



SU Language Centre
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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. 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.

What are the 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.

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 is the focus of this course?

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 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 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.



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When and how will this 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 close 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 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
Offering 1	6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3, 10, 17 September, and 1, 8 and 15 October	30 July to 29 October	16 July

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

Who is the presenter?

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.



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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