

A.A./Certificate Deaf Studies: American Sign Language 24-25



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

Students who complete the associate degree have enhanced employability working with the Deaf community in settings such as social work, education, and interpreting. They are well prepared for full-time, permanent positions rather than temporary, on-call positions. The associate degree will provide students with a broad range of knowledge with which to evaluate and appreciate American Sign Language, Deaf culture, and the society in which they live and with the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively. For more information, visit the [Language & Communication Arts](#) division.

TO EARN A DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of 60-semester units
- [2] Completion of General Education Requirements
- [3] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [4] A C or better in all courses required for the major

Residency: Minimum of 12 units completed at AVC with a minimum of 9 of those units completed from the certificate/major. (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units) Title 5, Section 54000: <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>.

***To earn Certificate only:** only the major & program electives courses are required and a must earn a minimum grade point average of 2.0

AA - Deaf Studies: American Sign Language [Total Units 38]

Required Courses (31 units)	
DFST101 - American Sign Language I	4
DFST102 - American Sign Language II	4
DFST105 - Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3
DFST110 - Power, Privilege, and Oppression	3
DFST201 - American Sign Language III	4
DFST202 - American Sign Language IV	4
DFST204 - Structure of American Sign Language	3
INT101 - Principles of Sign Language Interpreting	3
INT201 - Translation	3

Required Electives: Complete (7 units) from the following	
DFST101L - American Sign Language I Skill Building Lab	1
DFST102L - American Sign Language II Skill Building Lab	1
DFST106 - Introduction to Deaf Education	3
DFST108 - Visual, Gestural & Non-Manual Aspects of American Sign Language	3
DFST201L - American Sign Language III/IV Skill Building Lab	1
DFST205 - Numbers Fingerspelling and Classifiers	3
DFST206 - Creative Signing	2
DFST199 - Work Experience	1-8
INT210 - Ethics, Decision-Making, & Professionalism for Interpreters	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY AA-Deaf Studies: American Sign Language

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty. All **Program Electives** for the Major and **General Education** Courses, Areas A-F, are recommended only. Except for ENGL 101, you can make other selections for this area if you choose (See [back page for options](#)).

- [!] = Courses will fulfill the completion requirements for Major & Gen Ed I
- [#] recommended courses may select other options.
- **Electives** are courses that count toward your credits for graduation, but not specific to degree of study
- Take classes in **Summer** or **Intersession** if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner
- Fall/Spring: Max 19 units, 12-15 units Recommended.

TERM 1	
Course	Units
AVC Gen-Ed- AREA D2: Engl 101	3
DFST 101	4
DFST 110	3
Program Elective: #DFTS 101L	1
AVC Gen-Ed- AREA D2:#MATH 110	3
Total Units	14

TERM 2	
Course	Units
DFTS 102	4
DFTS 105	3
Program Elective: #DFTS 102L	1
AVC Gen Ed- AREA A: #BIOL 101 & #BIOL 101L	4
AVC Gen Ed- AREA F: #HIST 111	3
Total Units	16

TERM 3	
Course	Units
DFTS 201	4
INT 101	3
INT 201	3
Program Elective: #DFTS 206	2
AVC Gen Ed-Area B :#ANTH 102	3
Total Units	15

TERM 4	
Course	Units
DFTS 202	4
DFST 204	3
INT 210	3
AVC Gen Ed-Area E: * #DFST 105	3
AVC Gen Ed-Area C: #THA 110	3
Total Units	15

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION		
<p>Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)</p>		
<p>AVC 24-25 CATALOG: ACADEMIC POLICIES</p>		
<p>INFORMATION and RESOURCES</p>		
Tutoring Assistance	Career Center	AVC Student Health Services
Transfer Center	Office of Students with Disabilities	Palmdale Center
Basic Needs	Financial Aid	Counseling Division

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2023-2024 AVC General Education Requirements

