



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

Deaf Studies offers associate degree and certificate programs in both American Sign Language and Interpreter Training. American Sign Language is suited for those interested in learning to communicate with people in the Deaf community, as well as enhancing cultural awareness. Interpreter Training focuses on developing and utilizing American Sign Language skills to provide communication access for persons who are Deaf or Hard-Of-Hearing. The successful student has many career opportunities to choose from upon completion.. For more information, visit the [Language & Communication Arts](#) division.

TO EARN A DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major & Program Electives Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A C or better in all courses required for the major

Cert. Deaf Studies-American Sign Language (DSA1)

[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
<i>Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 101</i>	
DFST105 - Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3
DFST110 - Power, Privilege, and Oppression	3
DFST201 - American Sign Language III	4
<i>Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 102.</i>	
DFST202 - American Sign Language IV	4
<i>Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 201.</i>	
DFST204 - Structure of American Sign Language	3
<i>Prerequisite: Completion of DFST 102.</i>	
INT101 - Principles of Sign Language Interpreting	3
INT201 - Translation	3
<i>Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in DFST 201.</i>	

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

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

Cert. 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
Total Units	8

SEMESTER 2	
Course	Units
DFST 102	4
Program Elective: DFTS 102L (rec.)	1
DFST 105	3
Total Units	8

SEMESTER 3	
Course	Units
DFST 201	4
INT 201	3
INT 101	3
DFST 206	2
Total Units	12

SEMESTER 4	
Course	Units
DFST 202	4
DFST 204	3
Program Elective: INT 210 (rec.)	3
Total Units	10
TOTAL DEGREE UNITS 38	

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	Career Center	AVC Student Health Services
Transfer Center	Office of Students with Disabilities	Palmdale Center
Basic Needs	Financial Aid	Counseling Division