

Deaf Studies: American Sign Language Certificate 25-26



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 Certificate 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 [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
DFST105 - Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3
DFST110 - Power, Privilege, and Oppression	3
DFST201 - American Sign Language III	4
DFST202 - American Sign Language IV	4
DFST204 - Structure of American Sign Language	3
INT101 - Principles of Sign Language Interpreting	3
INT201 - Translation	3

Required Electives, complete 7 units total from list	
DFST101L - American Sign Language I Skill Building Lab	1
DFST102L - American Sign Language II Skill Building Lab	1
DFST106 - Introduction to Deaf Education	3
DFST108 - Visual, Gestural & Non-Manual Aspects of American Sign Language	3
DFST201L - American Sign Language III/IV Skill Building Lab	1
DFST205 - Numbers Fingerspelling and Classifiers	3
DFST206 - Creative Signing	2
DFST199 - Work Experience Education	1-8
INT210 - Ethics, Decision-Making, & Professionalism for Interpreters	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

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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 units

■ Major

▲ Program Elective

SEMESTER 1

Course	Units
■ DFST 101	4
■ Program Elective: DFST 101L (rec.)	1
▲ DFST 110	3
Total Units	8

SEMESTER 2

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

SEMESTER 3

Course	Units
■ DFST 201	4
■ INT 201	3
■ INT 101	3
▲ Program Elective: DFST 206 (rec.)	2
Total Units	12

SEMESTER 4

Course	Units
■ DFST 202	4
■ DFST 204	3
▲ Program Elective: INT 210 (rec.)	3
Total Units	10

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 25-26 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