



SU Language Centre
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US Taalsentrum
STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY



IsiXhosa for Staff – Level 1

A certificate of competence short course

This course is the perfect introduction to isiXhosa for complete beginners. During this course, you'll build a basic isiXhosa vocabulary for use in campus-related communication and gain an understanding of the cultural value of multilingualism. All of this will happen in a relaxed class setting with a skilled language facilitator where you can have some fun while expanding your language repertoire!

What is the focus of this course?

In this course participants will be able to use isiXhosa in a basis 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 is course is practical and interactive, and campus-related scenarios are incorporated to encourage the use of authentic language.

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 eat and drink	At the garage	At the clothing store	Revision and Oral assessment

Interested? Contact us to receive the online application form.
We will send you further instructions after receiving your form.



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What are the prerequisites?

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

A Certificate of Competence will only be awarded after successful completion of the course. You are required to dedicate yourself to this accredited short course by attending the full duration of the course. 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.

What are the course outcomes?

At the end of this course, the 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,
- communicate socially on a basic level, and
- use basic vocabulary related to everyday life.

When and how will the course take place?

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.

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)

The dates and times for the 2026 offerings are:

	Dates In-person sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Registration deadlines	Venue
Offering 1	17 Feb – 08 Apr	11 Feb	TBC
Offering 2	14 April – 03 June	16 March – 30 March	TBC
Offering 3	14 July – 2 Sept	22 June – 06 July	TBC
Offering 4	15 Sept – 04 Nov	24 Aug – 7 Sept	TBC

This short course is currently FREE for SU staff.

The course cost is R3 688 per participant, including study material and lunch. The course is, however, fully subsidised for all SU staff members.



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