

British Sign Language (BSL) Level 1 – Introduction for students

This qualification is designed to enable learners to communicate with deaf people in BSL on a range of topics that involve simple, everyday language use. The specification has been designed to be consistent with the National Language Standards at level 1. The course is certified by Signature.

Signature is a UK recognised awarding body and registered charity whose aim is to improve communication between deaf and hearing people. All of Signature's qualifications are accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and appear on the National Qualifications Framework. Courses leading to Signature qualifications are provided at over 850 colleges and other centres around the UK. You can find out more information by checking their website www.signature.org.uk

BSL Level 1 Units may be taken separately and in any order, although BSL 101 is designed as an introduction to the language and should therefore be completed first.

	BSL 101	BSL 102	BSL 103
Unit Title	Introduction to BSL	Conversational BSL	Communicate in BSL about Everyday Life
Recommended Learning Hours	20 Hours	22 Hours	22 Hours
Topics Covered	Meeting people, using numbers, weather, transport, directions.	Describing people, animals and objects, using numbers, interests and activities, Food and Drink	Getting around, Sharing information, Weather, using numbers
Assessment method	Assessment of practical skills (Internally assessed by tutor)	Assessment of practical skills (externally assessed by signature)	Assessment of practical skills (externally assessed by signature)

The total course will last approx 32 weeks (2 hour class per week)

Course Fee

The cost of the BSL Level 1 is £145 per person and £50 concessionary (proof of eligibility of concessionary rate required).

Examination Fee

BSL 101 - £20

BSL 102 - £35

BSL 103 - £35

Fee's to be paid before booking the examinations.

Course Materials

BSL 101 Student Handbooks – Complimentary

BSL 102 Student Handbooks - £3.00

BSL 103 Student Handbooks - £3.00

BSL Level 1 Signed Vocabulary DVD

This user friendly DVD is designed for students studying BSL Level 1. The signed vocabulary which is contained in the Hands That Talk Units 101, 102 and 103 Student Manuals is presented at a pace specifically aimed at this level. The DVD can also be used as a standalone learning resource.

£8.00 for students enrolled in the BSL Level 1 within Hands That Talk (RRP £12.99)