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WELCOME

In a 21st century knowledge economy, a first degree is no longer enough. Postgraduate study carries at least six key benefits.

- It strengthens your competitiveness as a graduate in a specialised job market.
- It extends and deepens your knowledge and skills in a fast-changing global market.
- It offers you research preparation that enhances your capacity to access, make sense of, and deploy new knowledge in a complex society.
- It builds your confidence, capacity and credibility as a highly skilled graduate.
- It provides real-time professional development and learning even as you reach for the degree.
- It often provides personal satisfaction and reward, especially for working students seeking to enrich their lives and pursue their dreams.

The University of the Free State (UFS) recently decided to make major investments in postgraduate education, as the institution becomes a hub for students from all over the world who wish to advance beyond the first degree, by:

- Attracting top professors from across the globe, who in turn, attract some of the smartest postgraduate students.
- Building new laboratories and facilities that undertake advanced research in the sciences and humanities.
- Establishing a specialist Postgraduate School with the singular function of responding to the academic, social and material needs of honours, master's and doctoral students.
- Securing state-of-the-art accommodation for postgraduate students.
- Presenting multiple seminars, conferences, webinars and workshops on research and scholarship.

These have transformed the UFS into an exciting intellectual space for postgraduate students.

I am therefore excited to introduce this prospectus, which makes available online and in hard copy, all the critical information required by a prospective postgraduate student considering studies at the UFS. The prospectus also attends to the information needs of international postgraduate students, whose presence on our campus enriches both social and academic life among us.

We include information for students with disabilities, another vital segment of our postgraduate student community. Since postgraduate students tend to be older adults, some with children, we also include information on services for mature students.

In other words, you will not only discover information on what we offer new postgraduate students, you will also discover our values as we seek to provide a world-class education to senior students.

You will accordingly see that the vision of the UFS rests on two pillars which we call the Academic Project and the Human Project.

- With the Academic Project, we commit to the highest standards of academic endeavour through research and teaching. In this regard, we have raised the admission standards for all our students and raised the promotion standards for all our academics. As a result, we attract top academics and top students, because we believe that people wish to work and learn in a place where academic standards matter.



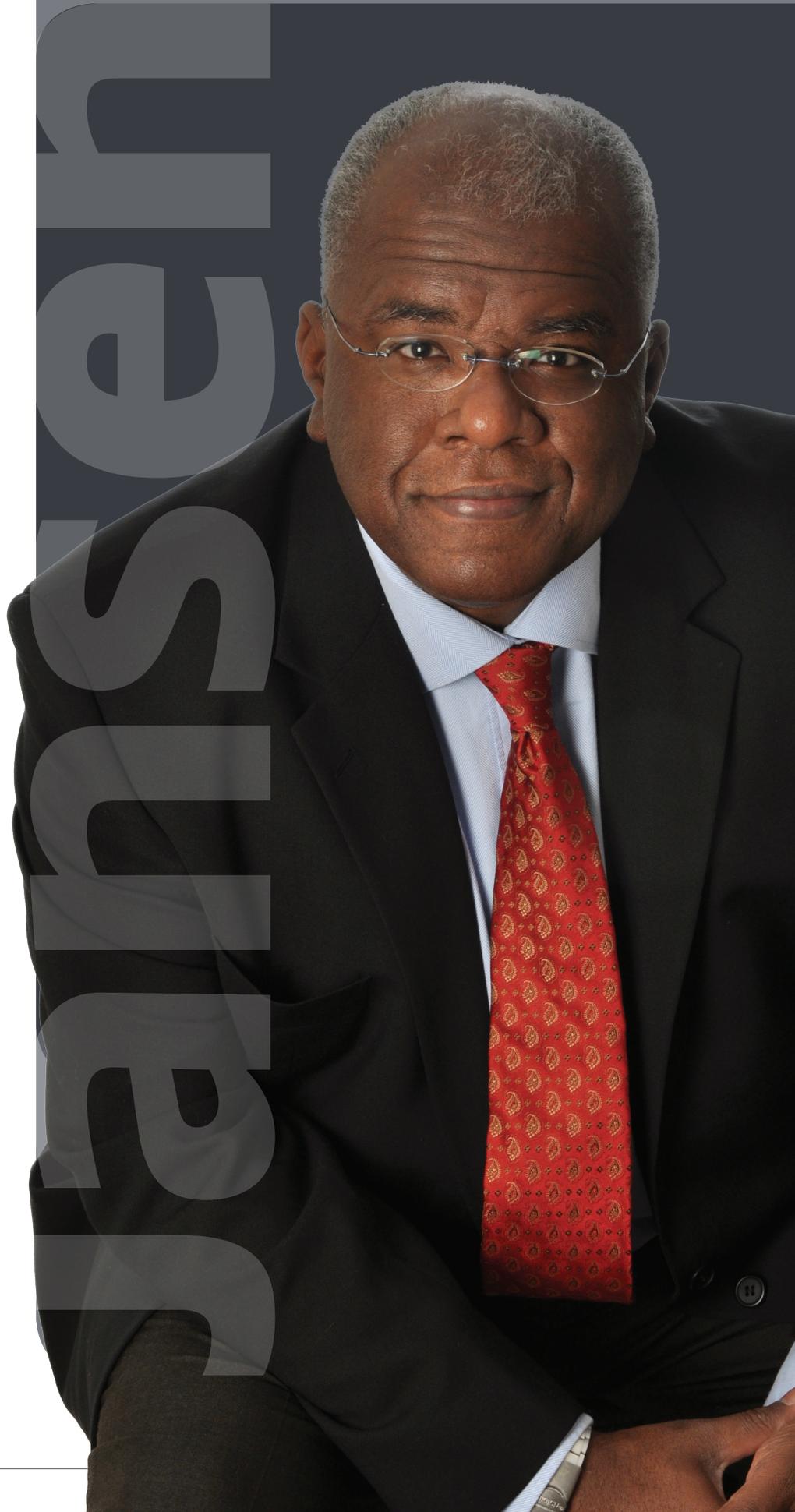
knowledge for the improvement of the human condition. You will notice, therefore, that many of our research projects and programmes are linked to addressing complex social problems, such as enhancing the nutritional value of crops or improving access to quality preschool education or alleviating eye diseases in poor populations or addressing trauma in post-conflict societies.

I invite you to join the more than 31 000 students who every year calls the UFS their home. I especially invite you to become part of the small classes of postgraduate students who seek advanced knowledge and skills for work placement anywhere in the world.

This prospectus offers a roadmap for becoming a successful postgraduate student at the UFS. I invite you to take on this journey into postgraduate studies.

Once again, welcome!

Professor Jonathan Jansen
(Vice-Chancellor and Rector)





BLOEMFONTEIN, THE HEART OF THE FREE STATE

Bloemfontein, the home of the UFS, is the sixth-largest city in South Africa and is situated in the Mangaung Municipality, which covers about 6 300 km² with approximately 850 000 inhabitants. The citizens of this city are renowned for their generosity, which make the Free State's capital a very special place.

Bloemfontein is officially known as the judicial capital of South Africa, but over the years many names have been attributed to the city. The best-known name is the 'City of Roses' because of the abundance of beautiful roses in the municipal and residential gardens. The natural, architectural and historical legacy of central South Africa is interwoven inside this modern, developing city.

The pride of Bloemfontein is, however, its friendly and hospitable people. The citizens enjoy strong family networks. This results in a peaceful atmosphere, distinctive to the heart of the Free State. Today this vibrant city, with the caring character and tranquillity of a big town, is the economic, educational and medical-care hub for a vast inland area of South Africa.

Through its connection to our university, the provincial health facilities are characterised by sophisticated technologies and dedicated staff, which ensure an enjoyable patient experience. High standards of excellence can be found in the Universitas Hospital, which is not only a training centre, but also a research base for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Besides an active theatrical scene, there are many clubs, restaurants, coffee bars and other spots to hang out in for students who wish to enjoy the nightlife of this city.

The city's excellent highveld weather and good sports facilities are the best testimonial for sports and outdoor enthusiasts. Bloemfontein is a national centre of excellence where different sporting codes use the state-of-the-art facilities of the Sport Science Institute in preparation for elite events such as the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships and the All Africa Games. Some of the facilities include a boxing academy, athletics track, Olympic-size swimming pool, astro-hockey fields, and accommodation.

Many surprises await the newcomer visiting Bloemfontein, including arts and music, culture and history, and all kinds of major sports. The annual entertainment calendar includes Macufe and the Vryfees Arts Festival, a veritable melting pot where a rich diversity of arts and culture comes together. The South African War Museum, the National Museum and the Women's Memorial are prominent sites for teaching, research and memory work.

For those interested in Astronomy, the new Naval Hill Planetarium and Boyden Observatory are used regularly by students and tourists alike. Bloemfontein in fact hosts the first digital planetarium in Africa, a model partnership between the city, the government and the university.