Advising Form Effective Fall 2023 - Summer 2024

GE AREA	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	NEED	
				<p>The requirements for an AA or AS degree include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A minimum of 60 semester units; with at least 12 semester units completed in residence at AVC for an AA/AS degree (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units); maximum of 12 pass/no-pass credit units can be accepted towards an AA/AS degree. 2. Refer to each individual program for major requirements. All major courses as specified in the AVC catalog must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. 3. An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C" average) is required. <p>Double counting: While a course may satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major or area of emphasis requirement.</p> <p>Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. <i>Title 5, Section 55200(d)</i></p> <p>At least 3 units from each of the following areas below: A, B, C, D1, D2, E, and F. Minimum Total GE Units Required 21</p>
AREA A: NATURAL SCIENCES - Select at least 3 units				
A				<p>ANTH 101, 101L; ASTR 101, 101L; BIOL 100, 101, 101L, 102, 103, 104, 110, 120, 201, 202, 204, 205; CHEM 101, 102, 110, 120, 210, 220; ELTE 101; ERSC 101; GEOG 101, 101L, 102, 102L; GEOL 101, 101L, 102, 102L; PHYS 101, 102, 110, 120, 211; PSCI 101</p>
AREA B: SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES- Select at least 3 units				
B				<p>AJ 201, 204, 206; ANTH 102, 103, 110, 112, 140; BUS 101, 212; CFE 102, 103; COMM 217; DFST 105, 106, 110; ECON 100, 101, 102, 110; GEOG 105, 106, 110; HIST 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 113, 114, 116, 118, 119 ; POLS 101, 103, 200, 201, 202, 203; PSY 101, 200, 201, 212, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236; SOC 101, 105, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 120, 200; THA 240</p>
AREA C: HUMANITIES- Select at least 3 units				
C				<p>ART 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 110, 113, 120, 132, 135, 136, 137, 140, 145, 150, 163, 170, 210, 213; CHIN 101, 102, 201, 202; COMM 112, 114, 214, 217, 219; DA 101; DFST 101, 102, 105, 106, 201, 202; ENGL 102, 111, 112, 221, 222, 225, 227, 230, 231, 235, 242, 253, 256, 257, 259, 265, 279 ; FREN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203; FTV 101, 103, 107, 108, 201, 203, 241, 251, 261; GER 101, 102, 201, 202 ; HIST 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 113, 115, 118, 119; LATN 101, 102, 201; MUS 101, 105, 111, 121, 131, 132, 151, 153, 185, 231, 232, 251A, 251B, 253A, 253B; MUSC 102, 103, 107, 108, 109; NF 150; PHIL 105, 106, 108, 109; PHOT 107; PHTC 101, 150, 201; SPAN 101, 110SS, 102, 201, 202, 210SS, 220SS; THA 101, 102, 103, 110, 115A, 115B, 116A, 116B, 117A, 117B, 118A, 118B, 121A, 121B, 130, 133, 225, 239</p>
AREA D: LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY				
Select 3 units from (1) and 3 units from (2). Grade of "C" or better required in Area D1				
D1				<p>D1 Academic Composition: ENGL 101</p>
D2				<p>D2 Communication and Analytical Thinking: BUS 113; CA 103; CS 120, 121, 122, 123; COMM 101, 107, 109, 112, 114, 115, 201, 217, 219; ENGL 102, 103; GEOG 201, 205; MATH 103, 110, 115, 116, 120, 124, 128, 131, 135, 140, 148, 150, 160, 220, 230, 250; NF 150; PHIL 101, 106, 110, 201</p>
AREA E: ADDITIONAL BREADTH				
Select 3 units from Areas A, B, C, D2, or E *Courses must be taken from a discipline not previously selected				
E				<p>DA 111; HD 100, 101, 102, 103, 105; HE 101, 120, 201; KINT 100; LIB 107, 110; NF 100, 102, 103, 110 Any DA activity course(s) from DA 102-205, except DA 107A-C, 108, 109, and 111 Any Kinesiology Fitness (KINF) activity course, Intercollegiate Athletics (IATH) activity course, or up to 4 units for military experience</p>
AREA F: DIVERSITY STUDIES- Select 3 units				
F				<p>ANTH 102, 112; BUS 212; CFE 116; COMM 114, 217, 219; DFST 105, 106 ; ECON 110 ; ENGL 250, 253, 256, 257, 259; FTV 201, 203; HE 201; HIST 110, 111, 113 ; MUSC 107, 108; POLS 202; SOC 105, 110, 116; THA 239</p>