



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

Students who complete the associate degree have enhanced employability working with the Deaf community in settings such as social work and education. 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 a minimum of 60-semester units or 90 quarter units of degree applicable courses
- [2] A minimum of 18-semester units in a major
- [3] Completion of 21 units AVC General Education Requirements
- [4] Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- [5] A "C" or better in all courses required for the major

A.A. Deaf Studies-American Sign Language (DSA)

[Total Units Required for the Major 38]

Required Courses, complete ALL courses (total 31 units)	
DFST101 - American Sign Language I	4
DFST102 - American Sign Language II	4
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 101	
DFST105 - Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3
DFST110 - Power, Privilege, and Oppression	3
DFST201 - American Sign Language III	4
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 102.	
DFST202 - American Sign Language IV	4
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 201.	
DFST204 - Structure of American Sign Language	3
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 102.	
INT101 - Principles of Sign Language Interpreting	3
INT201 - Translation	3
Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in DFST 201.	

Program Electives, complete 7 units total from list	
DFST101L - American Sign Language I Skill Building Lab	1
Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in DFST 101.	
DFST102L - American Sign Language II Skill Building Lab	1
Corequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in DFST 102.	
DFST106 - Introduction to Deaf Education	3
DFST108 - Visual, Gestural & Non-Manual Aspects of ASL	3
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 101.	
DFST201L - American Sign Language III/IV Skill Building L	1
Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in DFST 201 .	
DFST205 - Numbers Fingerspelling and Classifiers	3
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 101.	
DFST206 - Creative Signing	2
Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 102 and completion of or concurrent enrollment in DFST 201.	
DFST199 - Work Experience Education	1-8
INT210 - Ethics, Decision-Making, & Professionalism for Interpreters	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

Associate of Arts in Deaf Studies- American Sign Language

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty
Take classes in Summer or Intersession if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 unit

SEMESTER 1	
Course	Units
DFST 101	4
Program Elective: DFTS 101L (rec.)	1
DFST 110	3
AVC GE Area 1A:EnglC1000	4
AVC GE Area 2: Math Conpts. & Quant. Rsng.	3
Total Units	15

SEMESTER 2	
Course	Units
DFST 102	4
Program Elective: DFTS 102L (rec.)	1
DFST 105	3
AVC GE Area 5: Natural Sciences	3
AVC GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies	3
Total Units	14

SEMESTER 3	
Course	Units
DFST 201	4
INT 201	3
INT 101	3
DFST 206	2
AVC GE Area 1B: Oral Comm.& Critical Think	3
Total Units	15

SEMESTER 4	
Course	Units
DFST 202	4
DFST 204	3
Program Elective: INT 210 (rec.)	3
AVC GE Area 3: Arts & Humanities	3
AVC GE Area 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Total Units	16
TOTAL DEGREE UNITS	60

2026-2027 AVC General Education Requirements

Advising Form Effective Fall 2026 - Summer 2027

GE AREA	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	NEED	
				The requirements for an AA or AS degree include the following: 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 <u>must</u> be completed with a grade of "C" or better. 3. An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C" average) is required. 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. 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. Complete at least 3 semester units from each of the following areas below: 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Completion of 1a requires a minimum a grade of "C" or "P". Minimum Total GE Units Required 21 semester units or 28-31.5 quarter units.
AREA 1: ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING 2 courses required, one from Area A and one from Area B, 6 semester or 8 quarter units				
1A				Group A: English Composition: ENGL C1000, ENGL C1000H
1B				Group B: Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: COMM C1000, C1000H; ENGL C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H ; PHIL 201
AREA 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning 1 course, 3 semester or 4 quarter units				
2				MATH 103, 110, 116, 124, 128, 140, 148, 149 , 150, 150H, 160, 220, 230, 250; STAT C1000, C1000H
AREA 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES 1 courses, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units				
3				ART 100, 103, 104, 106, 113, 132, 135, 137, 140, 145, 163, 170, 213; ARTH C1100, C1100H, C1200, C1200H ; CHIN 101, 102, 201, 202; DFST 101, 102, 201, 202; COMM 112, 114, 217, 219; DA 101, 113; ENGL 114, 221, 222, 225, 227, 230, 231, 235, 242, 253, 253H, 256, 257, 259, 265, 279, C1002, C1002H ; FREN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203; FTV 101, 107, 108, 201, 203, 251, 261 ; GER 101, 102, 201, 202; HIST 104, 105, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 113, 115, 119, C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H ; LATN 101, 102, 201; MUS 101, 101H, 105, 106, 110, 111, 120, 151; MUSC 102, 103, 107, 108, 109; PHIL 105, 105H, 106, 108, 109, 230, 240 ; NF 150; PHOT 107; PHTC 101, 150, 201; SPAN 101, 102, 110SS, 201, 202, 203, 210SS, 220SS; THA 101, 101H, 102, 103, 104, 106, 110, 111, 130, 225, 239, 239H, 240
AREA 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units				
4				AJ 206; ANTH 102, 103, 110, 112, 112H, 140; BUS 212; CFE 102, 103; DFST 105, 106, 110; ECON 100, 110, C2001, C2001H, C2002, C2002H ; GEOG 105, 106, 110; HIST 104, 105, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 113, 114, 116, 118, 119, C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H ; POLS 103, 200, 201, 202, 203, C1000, C1000H; PSY 200, 201, 212, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236; PSYC C1000, C1000H; SOC 105, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 120, 200; SOCI C1000, C1000H
AREA 5: NATURAL SCIENCES 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units				
5				ANTH 101, 101H; ASTR C1001, C1001H ; BIOL 100, C1001# , 102, 103, 104, 104H, 110, 120, 201, 202, 204, 205; CHEM 101, 102, 110, 120, 210, 220; ELTE 101; ERSC 101; GEOG 101, 102; GEOL 101, 101H, 102; PHYS 101, 102, 110, 120, 211; PSCI 101 # Students must register separately for the required lab component of BIOL 101L
AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units				
6				ETHN 101, 102, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 ; ENGL 257 or ETHN 257EN

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

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)

Application for Graduation:

Antelope Valley College awards degrees three times annually following the Fall, Spring, and summer semesters. Students must apply for graduation to earn their degree or certificate.

Applications are due by September 6 for spring/summer graduates and by February 14 for fall graduates.

AVC 26-27 CATALOG: [ACADEMIC POLICIES](#)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance
Transfer Center
Basic Needs

Career Center
Office of Students with Disabilities
Financial Aid

AVC Student Health Services
Palmdale Center
Counseling Division