We trust that our affordable city with its fascinating mix of diversity and tradition will enchant you as a student of the UFS.



BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

Visit our Bloemfontein Campus:

University of the Free State

205 Nelson Mandela Drive | Park West | Bloemfontein

www.ufs.ac.za | T: +27 51 401 9111

The Bloemfontein Campus dates back to 1904, making our university one of the oldest higher education institutions in the country. The Main Building, and other buildings of historic and architectural import, portrays the calm, though vibrant atmosphere appropriate to an academic institution of more than 109 years old.

It is a vast campus where staff and students are encouraged to walk in order to enjoy the beautiful buildings, parks, lawns, artwork and other facilities. Every effort has been made to make the campus user- and experience-friendly, including braille-guided areas for blind students, and additional ramps and elevators for students with disabilities.

When on the campus, stop and rest under one of the shady trees. You will find that many of the benches represent artwork by Azwifarwi Ragimana, a famous South African artist. Walk through the Thakaneng Bridge and the Student Centre where you will find a range of takeaway shops, KovsieFM, the campus radio station, stationery shops and bookshops. The recently opened swanky KovsieGear shop offers visitors and students exciting Kovsie merchandise.

Our Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses are immaculately maintained and provide a safe and secure environment for the more than 31 000 students who study here. Through an active programme of sports, cultural and social events, our students are also given the opportunity to develop into competent and compassionate future leaders.

Student accommodation is very popular and our residences are within walking distance of all facilities. Our Bloemfontein Campus is regarded as one of the most integrated campuses in South Africa, with a very diverse group of students.

The campus is situated in one of the main roads through Bloemfontein, Nelson Mandela Drive, and is within walking distance of shopping centres, schools and other places of interest.

QWAQWA CAMPUS

Visit our Qwaqwa Campus:

University of the Free State

Kestell Road | Phuthaditjaba

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There is little doubt that the UFS's Qwaqwa Campus in the Eastern Free State is one of the most picturesque in the country, nestled as it is between the Free State sandstone mountains and the open veld.

This campus, previously under the auspices of the University of the North, was built in 1980 and incorporated into our university in January 2003. The Qwaqwa Campus offers primarily undergraduate degrees and diplomas and a few specialist, unique postgraduate programmes. For example, in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, you can become part of the Parasitology Research programme or the newly established Mammalian Cognition Research Group.

The campus has about 4 000 students, and despite the small size of this rural campus, its staff members make a powerful contribution to the UFS's research culture.

This campus has produced several NRF-rated scientists, as well as members of the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme. Our Qwaqwa Campus therefore plays an important role in bringing quality higher education to the rural Eastern Free State.

The Eastern Free State is synonymous with the Golden Gate Highlands National Park, the majestic Maluti Mountains, and the picturesque town of Clarens.

Golden Gate gets its name from the golden hues cast by the sun on the sandstone mountains. The park is home to a variety of animals and birds, such as the rare bearded vulture and endemic bald ibis, which breeds on the ledges of the sandstone cliffs.

THE POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

The Postgraduate School provides a hub of postgraduate capacity-building and a source of valuable information and support for postgraduate students. The university believes that postgraduate education ought to focus on the holistic development of the postgraduate student as a researcher, and that research education has to include more than disciplinary training. Within this broad framework for postgraduate research education, the school's particular niche includes research methodology and approach, as well as research practice.

The Postgraduate School offers workshops and seminars to enrich and empower postgraduate students for research. The workshops include training on academic writing, in the latest research software, advanced methods in qualitative and quantitative research, ethics and intellectual property considerations in technology transfer, conducting literature reviews, and testing conceptual frameworks in different fields. A calendar of training events is listed on the Postgraduate School's website.

Part-time and non-residential students are supported through an online postgraduate mentoring programme that provides access to video clips of workshops presented, discussion forums and a repository of postgraduate resources. In the light of the significance of supervisor support for research education, the school offers mentoring and coaching for inexperienced supervisors.

The school has developed the UFS postgraduate funding prospectus; administers NRF bursaries; and informs postgraduate students of available national and international funding opportunities. For more information, please see our Funding and Bursaries pages.

At the UFS, we pride ourselves on being at the forefront of university education and have programmes and policies in place that enhance the learning and research process for students. These include the Next Generation of Young Researchers mentoring programme, Research Capacity Development Programme, and our focus on promoting ethical research. We also have a Postgraduate Student Council and focus on developing our research supervision community. The Postgraduate School distributes a monthly newsletter with information about social, academic, training and funding opportunities. The Postgraduate Careers' portal and International Office also disseminate important information for postgraduate students in the newsletter. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, let us know at postgrad@ufs.ac.za.

Browse our website for updates and announcements and contact the director, Dr Henriëtte van den Berg on: T: +27 51 401 3451 | E: vdberghs@ufs.ac.za, <http://postgraduate.ufs.ac.za/compete> for a number of prizes at the annual Student Excellence Awards hosted at the campus.



LEADING RESEARCH AT THE UFS

The UFS has made major investments in postgraduate education in order to attract the best honours, master's and doctoral students from all over the world to embark on research-based careers.

Join some of the leading professors in the world as you pursue an advanced degree in your field.

Professor Maxim Finkelstein | (PhD, St Petersburg Elektropribor Institute)

Prof Maxim Finkelstein from the Department of Mathematical Statistics at the University of the Free State (UFS) received an A-rating from the National Research Foundation (NRF). This makes him the only A-rated researcher in 'Probability and Statistics' regarding Mathematical Sciences in South Africa. Prof Finkelstein conducts his general research in the field of 'Probability and Statistics'. His specific area of focus, though, is 'Stochastic Modelling'. Prof Finkelstein solely lectures postgraduate students and also mentors a few master's and PhD students.

Professor Melanie Walker | (PhD, University of Cape Town)

Prof Walker leads the Centre for Research on Higher Education and Development (CRHED). She holds a prestigious National Research Foundation (NRF) Chair in Higher Education and Human Development and is an A-rated NRF researcher. The research programme is an opportunity to understand the impact of higher education in contributing to reducing inequalities from an interdisciplinary, comparative, multi-project perspective. Informed by the lens of human development and capabilities as conceptualised by Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum, universities, development and social justice are evaluated based on the extent to which 'capabilities' are created both for diverse individuals and building a society that values creating capabilities for the well-being and agency of all. Our current research projects investigate gender and higher education, higher education pedagogy, professional capabilities, student governance, and employability and inclusive development.

For more information, contact Prof Melanie Walker on T: +27 51 401 7020 or E: walkermj@ufs.ac.za

Professor Lodewyk Kock | (PhD, Rhodes University)

(Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences)

Prof Kock's world-class nanoresearch discovered that cells consist of a maze of small tunnels or blisters which are the 'lungs' of the cells. This new nanotechnology for biology can assist in the study and development of nanomedicine that can be used in the treatment of cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Nanomedicine uses nanometal particles that are up to one billionth of a metre in size. With the new nanotechnology capacity of the UFS, it is possible to do nanosurgery by slicing the cells in nanometre thin slices while studying the processes of nanomedicine.

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Professor Hendrik C Swart | (PhD, University of the Free State)

(Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences)

Prof Hendrik C Swart is a senior professor in the Department of Physics at the University of the Free State. Over the past 20 years he has led research in the area of the degradation of phosphors for field emission displays, as well as developing materials for nano solid-state lighting. He has been key in the development of processes to synthesise and deposit thin films of various types of semiconductor nanoparticles which will enhance the colour, luminescent intensity and lifetime of such displays.

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Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela | (PhD, University of Cape Town)

(Faculty of the Humanities)

Prof Gobodo-Madikizela's work on trauma and forgiveness is recognised internationally as one of the major contributions to scholarship on the subject of forgiveness in the context of gross human rights violations. While scholars in psychology tend to focus on the cognitive dimensions of forgiveness, Prof Gobodo-Madikizela works on the emotions and interpersonal dimensions of forgiving. Prof Gobodo-Madikizela's contribution to the field of trauma and the psychology of forgiveness draws largely on her experience in serving on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). **For more information**, contact Prof Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela on T: +27 51 401 7144 or E: pumlagm@ufs.ac.za

Professor Hussein Solomon | (PhD, University of South Africa)

(Faculty of the Humanities)

Prof Solomon conducts research on the rise of Islamist movements on the African continent and how these interplay with other deeper sources of identity such as ethnicity and clan affiliation. Much of his current work examines the rise of Boko Haram in Nigeria, Ansar Din in Mali and Al Shabab in Somalia. Prof Solomon is also Senior Research Associate of Research on Muslims in Africa (RIMA) based in Jerusalem, Israel, and is a Visiting Fellow of the Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long-Wave Events at the London School of Economics (LSE).

