key aspects of Deaf Culture in the United States and the factors that define the Deaf community as a cultural minority. We will focus on awareness, cultural diversity, and the preservation of language. This course addresses the cultural identity, group norms, rules of social interaction, values, and traditions held by deaf members. Together we will explore the impact of modern technology, emerging issues, trends, and advocacy with the Deaf community. We will also address topics related to communication, terminology, educational alternatives, state and federal legislation, and community resources.



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Matthew Cooper is an Assistant Professor of American Sign Language at the University of Tulsa and adjunct faculty at Tulsa Community College. Born to two Deaf parents, Cooper grew up a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) in a family who were leaders and active participants in the Deaf community. In 2025, Cooper was a TEDx Editor's Pick for his TEDx Talk titled *Between Two Worlds: A CODA's Perspective*. He is currently writing a book about the modern CODA experience.

THURSDAYS, JULY 9 THROUGH AUGUST 13

2 p.m. PT | 3 p.m. MT | 4 p.m. CT | 5 p.m. ET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Thursday, July 9
- Thursday, July 16
- Thursday, July 23
- Thursday, July 30
- Thursday, August 6
- Thursday, August 13

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