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American Sign Language Associate in Arts Degree and Certificate Programs



"It is important to be aware of and have respect for cultural differences. Berkeley City College's American Sign Language Program incorporates cultural information about the Deaf community with the language."



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What You Should Know

Welcome to Berkeley City College's American Sign Language Program. Berkeley City College, formerly Vista Community College, is a national leader in American Sign Language education, curriculum development, and instruction. Colleges and universities throughout America, Canada, Great Britain, and other parts of the world use or have adapted Berkeley City College's model curriculum to teach sign language.

Now, more than ever, people are learning ASL, a foreign language elective in California high schools and universities. Public and private sector organizations, in their efforts to conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), now wish to train bilingual employees. This means that at worksites which employ or serve Deaf people, designated staff must know ASL.

Who Takes ASL Classes?

- Actors
- Attorneys and legal assistants
- Career interpreters
- Counselors
- Family and friends of deaf people
- Interested parties
- Linguists
- Managers
- Nurses, physicians, and other health professionals
- People who have supervisory responsibilities
- Public service employees
- Recreation directors
- Secretaries
- Small business owners
- Teachers

It's Easy to Start

At Berkeley City College, we make it easy for you to learn. Classes and language lessons are organized around activities which simulate everyday situations. You will be happily surprised with your ability to communicate after a very short time. As part of your classes, you:

- Fully experience a new culture.
- Apply what you learn to everyday situations.
- Meet and interact with members of the deaf community.
- Participate in community events.

Berkeley City College's American Sign Language faculty are qualified professionals. Most learned ASL as their first language and are employed as instructors or interpreters. You will use the language from your very first day in class.

More Opportunity

Knowledge of ASL provides new skill-building opportunities for any organization's staff. No matter what your occupation, you may be eligible for bilingual pay if you use American Sign Language at your workplace. Professional opportunities exist for:

- Bilingual Staff
- Interpreters
- Instructional Aides
- Supervisory Personnel
- Teachers

Where to Get More Information

Stop by Berkeley City College to register or see a counselor. We're at 2050 Center St. between Shattuck & Milvia in downtown Berkeley. Call (510) 981-2872 (voice) or 981-2865 (VP) or visit www.berkeleycitycollege.edu.

Hours for Information

8 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Call for extended hours for Fall, Spring, and Summer registration periods. Call (510) 981-2800.

A Note for Our International Students

For information regarding enrollment procedures, student visas, and other details, please contact the Office of International Education, Peralta Community College District, 333 E. 8th St., Oakland, CA 94606. Call (510) 466-7380 or e-mail globaled@peralta.edu.

American Sign Language Associate in Arts Degree and Certificate Programs

Berkeley City College's American Sign Language Program offers either the degree or certificate option.

ASL 50	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 51	American Sign Language II	4
ASL 52	American Sign Language III	4
ASL 53	American Sign Language IV	4
ASL 55A	History and Culture of Deaf People in America I	3
ASL 55B	History and Culture of Deaf People in America II	3
ASL 57	Structure of American Sign Language	3
ASL 200B	Classifiers II	2
ASL 202B	Fingerspelling and Numbers II	1
ASL 464	Occupational Work Experience in American Sign Language	2
	Total Minimum Required Units:*	30
	Total units for Certificate of Achievement	30
	Total units for the Associate in Arts Degree	60

To receive your Associate in Arts Degree Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language, you must complete 30-units of core ASL courses. For the A.A. Degree, you must complete the 30-units of core courses, plus another 30 units of General Education requirements and electives, for a total of 60 units. Students who complete either the ASL degree or certificate program may apply for interpreter training.

Academic Credit

Core general education classes for the Associate Degree meet all University of California and California State University transfer requirements. ASL classes are transferable as part of General Education transfer requirements. They also meet foreign language transfer requirements for high school students. See a counselor for details.

Class Times Fit Your Schedule

Our morning, afternoon, and evening classes fit your busy schedule. Most ASL classes are held at Berkeley City College's 2050 Center St. campus in downtown Berkeley.

Community College Fees* and Financial Aid

If you are a California resident, your community college enrollment fee is \$46 per unit.* Out-of-state students pay \$236 per unit, (includes enrollment fee). International students pay \$242 per unit which includes the \$46 per unit enrollment fee plus a \$6 Capital Outlay Fee up to \$144 per year (all non-resident students pay a \$6 per unit Capital Outlay fee). Pay by money order, credit card, or personal check. Full-time students enrolled in nine or more units also pay \$36 per semester for the AC Transit EasyPass, a \$1 per semester Student Representation Fee, a \$2 Campus Center Use Fee, a Health Services Fee of \$18 per semester and \$15 in summer. Financial aid is available. College of Alameda, Laney and Merritt Colleges charge a \$2 per day or \$40 per semester Parking Fee. Call (510) 981-2807 or e-mail bcc-finaid@peralta.edu for information.