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Professor Philippe Burger | (PhD, University of the Free State)

(Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences)

Prof Burger is Professor of Economics and President of the Economics Society of South Africa. Until recently, he was Associate Editor of the South Africa Journal of Economics. In addition, he is a member of the OECD Advisory Panel on Budgeting and Public Expenditure. His publications include three books on fiscal rules and fiscal sustainability, public private partnerships and macroeconomic policy. He was seconded various times to the OECD in Paris to work on public private partnerships and capital budgeting, while in October 2011 he joined an OECD mission to Indonesia to conduct a regulatory review of Indonesia.

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Professor Helene Strauss | (PhD, University of Western Ontario)

(Faculty of the Humanities)

Prof Strauss is an expert in literary and cultural studies. She works on the critical literacies required for the formation of an engaged citizenry at the UFS and in contemporary South Africa. Prof Strauss's other research on intimacy and responsibility is set to contribute to this project through a sustained analysis of what intimate human communication might reveal about the possibilities for political agency that emerge from people's everyday lives.

For more information, contact Prof Helene Strauss on T: +27 51 401 3452 or E: strausshj@ufs.ac.za

Professor Jan Coetzee | (DPhil, University of Pretoria)

(Faculty of the Humanities)

Prof Coetzee's research interests concern the sociology of developing societies and more recently the use of qualitative life histories and biographical inquiry. His award-winning books include Plain Tales from Robben Island (2000) and Fallen Walls: Voices from the Cells that Held Mandela and Havel (2002). Other publications include Life on the Margin, a book on the life stories of people living in informal settlements (2003) and The Fragmentary Method in Biographical Research (2005). In 2012, he launched a new master's degree on The Narrative Study of Lives.

For more information, contact Prof Jan Coetzee on T: +27 51-4012881 or E: CoetzeeJK@ufs.ac.za

Professor Esta van Heerden | (PhD, University of the Free State)

(Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences)

Two decades ago, single cell organisms were detected extending more than three kilometres into the earth's crust in ancient water captured through geological time scales and comprising a significant fraction of the global biosphere. Prof Esta van Heerden and her research team described the first multicellular organism (nematode), discovered at these great depths. The biogeography of subsurface microorganisms in the fractured rock of the continental crust is controlled by the interconnected, fluid-filled fractures that create a 'habitable' matrix. The genome sequence is being assessed and assembled in collaboration with Princeton University.

For more information, contact Prof Esta van Heerden on T: +27 51 401 2472 or E: vheerde@ufs.ac.za.

Professor Felicity Burt (PhD, University of the Witwatersrand)

(Faculty of Health Sciences)

Viruses spread by ticks and mosquitoes remain a challenge for the medical profession in South Africa. Arboviruses and zoonotic viruses are Prof Felicity Burt's main interest and expertise. Her research group investigates host pathogen interactions, disease associations and immune correlates of protection with studies primarily focusing on Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever virus (CCHFV). Her virus detection and discovery program currently focuses on screening wild caught rodents, mosquitoes and ticks for evidence of novel pathogens. The presence, prevalence and significance of many zoonotic and arboviral diseases in southern Africa is largely unknown. Increasing awareness of these pathogens and furthering our understanding of host immune responses will facilitate development of novel treatments or vaccines for these medically significant pathogens.

For more information, contact Prof Felicity Burt on T: +27 (0) 51 405 3348 or E: burtfj@ufs.ac.za

Dr Gerda Marx (PhD, University of the Free State)

(Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences)

Dr Marx, from the Department of Genetics at the University of the Free State, leads a research team that focus on chronic diseases of lifestyle that are becoming increasingly prevalent and are the scourge of Africa. Variations in genetic makeup combined with environmental factors, are the fundamental cause of chronic diseases of lifestyle. Through the use of molecular genetics tools, her research contributes to the prediction of modern day illnesses and adds to futuristic interventions of health care for disease prevention.

For more information, contact Dr Gerda Marx on T: +27 51 405 3198 or E: bothagm@ufs.ac.za

Professor Andre Keet | (PhD, University of Pretoria)

(Director of the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice)

Prof Keet is a world expert on human rights education and does extensive research on concepts of race, identity, culture and democracy in higher education. He uses his skills in concept analysis and, in particular, the philosophy of education and society to construct and question the links between reconciliation, social justice, democracy and human rights. As Director of the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, Prof Keet regularly brings together leading scholars and practitioners in reconciliation studies, including victims and perpetrators of violent events, to pursue the meanings of social justice in human, but also academic terms. Under the leadership of the institute, a master's degree in Reconciliation and Social Justice is offered.

For more information, contact Prof Andre Keet on T: +27 51 401 9809 or E: keeta@ufs.ac.za



PRESTIGE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme (PSP) accelerates and guides young scholars and recent PhDs to the professoriate. Through intensive support and mentorship, the programme focuses on the next generation of top UFS researchers.

Because of careful benchmarking of young scholars based on NRF-rating criteria, the PSP has also been helpful in readying the next generation of professors for promotion according to the new UFS criteria. The PSP has helped place young scholars in Japan, Europe, the US and Canada.

In the words of Prof Robert Morrell of UCT, underscored by a recent panel of A-rated scholars who reviewed the programme: "Within the South African academy, the PSP is a novel experiment in intellectual development and the development of professional scholars. It contributes towards positioning the University of the Free State as an innovator among research universities in the country."

Our priorities:

- To provide a select group of young scholars with advanced mentorship and development in three core areas of scholarship in higher education: discovery, teaching, and scholarship in public.
- To inculcate in these scholars the intellectual breadth and depth required to pose questions and generate knowledge over disciplines, and so to occupy the vanguards of contemporary intellectual enquiry.
- To transform cultures of work among the scholars – from those who lecture to those who profess.
- To fast-track and establish the scholarly careers of these 'next generation professors' in the post-doctoral period of their careers through an advanced mentorship and development programme.
- To create and sustain rich international networks with leading universities and scholars in the world; networks within which the young scholars will be placed for purposes of mentorship, socialisation, networking and growth.
- To benchmark new and ambitious standards for the next generation professoriate in South Africa through this experimental programme targeting young scholars who have chosen academic careers for themselves.
- Through reflecting on the scholarly careers of those selected for the programme, help to re-imagine styles and trajectories of intellectual engagement for the university as a whole. In particular, to consider how approaches to scholarship at UFS may emphasise social responsibility in knowledge production and transfer.

Scholars in the programme have created partnerships with leading universities in Japan, Europe, the UK and the USA. Within the South African academy, the PSP is a novel approach to the advancement of scholarship and the development of future professors. The PSP positions the UFS as an innovator among research universities in the country.

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Prof Neil Roos: T: +27 51 401 9635 | E: RoosND@ufs.ac.za.



ETHICS

Ethics is embedded in the research culture of the university. The questions we pose, the methodologies we use to gather data, and the ways that we write-up research findings all need to be informed by the greatest sensitivity to ethical concerns; in other words, being ethical is the foundation of good research.

Students and staff doing research are required to submit their proposals for ethical clearance in the relevant academic committee structures.

SUPPORT

You will be mentored and supervised by leading professors who are committed to developing your competence and confidence as a new researcher. Within your department and faculty, as well as through the Postgraduate School, you will be provided with the training and resources necessary to advance your thesis or dissertation. Of course the key person in your development as a researcher remains your supervisor and (where arranged) the co-supervisor. You will also find that fellow students often become key supporters in your learning as a postgraduate student.

FUNDING

This university believes that postgraduate students ought to have as their first priority academic work rather than worry about financing their studies. We are therefore committed to postgraduate students to find resources to support their studies.

There is a dedicated office for postgraduate funding opportunities within the Postgraduate School to assist students in identifying sources of finance within and outside the university, and to prepare successful applications for funding. The office manages a rich online database of scholarships, bursaries and other funding opportunities, and these are updated via a Weekly Bulletin.

The postgraduate office also offers individual consultations to students on questions related to financial support, and such meetings may be scheduled with Joy Nogabe.

For more information, contact Joy Nogabe on: T: +27 51 401 2045 | E: NogabeSJ@ufs.ac.za

Students can view the latest funding opportunities on the Postgraduate School's webpage available at <http://postgraduate.ufs.ac.za/>

Please note that funding is applicable only to honours, Master's and PhD studies.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Online application

Visit the website www.ufs.ac.za and follow the link Postgraduate Studies–Online Application to complete and submit your application form. Terms and conditions apply.

