



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Certificate of Achievement

The Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language is designed to meet the needs of students pursuing other degrees or certificates, or members of the community, who are interested in acquiring fluency in ASL for practical purposes. Now the third most studied modern language in the U.S., Oxnard College simultaneously recognizes this growing body of students interested in learning ASL and the high demand for bilingual workers spanning a broad range of industries in California and nationwide. A certificate demonstrating proficiency in ASL can be a highly marketable skill to give job seekers a competitive advantage when applying to enter a variety of occupations. The program equips students with the linguistic proficiency and cultural competency to interact with Deaf people at an intermediate proficiency level in their respective fields and throughout public spaces. Field experiences embedded within the coursework contribute to a greater understanding of and appreciation for the Deaf community, which prepares students to function effectively as allies within the workplace and in society. The certificate is made up of a series of four consecutive courses in the language and one Deaf Studies course. The program can be completed within two years. ****It should be noted that a certificate alone is not adequate qualification to interpret professionally or to work within an ASL-related field. For students interested in careers working within the Deaf community, an Associate in Arts degree in Deaf Studies should be pursued. For more information contact: Emily Zwaal (805) 678-5074. ezwaal@vcccd.edu**

REQUIRED CORE CLASSES		UNITS
ASL R101	American Sign Language 1	4.0
ASL R102	American Sign Language 2	4.0
ASL R103	American Sign Language 3	4.0
ASL R104	American Sign Language 4	4.0
ASL R110	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3.0
Total Required Units for the Certificate		19.0

**Note: Students must begin ASL R101 during Fall semester in order to complete the series and earn the Certificate in four consecutive semesters (unless R103 and R104 move to being offered each semester or ASL R102 is offered during summer). ASL R110 may be taken after ASL R102 is completed (either concurrently with ASL R103 or ASL R104) if offered during both Fall and Spring.*