



## American Sign Language

**Degree**

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The major in American Sign Language provides a linguistic exploration of the various components of ASL and an in-depth examination of the culture of deaf people. The objective of the program is to provide students with a foundation for achieving fluency and the opportunity to transfer to a four-year institution. With additional training, employment opportunities include interpreting, teaching, and social service. If transferring to an institution other than UC or CSU, students should check with the receiving institution to ensure transferability of ASL courses as foreign language credit.

The AA degree is designed to provide students with multiple career pathways including interpreting, social services, and teaching, among others.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the student will:

- communicate clearly and effectively in ASL, expressing and recognizing specific manual and non-manual language elements.
- share critical insight into the nature of language and culture through continued participation in the deaf community.
- Employ video technology for self-, peer-, and mentor-feedback for ongoing skills development, assessment, and communication.
- produce college level American Sign Language and English texts demonstrating knowledge of, and critical inquiry into, key concepts or issues in American Sign Language, the Deaf Community, and Deaf Culture.

### Total Units: 19

#### Required Courses

Course #	Name	Units
ASL B1	American Sign Language 1	4.0
ASL B2	American Sign Language 2	4.0
ASL B3	American Sign Language 3	4.0
ASL B4	American Sign Language 4	4.0

#### Select 3 units from the following

Course #	Name	Units
ASL B6	American Sign Language 6	3.0
ASL B7	American Sign Language 7	3.0

Category	Units
Units in Major	19.0
CSU GE Breadth	39.0-41.0
Possible double counting of GE's	8.0-12.0
Degree Total	60.0

### To Transfer Coursework

A minimum of 19 semester units in the major with a grade of 'C' or better while maintaining a minimum grade point average of at least 2.0 in all California State University transferable coursework.

### To Achieve the Associate of Arts

Upon completion of graduation requirements and the required degree courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded an American Sign Language Associate of Arts Degree.

## ASL Interpreter Training Program Certificate of Achievement

The BC ASL/English Interpreter Training Program is a two-year opportunity for students who wish to enter the field of sign language interpreting. Upon completion, students will demonstrate the ability to interpret between ASL and English, both consecutively and simultaneously. In addition, students will reflect an in-depth understanding of business practices, specialized settings, and professional ethics. Program completers will be able to attain employment in an under-staffed field, working independently in the community, for academic and governmental agencies, and private businesses.

### Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the student will:

- demonstrate mastery of consecutive ASL/English interpreting.
- demonstrate mastery of simultaneous ASL/English interpreting.
- determine how to interpret in various specialized settings.
- employ best business practices in the field of interpreting.
- utilize the tools for assessing stakeholders' needs and ethical decision making.

### Program Pre-requisites:

AA degree in American Sign Language, or completion of ASL 4 with a grade of C or better, or the equivalent.

### To Achieve the Certificate of Achievement

Upon completion of the following courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded an ASL Interpreter Training Program Certificate of Achievement. A "P" (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in this major.

### Total Units: 42

#### Required Core Courses

Course #	Name	Units
ASL B62	Fingerspelling, Numbers, and Classifiers	3.0
ASL B64	Introduction to Translation	4.0
ASL B66	Introduction to the Interpreting Professions	3.0
ASL B63	Ethics and Decision Making	3.0
ASL B68	Interpreting I	4.0
ASL B72	Structure of American Sign Language	3.0
ASL B70	Business Practices	3.0
ASL B71	Specialized Settings	3.0
ASL B73	Interpreting II	4.0
ASL B74	Interpreting III	4.0
ASL B75	Interpreting IV	4.0
ASL B77	Interpreting Practicum	4.0