

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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 |
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| Required Core | | |
| 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 |
| Total Units | | 18 |

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.