

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Berkeley City College's ASL Program enables students to acquire the communicative competence in ASL and the cultural sensitivity needed to interact successfully with members of the American Deaf community. American Sign Language (ASL) is the fourth most used language in the United States. It is the major language that the American Deaf population uses.

Students who will benefit from this program include the following: those who wish to expand their language skills and cultural knowledge to enhance other majors (e.g., interpreting, education, social work, and psychology); those who need to fulfill a university foreign language requirement; parents of deaf children; and deafened adults. Students will develop skills which will also make them more marketable to potential employers who encounter the Deaf.

American Sign Language Associate Degree and Certificate of Achievement*

<i>Required Courses</i>		<i>Units</i>
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
	*Major Requirements	30
	General Education and Electives	30
	Total Units	60

**For the Certificate of Achievement, students must complete the 30 units of required courses. For the Associate Degree, students must complete the 30 units of required courses plus 30 units of General Education requirements and elective courses.*

American Sign Language

Associate in Arts Degree and Certificate of Achievement Recommended Two-Year Course Sequence Beginning in the Fall Semester

You can use the following pattern to complete an Associate in Arts degree or a Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language. This is only one possible pattern. If you wish to earn an associate degree or certificate, you must participate in the Student Success Program (Matriculation), which includes assessing academic skills and developing a Student Education Plan (SEP) with a Counselor. This plan will map your sequence of courses to help you complete your degree regardless of the semester you begin classes.

<i>Course</i>		<i>Units</i>
	1st Semester/Fall	
ASL 50	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 55A	History and Culture of Deaf People in America I	3
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	8
	Total	15
	2nd Semester/Spring	
ASL 51	American Sign Language II	4
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	11
	Total	15
	Summer Session	
ASL 200A	Classifiers I	2*
ASL 202A	Fingerspelling and Numbers I	1*
	3rd Semester/Fall	
ASL 52	American Sign Language III	4
ASL 57	Structure of American Sign Language	3
ASL 202B	Fingerspelling and Numbers II	1
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	7
	Total	15
	4th Semester/Spring	
ASL 53	American Sign Language IV	4
ASL 55B	History and Culture of Deaf People in America II	3
ASL 200B	Classifiers II	2
ASL 464	Occupational Work Experience in American Sign Language	2
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	4
	Total	15

**ASL 200A (Classifiers I, 2 Units) and ASL 202A (Fingerspelling and Numbers I, 1 Unit) are optional classes.*

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Demonstrate expressive competence in ASL.
- Demonstrate receptive competence in ASL.
- Demonstrate awareness of and respect for the language, history and culture of Deaf people, including their values, beliefs, and customs.
- Demonstrate appropriate cultural behavior at events where a majority of attendees are Deaf people and ASL native signers, e.g. school, club, organization, etc.