Once the application has been completed, kindly send to:

The Registrar: Applications

PO Box 339 | Bloemfontein | 9300 | Republic of South Africa

All enquiries regarding applications: T: +27 51 401 9538/3098/3724

F: +27 51 401 401 9210 | E: applications@ufs.ac.za

International applications

Enquiries may be directed to the contact persons as indicated in their respective portfolios:

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Marlon Olckers	Incoming Mobility, Prospective students enquiries, Short Learning Programmes, Accommodation and Shuttle Services	+27 51 401 9436	OlckersM@ufs.ac.za
Amo Nkoko	General enquiries	+27 51 401 7339	NkokoTA@ufs.ac.za

All international students are advised to take note of the following:

- An annual administrative fee is charged on all international student accounts and is non-refundable.
- **Closing date is 30 September 2016.**
- You must have a VALID study visa before you can enter South Africa. For further details, please visit the Visa Facilitation Service (VFS) centre website: www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica.
- Make sure your study visa is issued for study purposes at the UFS and not at any other institution in South Africa. All students must have a valid and appropriate/correct visa to be registered at the UFS.
- You must be a member of a medical aid registered in terms of the Medical Aid Schemes Act 1998 of South Africa as required by the South African Immigration Act. Please note your medical aid cover MUST be valid for the duration of your studies at UFS. No travel insurance or hospital plans will be accepted. For further details, please visit the Department of Home Affairs' website: www.dha.gov.za. For information on medical aids please visit: <http://www.medicalschemes.com/MedicalSchemes.aspx> for more information on registered medical aids.
- You will be required to pay a pre-registration fee before you can register as a UFS student. Communication on the amount expected to be paid and the deadline will be sent to all new students by the Tuition Fees Department. For further details, please visit www.ufs.ac.za/tuition
- Students with scholarships must make sure that their sponsors are aware of the UFS regulation pertaining to payments prior to registration and the payment of tuition fees.
- Applicants who are in possession of a degree from non-South African universities, must include the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) evaluation letter with their application form.
- Non-South African certificates/degrees must be assessed by SAQA prior to applying to the UFS. This process can take anything from two to three months. Please visit www.saq.org.za for more information.
- The application process must be completed before arrival for registration at the university. Your details must be captured on the UFS database to facilitate the registration process. For this reason, adherence to closing dates is extremely important.

- Students transferring from other universities, must include a certificate of conduct, as well as a study record from their previous university with their applications. The closing date for students transferring from other universities is **30 September 2016**.
- International postgraduate students must attach certified copies of degrees/certificates to their applications. Degrees/certificates that are not certified will delay the processing of applications.
- Ensure that your application form is completed correctly and signed before returning it to the UFS. You should expect to receive feedback from the university within three weeks of sending your application.
- All enquiries regarding applications: T: +27 51 401 9538 | +27 51 401 3724.

If your application is successful, you will receive a letter of admission from the admissions office, as well as a letter from the Office for International Affairs for the study permit. Visit the South African Embassy in your home country with the above letters, as well as your passport, to apply for your permit. Please be advised that your study permit application can take up to six weeks to be finalised.

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All correspondence regarding postgraduate student finances must be addressed to:

The Senior Director of Finance
 University of the Free State
 PO Box 339 | Bloemfontein | 9300
 Republic of South Africa

For detailed financial information, visit www.ufs.ac.za and follow the links: **Students - Tuition Fees**.

Your ID number must always be mentioned in all correspondence with the university.

Payments prior to registration:

- Must be paid five (5) working days prior to registration that takes place during January – February 2017.
- Students will not be able to register until these amounts reflect as credits on their tuition fee accounts.
- Account balances for 2016 must be zero.
- Should the tuition fees for the second semester be less than the amounts required, the full amount is payable.
 - International students: International students must pay all fees for the second semester in advance before registration can take place.

For the payment prior to registration visit www.ufs.ac.za and follow the links: **Students - Tuition Fees – Payments prior to registration or contact:**

Honours students: T: +27 51 401 3003/2806 | F:+27 51 401 3579 | E:tuitionfees@ufs.ac.za
 Master's and Doctoral students: T: +27 51 401 9537 | F:+27 401 3579 | E:tuitionfees@ufs.ac.za

Students receiving financial aid (South African students only)

In cases where financial aid (bursary/loans) is received and covers all fees for the academic year, the amount payable in advance will be reduced by the amount of the financial aid. Proof of bursaries/loans must be faxed to +27 51 401 3579 five working days prior to registration. The original proof of the bursary/loan must be presented upon registration. In cases where the financial aid (bursary/loan) awarded to a student does not cover all the fees for the year, the prepayment as indicated above, remains payable five (5) working days prior to registration. The amount payable in advance must be reflected as a credit balance on the student's tuition fees account before the student will be allowed to continue with registration.

The attention of bursary holders is drawn to the fact that it is their responsibility to ensure that the bursary donors make payments timely and in accordance with university regulations. Bursars have to provide their sponsors with details of their accounts.

If a sponsor does not pay a student's account in time, interest will be charged and debited to the account, and the student will be responsible for the payment of such interest.

Payment dates

Tuition and residence fees are calculated per semester. All fees must be paid as follows, regardless of whether or not an account was received. (It is the responsibility of the student to supply the university with his/her correct contact details and to make enquiries should he/she not receive an account.)

South African students:

The prepayment as indicated must be paid five (5) days prior to registration.

All fees for the first semester are payable on/before 31 March.

The tuition fee account must be settled in full by 31 August.

International students:

The prepayment as indicated on www.ufs.ac.za must be paid five (5) days prior to registration.

All fees for the first semester are payable on/before 31 March.

The tuition fee account must be settled in full by 30 June.

All other fees are payable not later than the end of the month, following the month in which the transaction took place, as indicated on the account statement, unless specifically stipulated otherwise in the regulations.

UFS Self-help Service

- Students can gain access to their personal tuition fees account via the UFS Self-help Service.
- Visit www.ufs.ac.za, and follow the links: Students–Tuition Fees–My Account.
- Your username is your student number. The initial password is provided by UFS Information and Communication Technology Services.
- For security reasons, students are advised to change their passwords as soon as possible.

If payments are not made by the due dates:

- interest at the prime bank rate as charged by ABSA Bank +2% will be levied on all accounts in arrears;
- all academic records will be withheld; and
- International students with outstanding fees on 1 July will not be allowed to continue with their second-semester studies.

Banking details

Bank name:	ABSA Bank
Name of account:	University of the Free State
Branch code:	630734
Account number:	1570 151 688
Swift code for international transfers:	ABSAZAJJ
Reference number:	100 directly followed by student number for tuition fees and/or on-campus accommodation.

- **Electronic Fund Transfers** – Register the university as beneficiary. Use the ABSA banking details in above-mentioned paragraph.

- **Facility for Online Credit Card Payments** – See www.ufs.ac.za, and follow the links: Students – Tuition Fees – Online Credit Card Payments.
- **Cashiers:** Thakaneng Bridge on the Bloemfontein Campus
Monday to Friday: 08:30 – 14:30
- **Post Office:** Any branch
Reference number: Student number only
- **SAMBA Cards** Payments can be made at the cashiers on the Thakaneng Bridge on the Bloemfontein Campus.
- **NB:** Send your proof of payment to:
F: +27 51 401 3579 or E: tuitionfees@ufs.ac.za

PROGRAMME PRICES

- The cost per programme is the average cost per year.
- Tuition fees are charged per module.
- Programme prices vary according to the modules registered for.
- Average prices quoted are for SA and SADC students.
- International non-SADC students pay the actual module price + 50%.

For the average costs for postgraduate programmes can be obtained online. Visit www.ufs.ac.za and follow the links: Students – Tuition Fees – Fees Yearbook or do an online quotation at Students – Tuition Fees – Quotation.

Important contact details: Tuition Fees – Postgraduate students:

Honours students: T: +27 51 401 3003/2806 | F: +27 51 401 3579 | E: tuitionfees@ufs.ac.za

Master's and Doctoral students: T: +27 51 401 9537 | F: +27 401 3579 | E: tuitionfees@ufs.ac.za

ACCOMMODATION

At the UFS, it is important that our postgraduate students are integrated not only academically, but also socially. We urge you to immerse yourself in the beat and rhythm of campus life and make use of the accommodation offered specifically for postgraduate students. Student accommodation can be a life-changing experience that will create memories you will carry with you for the rest of your life.

The Department of Housing and Residence Affairs offers a variety of accommodation categories, including residences, student flats, student rooms and residential units. Housing and Residence Affairs strives throughout to make provision for the diverse needs of postgraduate students, and work together as a team towards fulfilling those needs.

Student flats

8 x 1-bedroom flats, with own kitchen, bathroom and lounge.

3 x 2-bedroom flats available, with kitchen, bathroom and lounge (please note communal areas are shared).

4 x 3-bedroom flats, with kitchen, bathroom and lounge (please note communal areas are shared).

The 2- and 3-bedroom flats can be rented out per room.

Bedding is available on request.

Communal areas are cleaned twice a week.

A stove and fridge are available in the kitchens.

Rates are per room per month.

Student rooms

2 x small single rooms.

6 x medium single rooms.

8 x large single rooms.

23 x extra large single rooms.

10 x other types of rooms.

All bathrooms and kitchens are shared, excluding for 2 rooms.

Only 4 of the above-mentioned rooms have lounges available.

Bedding is available on request.

