

UFS101 – compulsory subject for all FIRST TIME students

UFS101 – Core Curriculum Module is aimed at creating the next generation of citizens and young academics that can take South Africa into the 21st century. Implicit in the design of UFS101 is the development of engaged scholarship amongst UFS graduates. The curriculum also provides support for underprepared students, while giving access to additional stimulation in topics for stronger students.

The module consists of 7 units. Each unit consists of two lectures with either a learning experience or tutorial for each unit (in select cases both are used). Two units are presented in the first semester and five units in the second semester. The main learning platform is Blackboard and is completed by two module guides (one for each semester).

UFS101 exposes students to provocative questions aimed at disrupting existing knowledge and ways of thinking by engaging them in some of the “big issues” across different disciplines, namely:

Unit	Topic	Discipline
1	How do we deal with our violent past?	Pedagogy, Political studies, History
2	What does it mean to be fair?	Law
3	Are we alone?	Astronomy, Physics
4	Did God really say?	Theology, Philosophy, Text analyses
5	How small is small?	Physics, Chemistry, Nano science
6	Why is the financial crisis described as 'global'?	Economics
7	How do we become South Africans?	Anthropology, Social Psychology

This module is compulsory and credit bearing for all (on campus) mainstream students with an AP score of 30 and above, registering as first time entering students for a first degree or diploma qualification in 2012.

UFS 101 is a prerequisite for the completion of a qualification, and students will earn an additional 16 credits to the minimum number of credits required for the completion of their qualification (Reg. A8).

UFS101 is currently only offered in English for the following reasons:

- Due to the large number of students involved – between 3500 and 4000 first-year students from the mainstream;
- To improve and promote social cohesion among students;
- UFS101 prepares students for possible participation in programmes such as the "Leadership for Change Programme" and the "Stanford University Sophomore Programme".