



UFS at a glance

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...is that of quality,
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Brief history, who we are



The University of the Free State (UFS) is situated in Bloemfontein, a city in the Free State province in the heart of South Africa and birthplace of two big political movements almost a century ago that shaped the history of South Africa, namely the African National Congress and the National Party.

The UFS was established in 1904 as the Grey University College with a handful of students. Today we pride ourselves on more than 30 000 students.

We have three campuses, namely the Main Campus in Bloemfontein, the Qwaqwa Campus growing in popularity in the picturesque Eastern Free State and the South Campus in Bloemfontein, mainly used for occasional and career-preparation programmes and bridging programmes.



A strong contingent of students is from countries in Africa and other countries around the globe.

On our Main Campus a vast variety of programmes are offered in seven faculties for undergraduate and postgraduate students. More and more students from outside South Africa are enrolled, some in programmes in which the UFS is a leader in Africa.

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

Our vision is that of quality, distinctiveness and service in higher education. The UFS does not only want to be a leader among the universities in South Africa, but wants to be recognised as one of the top universities in the world.

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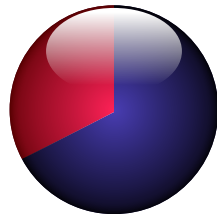
Some more

- The UFS has been experienced a **steady growth** in student numbers in the past few years and a **growing number** of black students enrol.
- We also have some of the **highest ratios of postgraduate** students in the country.
- Our **success rate** is more than **70%** and every effort is made not only to make facilities and circumstances on campuses **conducive for study**, but also to prepare prospective students for study at our university.

Total students

Black ●

White ●

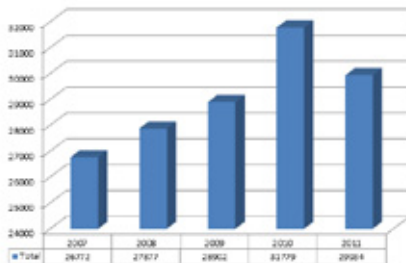


Total number of students: 29629, of which more than 60% are black/coloured/Indian.

• All figures correct as at end of March 2011

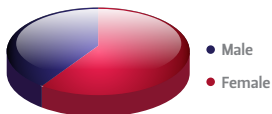
Growth in student numbers

Total UFS Enrolments for the last 5 years



The UFS has shown a steady growth in student numbers. The challenge is shifting to get high quality students and improve the success rate dramatically.

Gender of students



Ratio male: female students at the UFS.

Graduates



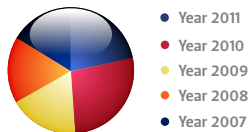
Gender distribution of graduates.

International students



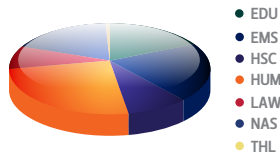
About 2 200 international students are from mainly African countries. We also have students from Europe, the Americas and Asian countries.

Strong Career Preparation programme



The growth in our Career Preparation Programme is phenomenal.

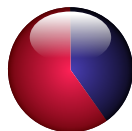
Faculties



Distribution of students in faculties.

Staff profile

Of the more than 3 000 staff members of the UFS 1 200 are academic staff. A major drive is underway to strengthen the academic staff corps with professors of international standing in terms of teaching and research.



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