Communal areas are cleaned twice a week.

Rental fridges are available.

Rates are per room per month.

President Steyn units

7 x small single rooms.

22 x medium single rooms.

17 x large single rooms.

2 x single paraplegic rooms.

15 x double rooms (sharing).

2 x double paraplegic (sharing).

All rooms have own kitchenette and bathroom.

Communal laundry room.

Bedding is available on request.

Rooms are cleaned once a week.

Rental fridges are available.

No crockery or cutlery in rooms.

Rates are per room or per person per month.

SHU-1 Accommodation

8 x 1-bedroom apartments

1 x double room with en suite bathroom, communal lounge and kitchen facilities

16 x single rooms, with two rooms sharing a bathroom, communal lounge and kitchen facilities

21 x single rooms, communal bathrooms, lounge and kitchen facilities

WiFi and DSTV available

24 hour reception

Communal laundry facilities

Hotel-like guest accommodation available for short stays

Breakfast available on request



POSTGRADUATE STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Library and Information Services (LIS)

The Bloemfontein Campus library has a dedicated Research Unit located on Level 6, creating a conducive studying/ research environment for Master's and Doctoral students. The Research Unit is available during office hours only (07:45 to 16:30). It is equipped with the following resources:

- 30 computer workstations
- Wireless access using laptops.
- Water cooler.

A multitude of electronic resources can be accessed on- and off-campus through the library's website. Information regarding off-campus access can be obtained from research librarians. Information resources can also be sent to students not residing in Bloemfontein (document delivery).

All library services (Bloemfontein, Qwaqwa, South Campus, Medical and Music libraries) are accessible for use by postgraduate students. Access is subject to positive identification with a valid student card.

Information/research librarians will contact prospective students for library orientation shortly after they have been registered as library clients. It is important for students to talk to their librarians as early as possible and be advised on the services and facilities offered by the library.

Students who would like to use the library in person, are welcome to make an appointment for library orientation.



Contact details are as follows:

CAMPUS/BRANCH	RESEARCH/INFORMATION LIBRARIAN	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Main Library	Hesma van Tonder (Law)	+27 51 401 3468	Hesma@ufs.ac.za
Main Library	Annamarie du Preez (Natural and Agricultural Sciences)	+27 51 401 3469	annamari@ufs.ac.za
Main Library	Senovia Welman (Theology)	+27 51 401 2743	Senovia@ufs.ac.za
Main Library	Lee Goliath (Humanities)	+27 51 401 2533	GoliathLK@ufs.ac.za
Main Library	Ronet Very (Education)	+27 51 401 2642	Ronet@ufs.ac.za
Main Library	Catherine Giesekke (Natural and Agricultural Sciences)	+27 51 401 2742	Giesekke@ufs.ac.za
Main Library	Mariechen Praekelt (Economic and Management Sciences)	+27 51 401 2512	Marieche@ufs.ac.za
Medical Library	Elma van der Merwe (Health)	+27 51 405 3655	Elma@ufs.ac.za
Qwaqwa Campus Library	Zukiswa Ketiwe	+27 58 718 5212	ketiwez@qwa.ufs.ac.za
South Campus Library	Lianda Coetzer	+27 51 505 1333	Lianda@ufs.ac.za
Music Library	Annette Ralph	+27 51 401 2157	annette@ufs.ac.za

Postgraduate students can benefit from the Interlibrary Loans service (Level 6), which provides students with access to and use of books and journal articles not available in the library. Postgraduate students can further benefit from familiarising themselves with the university's research output in the form of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) available on our website via Electronic Resources – <http://etd.uovs.ac.za/cgi-bin/ETD-browse/browse>. UFS LIS does not handle any cash. All students are required to load their student cards for photocopying and computer printouts. Please note that a waiting period of 48 hours is required before loaded funds are activated. The Cashier and Card Divisions are open from 09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday.

Health

In its pursuit of optimal health and wellness, the UFS offers a comprehensive suite of student services, from health and wellness to basic nutritional support, in order to assist all students in leading a healthy, balanced and fulfilling life on campus.

The following medical services are available to students on campus:

Medical practice • Vaccinations e.g. Flu, Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A and B

For more information, contact Riana Johnson on T: +27 51 401 2603 | E: Johnr@ufs.ac.za

Wellness

Our focus is on developing and maintaining the physical, social, emotional, career, intellectual, environmental and spiritual wellbeing of our students and staff in order to improve their quality of life. The office of the Social Worker assists students in coping with social, psychological and other related problems that can ultimately have a negative influence on their general wellbeing.

HIV/AIDS

The UFS HIV and Aids Office forms part of the Health and Wellness Centre and coordinate the UFS's institutional response to the HIV epidemic. Our focus areas include student, staff, and community-focused support. The office coordinates all HIV- and Aids-related research, modules and community projects.

The services offered include:

Providing information • Training (life skills and value-based) • Free HIV testing • Support (one-on-one and support group for people living with HIV/Aids) • Community outreach and support.

For more information, contact T: +27 51 401 2998



Honours Degrees

- Bachelor of Commerce Honours with specialisation in Financial Economics and Investment Management
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours with specialisation in Economics
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours with specialisation in Applied Econometrics
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours with specialisation in Marketing
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours with specialisation in Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours with specialisation in Industrial Psychology
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Accounting
- Bachelor of Accounting Honours
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Management Accounting
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Taxation
- Bachelor of Administration Honours

Master's Degrees

- Master of Commerce with specialisation in Economics
- Master of Commerce with specialisation in Applied Econometrics
- Master of Commerce with specialisation in Financial Economics and Investment Management
- Master of Commerce with specialisation in Industrial Psychology
- Master of Industrial Psychology
- Master of Commerce with specialisation in Advanced Business
- Master of Commerce with specialisation in Business Management
- Master of Commerce Accounting
- Master of Accounting
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Development Studies
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Administration

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor Philosophiae in the following specialisations:

- Industrial Psychology
- Economics
- Business Management
- Business Administration
- Public Administration and Management
- Accounting
- Development Studies

Postgraduate Diplomas

- Postgraduate Diploma in Tax Strategy and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in General Accountancy
- Postgraduate Diploma in Chartered Accountancy
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration

Enquiries: Lizette Pretorius | T: +27 51 401 2173 | F: +27 51 444 5465 | E: lpretorius@ufs.ac.za



Postgraduate Education Programmes

Programme: Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDip)(128 credits on NQF Level 8)

Duration: The duration of the PGDip programme in Education is two years part time. (During the first two years of implementation, the PGDip will only be presented on a part-time base.)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	FIELDS OF SPECIALISATION
<p>To be admitted to this diploma, a student must be in possession of a relevant qualification on NQF Level 7 which implies:</p> <p><u>According to HEQSF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an approved and recognised four-year BEd, or • a three-year general Bachelor’s Degree capped by a PGCE (or equivalent)/120 credit Level 7 Advanced Diploma in Education in a cognate specialisation, or • a preceding cognate qualification(s) that meet Level 7 exit level outcomes, or • a preceding qualification(s) that in exceptional cases are approved by assessment of prior learning, provided that they meet Level 7 exit level outcomes. <p><u>According to previous NQF (Interim to accommodate students in the current system)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an approved and recognised four-year BEd, or • a three-year general Bachelor’s Degree capped by a PGCE (or equivalent), or • preceding cognate qualification(s) that meet old level 6 exit level outcomes plus an Advanced Diploma • preceding qualification(s) that in exceptional cases are approved by assessment of prior learning, provided that they meet level 7 exit level outcomes. <p><u>Additional requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 60% average in preceding degree or 65% in a preceding diploma • Students have to be computer and internet literate to be successful in this programme • Subject to selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Studies • Education Policy • Mathematics Education • School Leadership and Management • Higher Education

Enquiries:

General email address: eduinfo@ufs.ac.za

M Ferreira: T: +27 51 401 9179 | F: +27 51 401 2010 | E: FerreiraIM@ufs.ac.za

Applications close on 31 October every year. Application forms are available on the website: www.ufs.ac.za –UFS application documents

Master’s degrees

Fields of specialisation:

- Policy Studies and Governance in Education
- Professional Curriculum Studies
- Professional Management and Leadership in Education
- Professional Psychology of Education
- Psychology of Education: Inclusive Education

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
<p>Master of Education (MEd)</p> <p>A research project that culminates into a dissertation that awards 180 credits at NQF Level 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appropriate qualification (e.g. BEdHons/PGDip) on NQF Level 8 (600 credits) • The submission of an acceptable research proposal. • This course requires the successful completion of a full dissertation or 2 publishable articles under the supervision of a supervisor. Minimum duration is one year.
<p>PhD</p> <p>(360 credits on NQF Level 10)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appropriate qualification (e.g. MEd) on NQF Level 9 (180 credits) • The submission of an acceptable research proposal. • This course requires the successful completion of a full thesis or 5 publishable article manuscripts or 3 published articles under the supervision of a promoter.