Counseling

Call for counseling information—(510) 981-5036.

How to Reach Berkeley City College

- **By car** take I-80 to University Ave. exit, drive east on University to Milvia. Right turn on Milvia, then proceed South to Center St., take a left turn on Center St. Parking is available on the street or in the Center Street garage.
- **By BART** take Richmond train to downtown Berkeley station. Exit at Center St. escalator. Berkeley City College is one-half block west of the downtown Berkeley BART station.
- **By bus** take AC transit. Visit www.actransit.org for the route nearest you.

*Note that community college enrollment fees are subject to change by the California state legislature; out-of-state/international student tuition and other fees are subject to change by local government entities.

Required Courses for the Major

ASL 50, 4 Units

American Sign Language I

3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory (GR or P/ NP). Prerequisite: ASL 50A is prerequisite to 50B. Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 50A-50B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level. Course is equivalent to two years of high school study.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Introduction to American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf culture.

ASL 51, 4 Units

American Sign Language II

3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory (GR or P/ NP). Prerequisite for ASL 51 or 51A: ASL 50 or 50B. ASL 51A is prerequisite to 51B. Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 51A-51B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Continuation of American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf Culture.

ASL 52, 4 Units

American Sign Language III

3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory (GR or P/ NP). Prerequisite for ASL 52 or 52A: ASL 51 or 51B. ASL 52A is prerequisite to ASL 52B. Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 52A-52B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Continuation of American Sign Language: Expanded study of sign language with emphasis on conversation skills and storytelling; continued expansion of knowledge of Deaf culture and Deaf community.

ASL 53, 4 Units

American Sign Language IV

3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory (GR or P/ NP). Prerequisite for ASL 53 or 53A: ASL 52 or 52B. ASL 53A is prerequisite to ASL 53B. Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 53A-50B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

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Berkeley City College ASL faculty created "Signing Naturally," an ASL curriculum that is used throughout the world. ASL is the third most used language in the U.S.

ASL 55A, 3 Units

History and Culture of Deaf People in America I

3 hours lecture (GR or P/ NP) Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Historical and cultural overview of the American Deaf community and its language (ASL); Anthropological and sociological theories including discussion of the relationship of language and culturally-determined behaviors; examination of the relationship of American Sign Language to the history of the American Deaf community.

ASL 55B, 3 Units

History and Culture of Deaf People in America II

3 hours lecture (GR or P/ NP). Recommended preparation: ASL 51 or 51B, and 55A. Course is taught in American Sign Language. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU.

Continuation of ASL 55A: History, values, and identity as a cultural group as opposed to disabled; analysis of effects of pathological views and actions on Deaf people; educational issues; ASL literature and written literature by Deaf people.

ASL 57, 3 Units

Structure of American Sign Language

3 hours lecture (GR or P/ NP). Recommended preparation: ASL 51 or 51B, Course is taught in American Sign Language. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU.

Historical view of changing social attitudes towards American Sign Language: Phonological, morphological, syntactical parts of ASL; and discussion of other social issues around use of ASL.

ASL 200B, 2 Units

Classifiers II

2 hours lecture (GR or P/ NP).

Prerequisites: ASL 51 or 51B

Study of classifier types and functions in American Sign Language: Identification of various classifiers and their use to enhance and expand storytelling abilities.

ASL 202B, 1 Unit

Fingerspelling and Numbers II

.5 hours lecture, 1.5 hours laboratory (GR or P/ NP). Prerequisite: ASL 51 or 51B

Advanced systematic practice in numerical and fingerspelling skills in ASL.

ASL 464, 1-4 Units

Occupational Work Experience in American Sign Language

Hours to be arranged (GR or P/ NP).

Prerequisite: ASL 52 or 52B.

Acceptable for credit: CSU

Supervised field experience in American Sign Language: Extension of classroom-based learning at an on-the-job or community location to facilitate development of ASL skills and to provide exposure to Deaf culture.



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& Center St. BART escalator. Berkeley
City College is one half block west of the
Shattuck & Center St. exit.

By bus take AC transit.
Visit www.actransit.org for the route
nearest you.

The Peralta Colleges

Berkeley City College is part
of the Peralta Community College District
which also includes College of Alameda,
Laney College and Merritt College. The
Peralta Community College District serves
the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley,
Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont.



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with Disabilities**

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media format upon request. Should you
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Programs and Services for Students with
Disabilities (PSSD) at 981-2826.

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