

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Berkeley City College's ASL Program enables students to acquire the communicative competence in ASL and the cultural sensitivity needed to interact successfully with members of the American Deaf community. American Sign Language (ASL) is the fourth most used language in the United States. It is the major language that the American Deaf population uses.

Students who will benefit from this program include the following: those who wish to expand their language skills and cultural knowledge to enhance other majors (e.g., interpreting, education, social work, and psychology); those who need to fulfill a university foreign language requirement; parents of deaf children; and deafened adults. Students will develop skills which will also make them more marketable to potential employers who encounter the Deaf.

## American Sign Language

### Associate Degree and Certificate of Achievement\*

Required Courses		Units
ASL 50	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 51	American Sign Language II	4
ASL 52	American Sign Language III	4
ASL 53	American Sign Language IV	4
ASL 55A	History and Culture of Deaf People in America I	3
ASL 55B	History and Culture of Deaf People in America II	3
ASL 57	Structure of American Sign Language	3
ASL 200B	Classifiers II	2
ASL 202B	Finger spelling and Numbers II	1
ASL 464	Occupational Work Experience in American Sign Language	2
	*Major Requirements	30
	General Education and Electives	30
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>60</b>

\*For the Certificate of Achievement, students must complete the 30 units of required courses. For the Associate Degree, students must complete the 30 units of required courses plus 30 units of General Education requirements and elective courses.

## Recommended Course Sequence

You can use the following pattern to complete an Associate in Arts degree or a Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language. This is only one possible pattern. If you wish to earn an associate degree or certificate, you must participate in the Student Success Program (Matriculation), which includes assessing academic skills and developing a Student Education Plan (SEP) with a Counselor. This plan will map your sequence of courses to help you complete your degree regardless of the semester you begin classes.

Course		Units
<b>1st Semester/Fall</b>		
ASL 50	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 55A	History and Culture of Deaf People in America I	3
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Spring</b>		
ASL 51	American Sign Language II	4
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Summer Session</b>		
ASL 200A	Classifiers I	2*
ASL 202A	Finger spelling and Numbers I	1*
<b>3rd Semester/Fall</b>		
ASL 52	American Sign Language III	4
ASL 57	Structure of American Sign Language	3
ASL 202B	Finger spelling and Numbers II	1
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>4th Semester/Spring</b>		
ASL 53	American Sign Language IV	4
ASL 55B	History and Culture of Deaf People in America II	3
ASL 200B	Classifiers II	2
ASL 464	Occupational Work Experience in American Sign Language	2
	General Education or Elective classes for AA	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

\*ASL 200A (Classifiers I, 2 Units) and ASL 202A (Finger spelling and Numbers I, 1 Unit) are optional classes.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Demonstrate expressive competence in ASL.
- Demonstrate receptive competence in ASL.
- Demonstrate awareness of and respect for the language, history and culture of Deaf people, including their values, beliefs, and customs.
- Demonstrate appropriate cultural behavior at events where a majority of attendees are Deaf people and ASL native signers, e.g. school, club, organization, etc.

**ASL 50, American Sign Language I**

4 Units

3 hrs lecture, 3 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 50A-50B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level. Course is equivalent to two years of high school study.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Introduction to American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf culture. 0850.00

**ASL 50A, American Sign Language I (Module A)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

ASL 50A plus ASL 50B is equivalent to two years of high school study.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 50A and 50B to receive credit for the following GE areas: AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Introduction to American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf culture. 0850.00

**ASL 50B, American Sign Language I (Module B)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 50A. ASL 50A plus ASL 50B is equivalent to two years of high school study.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 50A and 50B to receive credit for the following GE areas: AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Introduction to American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf Culture. 0850.00

**ASL 51, American Sign Language II**

4 Units

3 hrs lecture, 3 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 50 or 50B.

Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 51A-51B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Continuation of American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf Culture. 0850.00

**ASL 51A, American Sign Language II (Module A)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 50 or 50B.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 51A and 51B to receive credit for the following GE areas:

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Continuation of American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf Culture. 0850.00

**ASL 51B, American Sign Language II (Module B)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 51A. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 51A and 51B to receive credit for the following GE areas:

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Continuation of American Sign Language: Fundamentals of ASL conversation and storytelling; basic information about the Deaf community and Deaf Culture. 0850.00

**ASL 52, American Sign Language III**

4 Units

3 hrs lecture, 3 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 51 or 51B. Course may be offered in two, 2-unit modules (ASL 52A-52B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Continuation of American Sign Language: Expanded study of Sign Language with emphasis on conversation skills and storytelling; continued expansion of knowledge of Deaf culture and Deaf community. 0850.00

**ASL 52A, American Sign Language III (Module A)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 51 or 51B. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 52A and 52B to receive credit for the following GE areas:

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

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**ASL 52B, American Sign Language III (Module B)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 52A.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 52A and 52B to receive credit for the following GE areas:

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

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**ASL 53, American Sign Language IV**

4 Units

3 hrs lecture, 3 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 52 or 52B. Course may be offered in two 2-unit modules (ASL 53A-53B). Students must complete both modules with a grade of C or better to advance to the next level.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Continuation of American Sign Language: Expanded study of Sign Language with emphasis on conversation skills and storytelling; continued expansion of knowledge of Deaf culture and Deaf community. 0850.00

**ASL 53A, American Sign Language IV (Module A)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 52 or 52B.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 53A and 53B to receive credit for the following GE areas:

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

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**ASL 53B, American Sign Language IV (Module B)**

2 Units

1.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 53A. Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

Must complete both ASL 53A and 53B to receive credit for the following GE areas:

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area Language

Continuation of American Sign Language: Expanded study of Sign Language with emphasis on conversation skills and storytelling; continued expansion of knowledge of Deaf culture and Deaf community. 0850.00

### **ASL 55A, History and Culture of Deaf People in America I**

3 Units

3 hrs lecture (GR or P/INP).

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D;  
IGETC area 4

Historical and cultural overview of the American Deaf community and its language (ASL): Anthropological and sociological theories including discussion of the relationship of language and culturally-determined behaviors; examination of the relationship of American Sign Language to the history of the American Deaf community. 0850.00

### **ASL 55B, History and Culture of Deaf People in America II**

3 Units

3 hrs lecture (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisites: ASL 51 or 51B. Recommended Preparation: ASL 55A.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU.

Continuation of ASL 55A: History, values, and identity as a cultural group as opposed to disabled; analysis of effects of pathological views and actions on Deaf people; educational issues; ASL literature and written literature by Deaf people. Course is taught in American Sign Language. 0850.00

### **ASL 57, Structure of American Sign Language**

3 Units

3 hrs lecture (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisites: ASL 51 or 51B, Course is taught in American Sign Language.

Acceptable for credit: UC/CSU.

Historical view of changing social attitudes towards American Sign Language: Phonological, morphological, syntactical parts of ASL; and discussion of other social issues around use of ASL. 0850.00

### **ASL 200A, Classifiers I**

2 Units

2 hrs lecture (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 50 or 50B.

Introduction to the basic aspects of American Sign Language classifiers. 0850.00

### **ASL 200B, Classifiers II**

2 Units

2 hrs lecture (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisites: ASL 51 or 51B.

Study of classifier types and functions in American Sign Language: Identification of various classifiers and their use to enhance and expand storytelling abilities. 0850.00

### **ASL 202A, Finger spelling and Numbers I**

1 Unit

0.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 50 or 50B.

Introduction to numerical and finger spelling systems in American Sign Language. 0850.00

### **ASL 202B, Finger spelling and Numbers II**

1 Unit

0.5 hrs lecture, 1.5 hrs lab (GR or P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 51 or 51B.

Advanced systematic practice in numerical and finger spelling skills in ASL. 0850.00

### **ASL 464, Occupational Work Experience in American Sign Language**

1–2 Units

Hrs to be arranged (P/INP).

Prerequisite: ASL 52 or 52B.

Acceptable for credit: CSU

Supervised field experience in American Sign Language: Extension of classroom-based learning at an on-the-job or community location to facilitate development of ASL skills and to provide exposure to Deaf culture. 0850.00