



SU Language Centre
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STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY



IsiXhosa for Staff – Level 2

A certificate of competence short course

This course targets Stellenbosch University staff members with a beginner's knowledge of isiXhosa. This is a fun-filled course offering you a linguistic and cultural taste of isiXhosa as a language in a wider cultural context.

What is the focus of this course?

While IsiXhosa for Staff – Level 1 provides the vocabulary needed to converse on a daily basis, this course will go deep into the grammar of the language.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Introduction, greeting and getting to know each other	Introduction, greeting and getting to know each other	More about myself Nouns and possessives	Advice, suggestions and requests Imperatives
Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Telling time and sharing experiences – past and future IsiXhosa tenses and forms	Explaining actions Adjectives	Describing things and places Adjectives	The places where we come from Adverbs
Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Giving instructions and pointing out items Copulatives	IsiXhosa songs	Revision	Oral assessment Grammar 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 who have completed IsiXhosa for Staff – Level 1. Non-mother tongue speakers of isiXhosa who would like to extend their knowledge of isiXhosa should register for this course. Prospective participants who have not completed IsiXhosa for Staff – Level 1 can apply, but will need to complete an oral assessment before being allowed to continue with the 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, participants will be able to do the following in isiXhosa:

- Communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar topics and activities. Read short, simple texts.
- Write short, simple notes and messages.
- Handle very short social exchanges.
- Identify the gist of social conversations.
- Identify the gist of short texts.
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic grammar, vocabulary and idiomatic expressions.

When and how will the course take place?

This interactive course is presented face-to-face over a period of 12 weeks and includes self-paced learning (tasks and activities). Participants get the opportunity to interact with the facilitator and to practice the isiXhosa by completing class-based activities and tasks. The primary language of teaching and learning of this course will be English (instruction), with occasional switching to isiXhosa for learning purposes. **Face-to-face contact time** = 24 hours (2 hours per week for 12 weeks) | **Online activities** = 12 hours (1 hour per week of autonomous learning)

The dates and times for the 2026 offerings are:

Dates	Registration deadlines	Venue
Offering 1 23 March – 11 June	2 March – 16 March	TBC
Offering 2 17 August – 5 Nov	01 July – 10 Aug	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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