

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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The Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language (ASL) promotes fluency in ASL and an understanding of ASL culture. This is an eighteen unit program of study of a second language and its culture that prepares students to interact appropriately with Deaf persons in a variety of settings, including education, retail, medicine, entertainment, and community services. The program assists students who are seeking careers in a wide variety of fields that value multilingualism and multiculturalism, and/or cater specifically to Deaf consumers. The Certificate of Achievement establishes ASL linguistic and cultural fluency as a foundation for further studies in ASL, linguistics, ASL interpreting, or Deaf Studies.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Communicate in American Sign Language at an intermediate-high level as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).
- Critically examine and comprehend the culture, values and practices of Deaf Americans.

## Certificate of Achievement Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Core</b>		
SIGN 1A	Elementary American Sign Language I	5
SIGN 1B	Elementary American Sign Language II	5
SIGN 2A	Intermediate American Sign Language	5
SIGN 10 or SIGN 20	Structure and Culture of American Sign Language Introduction to Deaf Culture	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>18</b>

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.