

Signature

# Unit Specification

BSL420 – Extended Sign Language  
Linguistics

H/506/3790

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## Unit BSL420 – Extended Sign Language Linguistics

(RQF Unit Number: H/506/3790)

Guided Learning Hours	Additional study/practice	Total Learning Time	Credit value at Level 4
40	20	60	6

### Unit aim:

This unit is for learners who wish to develop their knowledge and skills in British Sign Language linguistics and grammar. It will support the requirements described in the assessment criteria of units BSL421 and BSL422 and enable learners to apply their linguistic knowledge when undertaking those units. It is recommended that learners complete the assessment for this unit first.

<b>Learning Outcomes</b> On completion of this unit, the learner will:	<b>Assessment Criteria</b> On completion of this unit, the learner can:
1. Understand the use of BSL grammatical features relating to phonology	1.1 Explain the phonological make-up of signs in BSL a. Handshape b. Location c. Movement d. Orientation e. Non-manual features 1.2 Describe the different configurations of signs in BSL a. One-handed b. Two-handed symmetrical c. Two-handed non-symmetrical 1.3 Describe the phonological rules of BSL and explain how they differ to other signed and spoken languages 1.4 Describe the difference between syllables in signed and spoken languages

<p>2. Understand the use of BSL grammatical features relating to morphology</p>	<p>2.1 Describe the different verb classes in BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plain verbs</li> <li>b. Agreement verbs</li> <li>c. Classifier verbs</li> </ul> <p>2.2 Describe how tense, aspect and mood are used in BSL</p> <p>2.3 Describe how nouns are used in BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Personal pronouns</li> <li>b. Possessive pronouns</li> <li>c. Plurality in nouns</li> </ul> <p>2.4 Describe the different types of classifiers in BSL and how they are used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Entity classifiers</li> <li>b. Handling classifiers</li> <li>c. Tracing classifiers</li> </ul> <p>2.5 Explain the difference between the established and productive lexicons</p>
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<p>3. Understand the use of BSL grammatical features relating to syntax</p>	<p>3.1 Define the different syntactic roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Subject</li> <li>b. Agent</li> <li>c. Direct object</li> <li>d. Indirect object</li> <li>e. Transitive verb</li> <li>f. Intransitive verb</li> </ul> <p>3.2 Explain how eye-gaze is used to mark syntactic roles in BSL</p> <p>3.3 Explain how classifiers are used to mark syntactic roles in BSL</p> <p>3.4 Describe how information is structured in BSL</p> <p>3.5 Explain the different interrogative constructions in BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Closed questions</li> <li>b. Open questions</li> <li>c. Tag questions</li> </ul> <p>3.6 Explain the different negative constructions in BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Negating manual signs</li> <li>b. Negated lexical verbs</li> <li>c. Negative mood</li> <li>d. Strong and weak negation</li> </ul> <p>3.7 Explain the different types and uses of space in BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Syntactic space</li> <li>b. Topographic space</li> <li>c. Hierarchy</li> </ul> <p>3.8 Describe how connectors are used in BSL</p>
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4. Understand sociolinguistics of BSL	<p>4.1 Explain the difference between an accent and a dialect and how they are manifested in BSL</p> <p>4.2 Explain the process of standardisation and how it relates to BSL</p> <p>4.3 Explain the purpose of signed and non-verbal cultural conventions</p> <p>4.4 Explain turn-taking conventions in BSL</p> <p>4.5 Define style and register and explain how they are used in BSL</p> <p>4.6 Describe how BSL is used among different age groups</p>
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## Level 4 Certificate in British Sign Language

Unit BSL420

# ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATION

Please read this specification in conjunction with **Signature Assessment Regulations on our website.**

Assessment for this unit will be split into different parts as detailed below:

Assessment	Method of assessment
1. Linguistic Analysis: Phonology	Internally assessed by the centre
2. Linguistic Analysis: Morphology	Internally assessed by the centre
3. Linguistic Analysis: Syntax	Internally assessed by the centre
4. Linguistic Analysis: Sociolinguistics	Internally assessed by the centre
5. 1 hour written Assessment	Externally assessed by Signature

**Important Notice: All Internally Assessed Units will be Externally Quality Assured by Signature.**

### Parts 1 to 4 - Linguistic Analysis

Candidates will be asked to produce a linguistic analysis for each Learning Outcome on pre-recorded two-way discussions in BSL. The candidate will be expected to discuss the different elements of linguistics used in the discussion. **See Support Pack for Teachers and Students for more information.**

#### Notes

- The pre-recorded discussions can be either:
  - the candidate's own evidence clip that could also be used for BSL421 and/or BSL422
- OR*
- chosen by the centre
- A different clip must be used for each part (1 to 4). Candidates can use more than one clip for each part if necessary.
- Each clip must be at least 5 minutes in length.

- A Professional Discussion/Question and Answer session can be used for **minor** gaps in assessment criteria if necessary.

The teacher-assessor should fill in the relevant Candidate Assessment Record (CAR) Form(s) for these sections to show the assessment criteria has been met.

## **Part 5**

Assessment for Part 5 will take the form of a 60 minute written question paper based on the content of this unit.

This will be externally marked by Signature.

**The pass mark for Part 5 is 75%.**

**All internal assessments (parts 1 to 4) must be completed and assessed by the date of the external assessment. The evidence collected for parts 1 to 4 will be internally assessed by appropriately qualified staff at the centre and externally moderated by Signature. The CAR forms to show that candidates have achieved parts 1 to 4 must be returned to Signature, at the same time as sending Part 5 for marking. Centres must keep all evidence for parts 1 to 4 for External Quality Assurance purposes, should they be required. If your assessment has been selected for moderation you will be informed in advance.**

**Candidates must pass all 5 parts to achieve this unit.**

**If a candidate fails the external assessment (Part 5) they will need to re-sit this and submit evidence of having successfully completed parts 1-4.**

**If as a result of external moderation a candidate fails parts 1-4 the candidate will be deemed to have failed the unit. Should the candidate wish to obtain the unit they will have to re-sit the external assessment (Part 5) and submit evidence of having successfully completed parts 1-4.**





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