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UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT YUNIVESITHI YA FREISTATA

Our vision

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

Did you know?

We have: 33 000 students 7 faculties 100+ departments 3 campuses 50 satellite campuses We are 109 years old

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, the country as a whole, the region, Africa and abroad.

The UFS was established in 1904 as the Grey University College with six students. Today we pride ourselves on having more than 33 000 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 and other countries around the world. We offer a vast variety of programmes in seven faculties for undergraduate and postgraduate students. An increasing number of 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 Programme that is aimed at providing a nutritional plate of food for poor students.

Schools Partnership Project that 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 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.

UFS 101, a 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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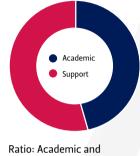
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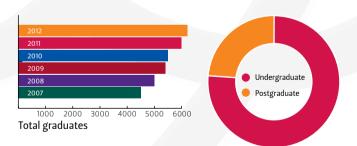
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Student enrolment





Ratio: Undergraduate and postgraduate students

All figures correct as at end of 2012

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