



**SU Language Centre**  
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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 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.

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:

	<b>Dates</b> In-person sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays	<b>Registration deadlines</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Offering 1</b>	17 Feb – 08 Apr	11 Feb	TBC
<b>Offering 2</b>	14 April – 03 June	16 March – 30 March	TBC
<b>Offering 3</b>	14 July – 02 Sept	22 June – 06 July	TBC
<b>Offering 4</b>	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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