

# WORLD LANGUAGE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

**Banner code:** 2\_AA\_WLANG

**Control number:** 18425

**Financial aid:** Eligible

The Associate of Arts in World Language Degree is an excellent way to develop critical thinking, analytical, and communicative skills. It provides a basis for understanding cultures and languages, and therefore prepares graduates for many careers in a multicultural world. Communication is vital in our growing global interdependence and technological connectivity. Students in the Associate of Arts in World Language Degree can develop careers in the areas including but not limited to: education, business, international business, diplomatic services, anthropology, economics, political science, literature, sociology, linguistics, interpreting, translation, research, public relations, international commerce, tourism, journalism, and publishing.

The degree offers language courses from beginning to advanced level. All courses are designed to develop the students' listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and/or signing skills as well as to provide general overview of various civilizations and cultures related to the languages. Students will be prepared for a baccalaureate degree in an array of degrees utilizing world languages.

## Program Level Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Interpret spoken or signed messages in the studied language at beginning to intermediate level
2. Demonstrate ability to use language grammar and vocabulary to communicate orally or by signing at beginning to intermediate level
3. Derive meaning of written material in the studied language, not including Sign Language, at beginning to intermediate level
4. Compose written samples using appropriate spelling, accentuation, and sentence structure in the studied language, not including Sign Language, at beginning to intermediate level

## Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

(See GWC website (<http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu>) for the most up-to-date information on Associate Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/asssociate-degree/>)).

1. Completion of General Education Requirements by one of the following methods:
  - a. Completion of a minimum of 18 units as listed under Areas A through E, including the Cultural Diversity Requirement.
  - b. Completion of a minimum of 39 units of CSU General Education requirements. Students who complete this pattern are also eligible to receive the Certificate of Achievement in CSU General Education Breadth (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/csu-ge/>).
  - c. Completion of a minimum of 34 (UC) or 37 (CSU) units of Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements. Students who complete this pattern are also

eligible to receive the Certificate of Achievement in IGETC (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/igetc/>).

2. Completion of a Major or Area of Emphasis—a minimum of 18 units.
3. Completion of additional elective units to a total of 60 units.
4. 2.0 overall Grade Point Average at GWC and 2.0 overall Grade Point Average for all colleges attended.
5. At least 12 units completed at GWC.

Students should consult a GWC counselor in order to select the best pathway to meet their educational goals. For students who intend to transfer, the choice of general education will be specific to both their major and transfer institution.

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<b>18-19</b>		
<i>Option 1</i>		
SIGN G180	American Sign Language 1	4
SIGN G185	American Sign Language 2	4
SIGN G280	American Sign Language 3	4
SIGN G285	American Sign Language 4	4
SIGN G200	Deaf Culture	3
<i>Option 2</i>		
SPAN G180	Elementary Spanish 1	5
SPAN G185	Elementary Spanish 2	5
SPAN G280	Intermediate Spanish 1	4
SPAN G285	Intermediate Spanish 2	4
<i>Option 3</i>		
VIET G180	Elementary Vietnamese 1	5
VIET G185	Elementary Vietnamese 2	5
VIET G280	Intermediate Vietnamese 1	4
VIET G285	Intermediate Vietnamese 2	4
<b>Major Total</b>		<b>18-19</b>
<b>GE Pattern (Local, CSU GE-Breadth, or IGETC)</b>		<b>18-39</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

## Recommended Program Sequence

These sequences are general course maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, completion of short-term certificates, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. However, this may not be an appropriate path for all students. The two-year sequence is based on English and Math placement and meeting other course prerequisites. **Students are advised to meet with a GWC Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

**Students intending to complete this degree need to complete a 4-semester sequence in one language.**

### Year 1:

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 1</b>		
ENGL G100	Freshman Composition <sup>^</sup>	4
Area E: Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development or Area A: English Language, Area B: Natural Sciences, Area C: Arts & Humanities, Area D: Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Course	Title	Units
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		5-7
SPAN G180	Elementary Spanish 1	5
VIET G180	Elementary Vietnamese 1	5
SIGN G180 & SIGN G200	American Sign Language 1 and Deaf Culture	7
<i>Units</i>		12-14

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 2</b>		
Area C: Arts & Humanities course		3
Elective coursework for a total of 3 units		3
<i>Select one of the following or satisfy Math competency (completion of Algebra 2 in High School with a "C" or better):</i>		
MATH G030	Intermediate Algebra	4
MATH G040	Accelerated Elementary and Intermediate Algebra	5
MATH G080	Pre-Statistics	5
If Math competency is satisfied, take Elective coursework for a total of 3 units		3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		4-5
SPAN G185	Elementary Spanish 2	5
SIGN G185	American Sign Language 2	4
VIET G185	Elementary Vietnamese 2	5
<i>Units</i>		13-16

**Year 2:**

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 3</b>		
Area B: Natural Sciences course		3
Area D: Social & Behavioral Sciences course		3
Elective coursework for a total of 6 units		6
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		4
SPAN G280	Intermediate Spanish 1	4
VIET G280	Intermediate Vietnamese 1	4
SIGN G280	American Sign Language 3	4
<i>Units</i>		16

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 4</b>		
Elective coursework to reach a minimum of 60 units		10-15
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		4
SPAN G285	Intermediate Spanish 2	4
VIET G285	Intermediate Vietnamese 2	4
SIGN G285	American Sign Language 4	4
<i>Units</i>		14-19
<b>Total minimum units required</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>^</sup> Program sequence may not be recommended for students who self-place into ENGL G100S. Students should see a Counselor for appropriate advisement.