



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: British Sign Language Level III

Course descriptor/objectives

The course is designed to enable learners to develop their skills to communicate with deaf people using BSL in a range of work and social situations.

The course will allow learners to develop an advanced knowledge of the structure and function of British Sign Language and an understanding of the Deaf Community and Deaf Culture. Participants will further develop receptive and productive BSL skills in the following 6 topics:

- home life
- social and recreational activities
- education and training
- employment
- consumer issues and daily living
- deaf history and culture

It will also cover BSL grammatical structures and features.

The course leads to the level 3 Certificate in BSL, accredited by the Signature Award Body and assessment may cover any of the above topics.

By the end of this course participants should be able to demonstrate:

- Strong linguistic skills in BSL (grammar and vocabulary).
- Ability to engage in extended conversations and respond appropriately.
- Good receptive skills for understanding fluent signers and complex discussions.
- Proficiency in storytelling, personal experiences, and presentations in BSL.
- Effective use of advanced linguistic features of BSL.
- Understanding of Deaf culture and appropriate behaviour within the community.
- Analytical skills to discuss BSL variations and present linguistic findings.
- Professionalism in BSL usage, including fluency and ethical conduct.

Key teaching methods:

- demonstration
- pair/group work
- questions and answers
- role play
- discussion
- conduct a conversation
- 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 intermediate level users of the language, too.

Prerequisite:

Learners looking to book onto the BSL Level 3 course will need to have successfully completed the BSL Level 2 course or need to be able to use BSL to the Level 2 standard. All learners who have not completed their Level 2 with us will need to meet with the tutor prior to the commencement of the course to ensure that they are at the appropriate level. These meetings will be arranged between the tutor and the learner at a mutually acceptable time and place. Please contact the ELP (elp@exeter.ac.uk) if you have a query about this or would like to meet the tutor before booking the place.

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.

The exam is not included in the course fee and those wishing to sit exams will need to book this separately via our teacher (this can be done closer to the end of the course). For reference, the cost of the exam was £162 in 2023/24.

Coursebook and/or Learning

Resources:

Materials and resources will be provided by the teacher.