



University  
of Exeter



# Evening language programme 2023/24

## Course title: British Sign Language Level 1 – on campus

### Course descriptor/objectives

The course is designed to enable the learner to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language at level 1 standard within a range of everyday topics. The course leads to the Level 1 Award in BSL, accredited by the Signature Award Body. The qualification comprises three units: introduction to British Sign Language, conversational British Sign Language and British Sign Language at school, college or work.

By the end of this course you should be able to:

- understand and use a limited range of simple words and sentences in BSL
- take part in simple conversations in BSL
- give and understand simple directions in BSL
- give and understand simple descriptions in BSL

#### Topics to be covered:

- meeting people
- using numbers
- weather
- transport
- directions
- people, animals and objects in the home
- interests and activities

- food and drink
- getting around

#### Key teaching methods:

- demonstration
- pair/group work
- questions and answers
- receptive skills from teacher and videos

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the language, too.

#### Prerequisite:

This course is suitable for learners who have no prior knowledge or experience of BSL. Candidates will gain competence and confidence in the two skill areas of production and reception of BSL. BSL competence standards include requirements for candidates to have sufficient sight, manual

dexterity, facial and body movement to produce and receive BSL.

No pre-enrolment interview required.

The course will prepare participants for a qualification accredited by Signature, the leading UK awarding body for British Sign Language. To achieve the full certificate in BSL, you must pass all three units BSL101/BSL102/BSL103.

The exam is not included in the course fee and those wishing to sit it will need to book this through the tutor towards the end of the course. For reference, the cost of the exam was £102 in 2022/23.

### **Progression route:**

Successful candidates can apply for a place on a Level 2 in BSL course scheduled to start in the following year.