

Survival isiXhosa

A certificate of attendance short course

What is the focus of the course?

You will be able to use isiXhosa in a basic and functional manner. You 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, you 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 is the presenter?

The presenter is Bruce Khayaletu Blaine. He developed the love for teaching isiXhosa while completing his PGCE at Stellenbosch University. It is during this time that he realised the necessity for language equity in South Africa and thus have been teaching or tutoring non-mother tongue speakers of isiXhosa for the past ten years. He loves teaching isiXhosa and sharing his culture and roots with others.



Who should attend?

Strictly non-mother tongue speakers of isiXhosa with no prior knowledge of 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, Wi-Fi or mobile data is essential.

How is this course presented?

The crash course is presented over a period of 8 weeks.

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

Online activities = 16 hours (2 hours per week of autonomous learning)

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.

Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4
Introduction	Greeting & Health	Personal information	Social interaction
Topic 5	Topic 6	Topic 7	Topic 8
Social interaction	In and around town	In and around town	Evaluation

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. Participants are required to attend the full duration of the course. Additionally, a minimum of 80% of the online work must be successfully completed.

When will this course take place?

The course is presented at the Language Centre, 44 Banghoek Road, Stellenbosch University. The dates and times for the offerings are:

	Course start date	Day and time	Enrol by
Course 1	02 March	Thursday 17:00-19:00	21 Feb
Course 2	03 August	Thursdays 17:00-19:00	24 July

What does the course cost?

The course cost is R450 per participant and 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.

How does registration work?

(1) If you are interested to enrol for the course, please contact Helga Sykstus at languagelearninghub@sun.ac.za who will then share the link to the application form.

(2) After successful registration, you will receive an automated email with information on how to pay for the course. Please note that all course fees are payable before the course starts.

(3) 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.

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 114.