

Survival isiXhosa

A Certificate of Attendance short course

WHAT ARE THE COURSE OBJECTIVES?

Participants will be able to use isiXhosa in a basic and functional manner on campus. They will gain a basic isiXhosa vocabulary for use in campus-related communication and specific emphasis will be placed on speaking, listening, and reading. As part of the larger university context, they will also gain an understanding of the cultural value of multilingualism. This crash course is practical and interactive, and campus-related scenarios are incorporated to encourage the use of authentic language.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Non-mother tongue speakers of isiXhosa who would like to be able to converse in basic isiXhosa should register for this fun and informal course.

ANY PREREQUISITES?

This course is aimed at Stellenbosch university students with no isiXhosa knowledge whatsoever. Access to internet, wifi and mobile data are essential.

HOW IS THIS COURSE PRESENTED?

We present this crash course over a period of **8 weeks**. There is a weekly **face-to-face contact** time of **2 hours** which is supplemented by **8 hours** of **online support and activities**. The face-to-face time includes **authentic** and **interactive** language use activities where participants get the opportunity to practise the target language in real life situations.

Face-to-face contact time = 16 hours (2 hours per week)

Online activities = 8 hours (1 hour per week of autonomous learning)

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Introduction	Greeting & Health	Personal information	Basic social interaction
Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8
Basic social interaction	In and around town	In and around town	Evaluation Coffee and goodbye

WHAT ARE THE COURSE OUTCOMES?

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to do the following in isiXhosa:

greet and introduce yourself • provide basic personal information such as name, age, address, and telephone number • ask and respond to basic questions • have a basic conversation with other students • use basic vocabulary related to campus life.

A Certificate of Attendance will only be awarded after successful completion of the course.

Please take note that a participant must attend a minimum of 7 sessions and complete 80% of the online work to receive a certificate.

WHEN WILL THIS COURSE TAKE PLACE?

The course is presented afterhours on Tuesdays from 17:00-19:00 at the Language Centre, 44 Banghoek Road. The start dates for the two offerings are:

- 15 February
- 02 August

WHAT DOES THE COURSE COST?

The course cost is R450 per participant. This includes all course material, access to the online platform and refreshments. The registration fee for the course is subsidized by outside funds to provide it to students at a minimal cost. For this reason, there will be an additional financial obligation if participants do not complete the course or cancel their registration on time. The course has a limited capacity in terms of intake, so participants should be considerate of other potential participants and the costs incurred to present the course.

The course fee must be paid in full by no later than 31 January 2022 for the first offering and 22 July 2022 for the second offering.

HOW DOES REGISTRATION WORK?

If you are interested to register for the course, please contact **Helga Sykstus** at languagelearninghub@sun.ac.za who will then share the link to the application form. After successful registration, you will receive an automated email with information on how to pay for the course. The last step is to activate your online profile on our short course platform, called SunOnline to have access to the online activities, material, quizzes, etc. This must all be completed prior to the start of the course.

WHAT CAN PARTICIPANTS DO AFTER THIS?

If an individual is interested in a follow up course they can apply for the credit-bearing course of the Department of African languages called Introduction to communication in Xhosa I14.