



IsiXhosa portfolio | IPotfoliyo yesiXhosa | Xhosa-portefeulje

Masabelane Beginner A1

A certificate of competence short course

What are the course objectives?

In this course 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 course is practical and interactive, and campus-related scenarios are incorporated to encourage the use of authentic language.

Who should attend?

This course is offered to Stellenbosch University staff members. Non-mother tongue speakers of isiXhosa who would like to be able to converse in basic isiXhosa should register for this course.

Any prerequisites?

Access to internet, Wi-Fi or mobile data is essential.

How is this course presented?

The course is presented face-to-face over a period of 8 weeks, where participants get the opportunity to practice the isiXhosa and converse with other participants. The course will provide participants with the basic vocabulary to use in conversation around campus and the community.

Attendance?

This is an attendance course therefore participants are expected to only miss 2 sessions over the 8 weeks period. Failure to do so may result in one not getting a certificate.

Face-to-face contact time = 16 hours (2 hours per week for 8 weeks)
Online activities = 12 hours (1 hour per week of autonomous learning)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Introduction and greeting	Personal Details	The state of the weather	Days of the week Months of the year
Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Ordering something to drink and eat	At the garage	At the clothing store	Revision and Oral assessment

What are the course outcomes?

At the end of this course, the participants will be able to do the following:

- Greet and introduce yourself
- Provide basic personal information
- Ask and respond to basic questions
- Have a basic conversation with other isiXhosa speaking individuals
- Communicate socially on a basic level, and
- Use basic vocabulary related to everyday life

A certificate of competence will only be awarded after successful completion of the course. Participants are required to dedicate themselves to this accredited short course by attending the full duration of the course.

When will this course take place?

2025 short course dates	Registration and payment deadlines	
4 February – 26 March 2025	13 January – 27 January 2025	TBC
8 April – 28 May 2025	17 March – 31 March 2025	TBC
15 July – 3 September 2025	23 June – 7 July 2025	TBC
16 September- 5 November 2025	25 August – September	TBC

What does the course cost?

The course is currently FREE.

The course cost is R3 688 per participants, including study material.

Further questions?

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