Enquiries: The Head of the School: T: +27 51 401 2243

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Application forms are available on the website: www.ufs.ac.za – UFS application documents

Master's and Doctoral degree in Higher Education Studies

The postgraduate programme in Higher Education Studies provides an opportunity to lecturers, instructors, administrative, support and management staff of universities, colleges and other public and private institutions that offer professional and vocational education and training on levels 5 to 10 of the NQF.

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
<p><u>Master of Arts in Higher Education Studies</u></p> <p>MA (Higher Education Studies)</p> <p>A research project in the context of higher education and training that culminates in a full dissertation OR 2 interrelated publishable manuscripts/published article that awards 180 credits on NQF exit-level 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be admitted to the MA (Higher Education Studies), the student must possess a four-year Bachelor's degree OR a Bachelor Honours degree OR a Postgraduate Diploma on NQF exit-level 8 and have appropriate experience related to higher education and training. • To be admitted to the PhD study in Higher Education Studies the student must possess an acknowledged qualification on NQF exit-level 9 and have appropriate experience related to higher education and training.
<p><u>PhD in Higher Education Studies</u></p> <p>A research project in the context of higher education and training that culminates in a full doctoral thesis OR 5 interrelated publishable manuscripts/published articles OR 3 sole-authored published articles that awards 360 credits on NQF exit level 10.</p> <p>(360 credits at NQF Level 10)</p>	

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Application forms are available on the website: www.ufs.ac.za – UFS application documents



School of Allied Health Professions

MAGISTER DEGREES	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Magister of Occupational Therapy This qualification is offered as a research project/dissertation	240	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister Scientiae in Dietetics This qualification is offered as a research project or dissertation	240	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister of Nutrition This qualification is offered as a research project or dissertation	240	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister Scientiae in Physiotherapy This qualification is offered as a structured programme with mini-dissertation, a research project/dissertation or in Clinical Sport Physiotherapy	240	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister of Optometry This qualification is offered as a structured programme with mini-dissertation, or a research project/dissertation	180	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister Artium in Human Movement Science This qualification is offered as a research dissertation or articles	200	Minimum two years	Part time

DOCTORAL DEGREES	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Philosophiae Doctor	360	Minimum two years	Part time
Philosophiae Doctor of Physiotherapy	360	Minimum two years	Part time
Philosophiae Doctor of Occupational Therapy	360	Minimum two years	Part time
Philosophiae Doctor in Dietetics	360	Minimum two years	Part time
Philosophiae Doctor in Nutrition	360	Minimum two years	Part time
Philosophiae Doctor in Human Movement Science	360	Minimum two years	Part time
Doctor Scientiae	360	Minimum two years	Part time

School of Medicine

BACCALAUREAS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE HONOURS	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
BMedSchHons With specialisation in – Anatomy and Cell Morphology, Chemical Pathology, Haematology and Cell Biology, Genetics, Human Molecular Biology, Medical Microbiology/ Virology, Medical Physics, Medical Physiology, Pharmacology	120	One year	Full time

MAGISTER DEGREES	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Magister of Medicine in Anaesthesiology Magister of Medicine in Anatomical Pathology Magister of Medicine in Chemical Pathology Magister of Medicine in Community Health Magister of Medicine in Dermatology Magister of Medicine in Family Medicine Magister of Medicine in Haematology Magister of Medicine in Internal Medicine Magister of Medicine in Medical Genetics Magister of Medicine in Medical Microbiology Magister of Medicine in Medical Virology Magister of Medicine in Neurology Magister of Medicine in Nuclear Medicine Magister of Medicine in Ophthalmology Magister of Medicine in Otorhinolaryngology Magister of Medicine in Psychiatric Magister of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child Health Magister of Medicine in Radiation Oncology	480	Four years	Full time
Magister of Medicine in Cardiothoracic Surgery Magister of Medicine in Clinical Pathology Magister of Medicine in Diagnostic Radiology Magister of Medicine in Forensic Medicine Magister of Medicine in Neurosurgery Magister of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Magister of Medicine in Orthopaedic Surgery Magister of Medicine in Plastic Surgery Magister of Medicine in Paediatric Surgery Magister of Medicine in Surgery Magister of Medicine in Urology	600	Five years	Full time
Magister of Medical Science in Anatomy and Cell Morphology Magister of Medical Science in Anatomical Pathology Magister of Medical Science in Biostatistics Magister of Medical Science in Cardiothoracic Surgery Magister of Medical Science in Chemical Pathology Magister of Medical Science in Clinical Radiology Magister of Medical Science in Critical Care Magister of Medical Science in Haematology and Cell Biology Magister of Medical Science in Human Genetics Magister of Medical Science in Human Molecular Biology Magister of Medical Science in Immunology Magister of Medical Science in Medical Microbiology Magister of Medical Science in Medical Physics Magister of Medical Science in Radiation Oncology Magister of Medical Science in Pharmacology (Analytical/Clinical) Magister of Medical Science in Physiology Magister of Medical Science in Virology	180	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister in Sports Medicine (In abeyance)	300	Three years	Part time
Magister of Medical Science in Transfusion Medicine (In abeyance)	180	Minimum two years	Part time
Magister in Health Professions Education This qualification is offered as a structured programme with mini-dissertation, or a research project/dissertation that culminates in a dissertation that awards 180 credits at NQF Level 9	240	Minimum two years	Part time

DOCTORAL DEGREES	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
<u>Philosophiae Doctor (PhD)</u> Specialisations in: Anaesthesiology, Anatomical Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Morphology, Biostatistics, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chemical Pathology, Clinical Radiobiology, Community Health, Critical Care, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Family Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Haematology and Cell Biology, Human Molecular Biology, Internal Medicine, Medical Microbiology/Virology, Medical Physics, Medical Physiology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Paediatrics, Pharmacology (Analytical/Clinical), Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiographic Sciences, Radiation Oncology, Surgery, Urology, Nursing	360	Minimum two years	Part time
<u>Doctor in Medicinae (DMed)</u> Specialisation in: Anaesthesiology, Anatomical Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Morphology, Biostatistics, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chemical Pathology, Clinical Radiobiology, Community Health, Critical Care, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Family Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Haematology and Cell Biology, Internal Medicine, Medical Microbiology/Virology, Medical Physics, Medical Physiology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Paediatrics, Pharmacology (Analytical/Clinical), Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, Surgery, Urology	360	Minimum two years	Part time
<u>Master of Philosophy (MPhil)</u> Specialisation in: Advanced Clinical Imaging, Clinical Haematology, Critical Care, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Gastroenterology Surgery, Geriatric Medicine, Neonatology, Nephrology, Paediatric Cardiology, Paediatric Oncology, Pulmonology, Trauma Surgery, Vascular Surgery	300	Minimum two years	Full time
Post-Doctoral Research		Minimum two years	Full time
Health Professions Research	360	Minimum two years	Part time



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Nephrology, Pulmonology	240	Two years	Full time
Clinical Forensic Medicine	144	Two years	Part time
Clinical Haematology	360	Two years	Full time
General Interventional Radiology	240	Two years	Full time
Medical Physics	256	Minimum two years	Part time
Clinical Pharmacology	128	One year Two years	Full time Part time
Transfusion Medicine (In abeyance)	120	Two years	Part time
Radiography (In abeyance)	160	One year	Full time
Community Health (In abeyance), Health Services Management, Occupational Health	240	Two years	Part time
Health Professions Education	120	One or two years	Part time

School of Nursing

MAGISTER DEGREES	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Magister Societatis Scientiae in Nursing MSocSc (Nursing)	200	Minimum two years	Part time

ADVANCED DIPLOMAS	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Nursing Education	128	One year	Part time
Health Care Management	124	One year	Part time
Advanced Midwifery and Neonatology, Basic Midwifery, Community Nursing, Child Psychiatric Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, Forensic Nursing, Operating Theatre Nursing, Orthopaedic Nursing, Paediatric Nursing, Primary Clinical Health Care, Psychiatric Nursing, Trauma and Emergency Nursing, HIV and Aids	120	One year	Part time
Occupational Health Nursing	136	One year	Part time

DOCTORAL DEGREES	CREDITS	DURATION	PART TIME/ FULL TIME
Philosophiae Doctor (PhD)	360	Minimum two years	Part time

