



## American Sign Language Classes

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### What is American Sign Language?

American Sign Language (ASL) is a complete, complex language that employs signs made with the hands and other movements, including facial expressions and postures of the body. It is the first language of many deaf North Americans, and one of several communication options available to deaf people. ASL is said to be the fourth most commonly used language in the United States.

### Where are some American Sign Language Classes in New Mexico?

The New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NMCDHH) has a library with ASL books, dictionaries and videos, but if you would rather learn in a classroom environment there are a few options. Keep in mind there are differences in cost and whether the student wants to learn conversational ASL or go further and study to be an interpreter.

#### In Albuquerque:

University of New Mexico\*, Website: <https://ling.unm.edu/signed-language-program/index.html>

Phone: 505.277.0928 (v/tty)

University of New Mexico Continuing Education, Website: <http://dce.unm.edu/languages.htm>

Phone: 505.277.6320

Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), Contact information for CNM can be found at [www.cnm.edu/contact/](http://www.cnm.edu/contact/) or email ASL Instructor Julie Mason at [jmason15@cnm.edu](mailto:jmason15@cnm.edu)

Albuquerque Sign Language Academy, Email Carolina Quinones at [CarolinaQ@asllacademy.com](mailto:CarolinaQ@asllacademy.com)

NMSD Sign Class, Contact the Center for Educational Consultation and Training at the New Mexico School for the Deaf 505-476-6400. Classes are free if a child in your family is deaf.

Deaf Culture Center (DCC), contact Chad LeBlanc at [cleblancx@yahoo.com](mailto:cleblancx@yahoo.com).

#### In or near Las Cruces:

New Mexico State University, Website: <https://accounts.nmsu.edu/catalog/> or contact Sandra Romero at 575.646.3621 or [sanromero@nmsu.edu](mailto:sanromero@nmsu.edu)

El Paso Community College\*, Website:

[www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Pages/SignLanguageInterpreterPreparation.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Pages/SignLanguageInterpreterPreparation.aspx). Contact Mary Mooney by phone at 915.831.2432 or email at [mmooney1@epcc.edu](mailto:mmooney1@epcc.edu).

Dona Ana Community College Community Education, "Discover Sign Language" taught by Jennifer Cameron - Also "Baby Sign Language" taught by Francisca Zimmerman-Hakes, contact DACC Community Education at 575.527.7527

Grace Bible Church, 2801 Missouri Ave, Suite 14, Las Cruces, NM 88006. Contact Concha Dunwell at 575.621.1705

UTEP P3 Professional & Public Programs, Website [www.ppp.utep.edu](http://www.ppp.utep.edu) Phone 915.747.5142

**In Santa Fe:**

Santa Fe Community College, Website: [www.sfcc.edu/programs/american-sign-language-interpreting](http://www.sfcc.edu/programs/american-sign-language-interpreting)

Contact Beth Hansen at 505.819.5630 or by email at [beth.hansen@sfcc.edu](mailto:beth.hansen@sfcc.edu).

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\* These schools offer a curriculum for students who want to become interpreters, please see "Interpreter Education" fact sheet.