



**SU Language Centre**  
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STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY



# South African Sign Language Beginner A1

A certificate of competence short course

**Would you like to communicate with Deaf colleagues and clients in South African Sign Language?**  
Take the first step and experience an expert in action!

## What is the focus of this course?

This practical course will introduce you to South African Sign Language (SASL). The course consists of interactive face-to-face sessions during which the presenter teaches introductory aspects of SASL, involving practical exercises and some explanation of language use.

This course will enable you to take part in basic conversations related to everyday life. We will expect you to practise the language using video material available online and to work in pairs or small groups functioning as a check for each other. Certain sessions will be facilitated with the support of South African Sign Language interpreting, and course material is available in English.

This course will assist you to:

- use basic, everyday SASL vocabulary
- interact using simple phrases and sentences to describe, discuss and ask about everyday topics and things you may need or use immediately
- recognise visual input and understand the gist of that input relating to familiar words and basic phrases that deal with things that you or your conversational partner may need or use immediately
- be aware of and respect Deaf culture when using SASL in various everyday social contexts.

**Interested? Click on this link** and complete the online form. We will send you further instructions after receiving your form.

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# What are the prerequisites?

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

## Who should attend and what are the career benefits?

If you would like to learn more about South African Sign Language, then 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.

## When and how will this course take place?

Our courses combine live online sessions, facilitated by the course presenter, with self-directed online learning. This course opens before the first live online session and closes well after the last live online session. This allows enough time for you to activate your SUNOnline presence before the live sessions start.

The **10 face-to-face contact 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:

	Contact sessions (14:00 to 16:00)	System opening and closing dates	Applications close
<b>Offering 1</b>	5, 12, 19 and 26 March, 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 April, and 7 May	26 February to 14 May	12 February

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

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



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# Who are the presenters?

**Susan (Modiegii) 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.



## The course fee is R7 200 per participant.

- All fees are payable before the short course starts.
- The fee includes course material, assessments, live online sessions with your presenter, and access to the online platforms.
- We will present a course only if the required minimum candidates have paid and confirmed attendance.
- Short course participants do not have access to University facilities like computer labs or the library.



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