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FACULTY OF THE HUMANITIES

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS	TAUGHT/THESIS	FULL OR PART TIME	CONTACT INFORMATION
BAHons (Drama and Theatre Arts) MA (Drama and Theatre Arts) PhD (Drama and Theatre Arts)	Both Dissertation Thesis	Both Both Both	Prof Nico Luwes +27 51 401 2160 luwes@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Film and Visual Media)	Taught and research	Full time	Prof Suzanne Human +27 51 401 2281 humane@ufs.ac.za
BA Hons (Art History and Visual Culture studies) MA (Art History and Visual Culture studies) PhD (Art History and Visual Culture studies)	Taught and research Thesis Thesis	Both Both Both	
MA (Fine Arts) PhD (Fine Arts)	Thesis and studio research	Full time Full time	
BAHons (Music) MMus PhD (Music)	Taught with research component Dissertation, Articles or Structured (Performing Art and Mini-thesis) Dissertation, Articles or Integrated (creative work and research)	Both Both Both	Dr Matildie Thom Wium +27 51 401 2757 thomwium@ufs.ac.za
BA Hons (Anthropology) MA (Anthropology) PhD (Anthropology)	Taught and research script Dissertation/two articles Thesis/Five related, publishable articles	Full time Both Both	Dr Petro Esterhuyse +27 51 401 2910 esterhp@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Criminology) MA (Criminology) PhD (Criminology)	Taught Thesis Thesis	Full time Both Both	Herma Foster +27 51 401 2913 fosterh@ufs.ac.za Morné Wouda +27 51 401 2278 woudam@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Geography) MA (Geography) PhD (Geography)	Taught Dissertation Thesis	Full time Both Both	Dr Charles Barker +27 51 401 2554 BarkerCH@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (History) MA (History) PhD (History)	Taught Structured Thesis	Both options available	Prof André Wessels +27 51 401 2488 wesselsa@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Philosophy) MA (Philosophy) PhD (Philosophy)	Both Thesis Thesis	Both Both Both	Prof Pieter Duvenage +27 51 401 2237/2365 duvenagepnj@ufs.ac.za

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS	TAUGHT/THESIS	FULL OR PART TIME	CONTACT INFORMATION
BAHons (Political Science) MA (Political Science) PhD (Political Science)	Modules and mini-dissertation Dissertation Thesis	Full time Both Both	Prof Theo Neethling +27 51 401 9783 neethlingt@ufs.ac.za Prof Hussein Solomon +27 51 401 9454 solomonh@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Sociology) MA (Sociology) PhD (Sociology)	Taught and research script Thesis Thesis	Both Both Both	Prof Andre Pelser +27 51 401 2653 pelsraj@ufs.ac.za
MA (Sociology): Narrative Study of Lives	Thesis	Both	Prof Jan Coetzee +27 51 401 2881 coetzeejk@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Africa Studies) MA (Africa Studies) PhD (Africa Studies)	Taught Full dissertation Thesis	Full time Full time Both	Dr Steffi Cawood +27 51 401 2614 cawoods@ufs.ac.za
Postgraduate Diploma in Gender Studies MA (Gender Studies)	Taught Taught	Full time Full time	Nadine Lake +27 51 401 3813 lakenc@ufs.ac.za
BAHons(Communication Science) with specialisation in Media Studies and Journalism MA (Communication Science) with specialisation in Media Studies and Journalism BAHons(Communication Science) with specialisation in Corporate and Marketing Communication MA (Communication Science) with specialisation in Corporate and Marketing Communication MA (Communication Science) PhD Communication Science BAHons(Communication Science) with specialisation in Leadership Communication	Taught Dissertation Taught Dissertation Dissertation Thesis Thesis Taught	Full time Both Full time Both Both Both Both Full time	Coordinator of the postgraduate programme: Willemien Marais +27 51 401 3635 maraisw@ufs.ac.za Programme Director: Mercia Coetzee +27 51 401 2872 coetsee@ufs.ac.za Departmental Chairperson: Prof Johann de Wet +27 51 401 2867 Dewetjc@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (African Languages) MA (African Languages) PhD (African Languages)	Taught Dissertation Thesis	Both Both Both	Dr Elias Malete +27 51 401 2178 maleteen@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (Afrikaans and Dutch) MA (Afrikaans and Dutch) PhD (Afrikaans and Dutch)	Both Both Thesis	Both Both Both	Prof Angelique van Niekerk +27 51 401 2339 vnieka@ufs.ac.za
BAHons (English) MA (English) PhD (English)	Taught Dissertation Thesis	Options available Both Both	Patsy Fourie +27 51 401 2275 fouriep@ufs.ac.za
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BAHons (Sign Language) MA (Sign Language) PhD (Sign Language)	Taught Dissertation Thesis/published articles	Full time Both Both	Ms N de Klerk +27 51 401 9285/2251 deklerkn@ufs.ac.za
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The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences consist of three areas of research, namely Natural Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Building Sciences.

For admission requirement to Honours, Master's and Doctoral degrees, consult the website or the Rulebook of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences [<http://www.ufs.ac.za/templates/yearbook.aspx>] or for academic advice, contact the programme director of the specific field of study, the academic head of department, or the faculty manager. Faculty manager: Lee-Ann Frazenburg on T: +27 51 401 3199 | F: +27 51 401 3728E: damonsle@ufs.ac.za

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Admission requirements for Bachelor's Honours Degrees (general)

In addition to the requirements contained in General Regulation A46 (a), a candidate has to comply with the additional faculty requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent NQF Level 7 qualification, including one of the following: BArchStud, BAgric, B Consumer Sciences, BSc, BScIT, BScQS or BScConst and the following additional requirements per discipline.
- A deserving applicant in possession of a BSc degree with the required major subjects may be permitted by the Academic Departmental Head and with the approval of the Dean to receive postgraduate training in Agriculture. Such a student registers for BScAgricHons, during which prescribed honours modules, as well as certain additional undergraduate Agriculture modules, may be taken in consultation with the departmental chair.
- All honours degrees are selection courses and admission to these degrees is subject to approval by the Academic Departmental Head.
- Applicants should apply for admission to the honours degree on the prescribed form. These forms should be completed and handed to the academic departmental head at the beginning of the second semester. Final selection will take place when results are available, but preliminary selection will be done prior to the availability of final results. The honours programmes start on a date as determined by the relevant department. All modules in the learning programme must be successfully completed.

The three main categories where these programmes reside are Natural Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Building Sciences and the available programmes with specific admission requirements for each of the three are provided below

Natural Sciences

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Actuarial Science	A candidate must have a BSc or BCom degree in Actuarial Science, as well as being qualified for at least four exemptions in the subjects of the faculty/Institute of Actuaries, of which at least one exemption has to be for CT1, CT4 or CT6.
Behavioural Genetics (Human Genetics)	Admission into BScHons in Behavioural Genetics for students who majored in Genetics and Psychology or Zoology is subject to selection. A minimum of 60% in Genetics at third-year level is required. Selection will take place during August each year.
Biochemistry	At least 64 credits in Biochemistry at third-year level. An average of 65% in undergraduate Biochemistry modules.
Botany	A minimum of 60% in Botany at third-year level and in consultation with the academic departmental head.
Chemistry	To be considered for BScHons in Chemistry, a student must have a BSc degree. Other prerequisites include MATM1614 or MATM1534, plus MATM1624 or MATM1544. An average mark of 60% in CHEM3714, CHEM3734, CHEM3724 and CHEM3744 or equivalent NQF Exit Level 7 modules. Note also that the programme starts annually on 15 January.
Computer Information Systems	A minimum average of 60% is required for the four third-year Computer Science modules (CSIS3714, CSIS3734, CSIS3724 and CSIS3744) or their equivalents. In exceptional cases admission may be allowed in consultation with the programme director or academic departmental head.
Consumer Sciences	Consumer Science or relevant NQF Level 7 at third-year level with at least 60%.
Entomology	A minimum average of 60% is required for all Entomology modules at third-year level (two modules in the first semester and two in the second semester) to be admitted to the honours degree. Selection will take place during November each year.
Environmental Rehabilitation	A minimum of 60% in relevant modules at third-year level and in consultation with the academic departmental head.
Food Science	Food Science at third-year level. An average of 65% in undergraduate Food Science modules.
Forensic Sciences	Admission into BScHons in Forensic Science is subject to selection. A minimum of 60% in relevant modules at third-year level or equivalent modules is required. Selection will take place at the end of August each year.
Genetics	Admission into BScHons in Genetics is subject to selection. A minimum of 60% in Genetics at third-year level or equivalent modules is required. Selection will take place during August of the same year.
Geography and Environmental Studies	A minimum average of 60% is required for all Geography modules (64 credits) at third-year level to be admitted to the honours degree. In exceptional cases the department may grant admission by virtue of an oral or written evaluation in which the candidate displays relevant knowledge of the theory and principles of the subject. Depending on a candidate's academic background, additional modules may be prescribed by the department. Proof of computer literacy is a prerequisite. A candidate's skills in English will be assessed and if the required standard is not met, additional modules (proficient performance in the TALPS Test is required) will be prescribed.

