



South African Sign Language Elementary Level A2

A certificate of competence short course

If you work with Deaf colleagues, the public, or parents of Deaf children with a beginner's knowledge of SASL, this course is ideal. Non-signers of SASL who would like to extend their knowledge will also find attending the course valuable.

What is the focus of this course?

This dynamic course will continue exploring the world of South African Sign Language (SASL). Building on the foundations laid in the SASL A1 course, the A2 course offers further insights into the linguistic and cultural norms of SASL as a language, and into Deaf culture. In this course we will delve deeper into the grammar of SASL.

You will practise the language using our online video material and work in pairs or small groups. Certain sessions will be facilitated with by SASL interpreting, and course material is available in English.

By the end of this 10-week course, you should be able to:

- engage in short conversations on familiar topics using SASL
- use appropriate signs, facial expressions and body language to convey meaning
- understand and respond to basic questions and statements in SASL
- demonstrate the production and reception of the one-hand finger-spelling alphabet, accurately produce and recognise finger-spelled words, and use finger-spelling to clarify names, places and other specific terms
- demonstrate an understanding of the cultural and linguistic aspects of the Deaf community, show respect for Deaf culture and norms, and understand the importance of SASL in the Deaf community
- apply SASL in everyday situations and simple transactions, and use SASL to communicate in contexts such as shopping, asking for directions and discussing daily routines.

Who should attend and what are the career benefits?

If you would like to learn more about South African Sign Language and you already have beginner's knowledge of the language, this course is for you! To ensure optimal learning, we limit the number of participants. Face-to-face sessions are complemented by online learning, and certain aspects of the course are assessed.

Any prerequisites?

Having successfully completed the SASL Beginner Level A1 course is a prerequisite for attending the course. If you have completed a beginner course elsewhere, you will need to do an oral assessment before placement.

You will need a computer and a reliable web browser to access learning material on SUNOnline. You should be familiar with creating electronic documents.

Where and when will this short course take place?

Our courses combine face-to-face sessions, facilitated by the course presenter, with self-directed online learning.

Short courses open before the face-to-face sessions and closes well after the last face-to-face session. This allows enough time for you to activate your SUNOnline presence before the first face-to-face session takes place.

The **10 face-to-face sessions** will take place in the Seminar Room of the Language Centre, Kleine Bosch, 44 Banhoek Road, Stellenbosch from 14:00 to 16:00 on the following dates:

	Face-to-face sessions (14:00 to 16:00)	Course duration (opening and closing dates)	Apply by
Course 1:	9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 September, 2, 7, 9 October	19 August - 23 October	19 August

During this course, you will spend your time as follows (this may vary for individuals):

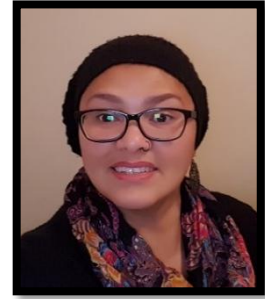
- weekly face-to-face sessions of two hours each
- about six hours per week of self-paced reading and completing tasks, activities, and assignments

Who are the presenters?

Susan (Modiegi) Njeyiyana is a Deaf poet and academic who recently obtained her master's in linguistics. Her first poem was 'June 16th', followed by 'Bear Wash Day', and her poetry inspired many Deaf poets to explore new ideas. Her creativity also exposed Deaf children to poetry and storytelling in their own language. Susan is currently a lecturer at Stellenbosch University and teaches South African Sign Language Acquisition as an additional language to hearing students.



Zulfah Shabodien uses SASL as her first language and has been facilitating training and managing projects in the SASL field for well over 10 years. She is passionate about sharing her language and culture with those who are keen to learn. Her footprint in the broader Deaf community includes working with SociGo to promote cultural activities by and for the Deaf community. She is also involved in helping to develop material for SASL as a school subject.



What is the cost?

The course fee is R6 900, which includes course material, assessments, face-to-face sessions with your presenter, as well as light refreshments.

Please note that course fees are payable before the course starts and that we will present this course only if the minimum paid candidates have confirmed attendance.

Click on [this link](#) if you are interested in doing this course and fill in the form. **We will send you a link to apply for the short course.**

Further questions?

Contact Michelle Pieters at michellep@sun.ac.za or 021 808 2812 for more details.

You could also discuss your specific short course and development needs with us. Enquire about our available short courses, course dates, and options for tailor-making a course.