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30 000 students

7 faculties

100+ departments

3 campuses

We are **108** years old

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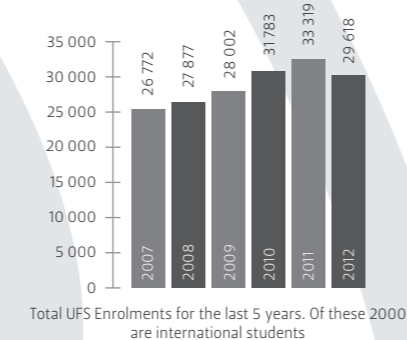
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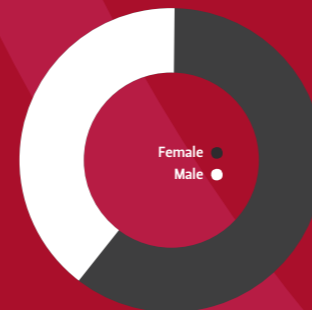
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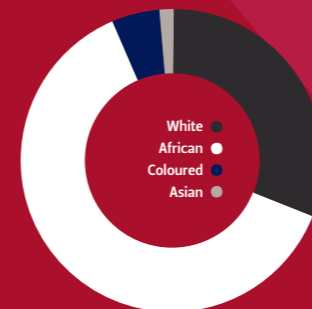
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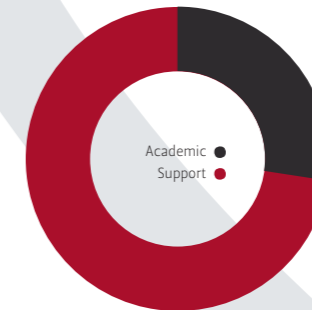
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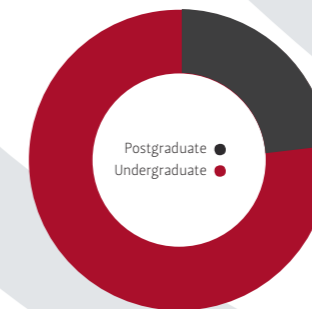
Student Gender distribution 2012



Student Enrolment by race 2012



Staff component



The UFS has a high percentage of postgraduate students in comparison with other universities in South Africa.



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Our Vision

A university recognised across the world for excellence in academic achievement and in human reconciliation.

Who we are

The University of the Free State (UFS) is situated in Bloemfontein, the City of Roses, in the Free State province in the heart of South Africa. The university, its staff, students and alumni play a pivotal role in the central parts of South Africa, South Africa as a whole, the region, Africa and further abroad.

The UFS was established in 1904 as the Grey University College with six students. Today we pride ourselves on having 30 000 students. We have three campuses, the Bloemfontein Campus, the growing Qwaqwa Campus in the picturesque Eastern Free State and the South Campus in Bloemfontein. The South Campus accommodates our School for Open Learning, and the University Preparation Programme that provides a bridging programme for learners to enter higher education.

A strong contingent of our students comes from African countries and other countries around the world. We offer a vast variety of programmes in seven faculties for undergraduate and postgraduate students. More and more students from outside South Africa are enrolled, some in programmes where the UFS takes a leading role in Africa.

We also have close relationships and agreements with universities and institutions across the globe.

The UFS does not only want to be a leader among the universities in South Africa, but also wants to be recognised as one of the top universities in the world.

Our mission rests on two pillars – the Academic Project and the Human Project.

In the Academic Project we want to ensure that future generations will have a university that they can go to that takes academics seriously.

The Human Project sets the standard for good behaviour and care. It reaches internally to our students and externally to our prospective students and our communities.

We take pride in our

Leadership for Change Programme, a study-abroad experience for first-year students aimed at exposing them to diverse cultures, enabling them to learn leadership skills in order to build a new class of UFS students. These students become leaders during their years of study and commit to building a non-racial community during and beyond their years at university.

No Student Hungry campaign that is aimed at providing a nutritional plate of food for poor students on our Bloemfontein Campus.

Schools Partnership Project which intends to turn around learner performance, especially in the last three grades of high school leading to the senior certificate examination. Twenty-three schools in the Free State province are already part of this project.

University Preparation Programme, that enables neglected Grade 12 learners to enter higher education on an equal footing with their peers.

UFS101, a newly designed core-curriculum module that teaches first-year students to look at local and global challenges from different perspectives and engage critically with the newest thinking, nationally and internationally.

Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme that promotes and supports the intellectual breadth and depth required of young scholars to occupy the vanguards of contemporary intellectual enquiry.

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