Geology, Geochemistry and Environmental Geology	For admission to the honours degree in Geology, Geochemistry or Environmental Geology, a candidate must achieve a combined average pass mark of 60% in four Geology modules (64 credits) at third-year level (two modules in the first semester and two in the second semester, including GLGY3714 and GLGY3724 or equivalent modules). Students must complete all required NQF Level 7 Geology modules in a maximum of two years. Proficient performance in the TALPS Test is required. Students that did not complete their undergraduate studies with the University of the Free State (UFS) should have obtained an average of at least 65% in 64 credits of the final-year Geology studies.
Geo-informatics	Geography at third-year level or equivalent Geography at NQF 7 at another university with at least 64 credits in total in this subject area. Minimum average of 60% in the third year.
Geohydrology	A degree in Engineering or a BSc or a BScAgric degree. An average of 60% in the final year of a BSc degree calculated from the major subject, as well as Geology, Chemistry, and Mathematics or Statistics at first-year level is required for admission to the degree. Proficient performance in the TALPS Test is required. Subject to selection. Selection will take place during November of the same year. A maximum of 38 students will be admitted.
Consumer Sciences	BSc Home Economics, B Consumer Science or an equivalent qualification.
Limnology	A BSc or BScAgric degree with at least one of the following as major: Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Entomology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, Soil Science, Zoology.
Mathematics and Applied Mathematics	At least four Mathematics or Applied Mathematics or equivalent modules, at third-year level, completed with an average mark of 60%. Students may be required to take additional undergraduate courses based on their academic background. The academic departmental head grants admission and consults on the compilation of the curriculum. Students will do an oral presentation for their final assessment. Proficient performance in the departmental admission test and the TALPS Test is required.
Mathematical Statistics	A minimum average pass mark of 65% in STSM3714, STSM3724, STSM3734 and STSM3744 or equivalent NQF 7 level modules. .
Microbiology	At least 64 credits in Microbiology at third-year level. An average of 65% in undergraduate Microbiology modules. Admission is subject to a selection process.
Physics	An average mark of 60% in PHYS3714, PHYS3732, PHYS3752, PHYS3724, PHYS3742 and PHYS3762. The Academic Departmental Head may grant permission for admission to the Bachelor Honours Degree in exceptional cases. The programme commences in middle January and students must apply for admission to the Academic Departmental Head before that date.
Plant Breeding	A minimum of 60% average for all the Plant Breeding modules at third-year level is required.
Plant Health Ecology	Plant Health or equivalent modules at third-year level.
Plant Pathology	An average of 60% for the third year in a BSc or BSc Agric degree with at least one of the following as major: Microbiology, Plant Sciences, Plant Pathology or equivalent NQF Level 7 modules. Students may be required to take additional undergraduate courses based on their academic background.
Polymer Science	A minimum of 60% average for all the Chemistry modules at third-year level is required.
Statistics	MATM1614 and MATM1624, as well as a minimum average mark of 65% in STSA2616, STSA2626, STSA3716 and STSA3726.
Zoology	A minimum average of 60% is required for all Zoology modules at third-year level (two modules in the first semester and two in the second semester) to be admitted to the honours degree. Selection will take place during November each year.

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Agricultural Sciences

Admission requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the requirements contained in General Regulation A21 (a), a candidate has to comply with the additional faculty requirements:

- At least a minimum three-year degree (at NQF Level 7) from any applicable field of study.
- An average of at least 60% must have been obtained in the final year of study.
- The student must prove to the academic departmental head that he/she has adequate knowledge to justify admission to the programme.
- Applicants who do not have the formal minimum requirements, must apply through Recognition of Prior Learning.
- Admission is subject to a selection process. Qualification and experience in the disaster management field will be an added advantage.

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Management	Admission depends on previously acquired knowledge and experience in the disaster management field.

For more information, students can contact the Director of the Centre, Prof Andries Jordaan on T: +27 51 401 2721 or E: JordaanA@ufs.ac.za or DimTec@ufs.ac.za

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Advanced Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development	Admission depends on the completion of the NSC (National Senior Certificate) and obtaining of a NQF level 6 certificate or equivalent qualification. Applicants are also required to have sound and proven practical experience relevant to the agricultural environment. Applicants are also required to participate in the National Skills test.

For more information, students can contact the Director of the Centre, Dr. Johan van Niekerk on T: +27 51 4012163 or E: vNiekerkJA@ufs.ac.za

Admission requirements for the other Agricultural honours degrees

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Agricultural Economics	<p>BScHons (Agricultural Economics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to the study is subject to the discretion and approval of the Academic Departmental Head. The following criteria are required: • BSc degree in Agricultural Economics • An average mark of 65% for all undergraduate Agricultural Economics modules over the full period of the BSc degree. • Additional modules /modules may be required before admission to the BScHons study. <p>BAgricHons (Agricultural Economics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to the study is subject to the discretion and approval of the Academic Departmental Head. The following criteria are required: • BAgric degree in Agricultural Economics • An average mark of 65% for all undergraduate Agricultural Economics modules over the full period of the BAgric degree. • Additional modules /modules may be required before admission to the BAgricHons study.
Agriculture	<p>Agricultural Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to the study is subject to the discretion and approval of the Academic Departmental Head. The following criteria are required: • BAgric degree in Agricultural Management • An average mark of 65% for all undergraduate Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Management modules over the full period of the BAgric degree. • Additional modules /modules may be required before admission to the BAgricHons study. <p>Wildlife Management</p> <p>A minimum of 60% in Agricultural Management and/or Agricultural economics or equivalent modules at NQF 7 level.</p> <p>Irrigation Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 60% in Agricultural Engineering or equivalent at NQF 7 level. • Apart from the above mentioned requirements, the Academic Departmental Head may expect a student to complete certain additional modules.

Agrometeorology	Agrometeorology at third-year level.
Grassland Science	Grassland Science at third-year level.
Soil Science	Soil Science at third-year level.
Wildlife	Grassland Science at third-year level or equivalent modules and in consultation with the academic departmental head.

Building Sciences

Admission requirements for the honours degrees

PROGRAMME	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for applications is 31 May of the year preceding the intended study. • Subject to selection. • All information pertaining to the selection process is available on the UFS website – see application for admissions. • A BArch degree or equivalent qualification from any Architectural Learning Site with a collective average mark in his/her final year of 55% for the following modules or their equivalent, CONS3706, HARC3704 and TARC3704, as well as a subminimum of 60% for DESN3700 or its equivalent. • Candidates who do not comply with the above prerequisites, must repeat (only once) selected module(s) or on recommendation, work in an architect's office for a year in order to be eligible for BArchHons selection the following year. • Candidates must complete the BArchHons selection form which is available on the UFS website – see application for admissions. • Closing date for selection forms is 31 August of the year preceding the intended study.
Construction Management	Students who have passed the BSc Construction Management degree, with an average of at least 65%, may register for the BSc Construction Management honours degree,
Spatial Planning and Spatial Planning (Specializing in Human Settlements)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for applications is 31 July. • An appropriate qualification at NQF Level 7 (SAQA certificate must accompany the qualification when requested), as approved by the academic departmental head and an average of at least 60% in previous qualifications for final-year modules. • Applicants – have to write selection tests if they are considered suitable for selection. These tests, will be conducted online on a pre-arranged time and date. • If a student does not entirely meet the admission requirements, the academic departmental head and the Recognition of Prior Learning office, in consultation with the dean may, in meritorious cases, recommend that some concessions be made in respect of the requirements. The final decision shall rest with the dean. Supplementary courses, as determined by the academic head of department, may be required. • In consultation with the national Department of Human Settlements, a new specialization namely a Bachelor of Honours in Spatial Planning, majoring in Human Settlements was introduced. The purpose of this qualification is to equip students with the necessary knowledge, skills and values to make a substantial contribution to the improvement of the housing environment in Southern Africa.
Quantity Surveying	Students who have passed the BSc Quantity Surveying degree with an average of at least 65%, may register for the BSc Quantity Surveying honours. Subject to selection

For more information on the postgraduate degrees offered in Building Sciences, contact E Maboia on T: +27 51 401 2943 | E: maboiaebm@ufs.ac.za



Postgraduate Diploma

Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Planning Law	160 credits at NQF Level 8	Distance learning
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Postgraduate Diploma in Labour Law	120 credits at NQF Level 8	Part time or full time
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For more information on admission requirements and academic information, contact Dr A du Plessis on T: +27 51 401 9337 | E: duplessisA@ufs.ac.za

Master of Laws (LLM)

Specialisation in:

Mercantile Law	Dissertation or Structured	Part time or full time
Criminal Law	Dissertation	Part time or full time
Constitutional Law	Dissertation	Part time or full time
Private Law	Dissertation or Structured	Part time or full time
Procedural Law and Law of Evidence	Dissertation or Structured	Part time or full time
Business Entities	Structured	Part time or full time
Human Rights	Structured	Part time or full time
Financial Planning Law	Structured	Part time or full time
Labour Law	Structured	Part time or full time
International Economic Law	Structured	Part time or full time
Criminal and Medical Law	Structured	Part time or full time
Environmental Law	Structured	Part time or full time
International Law	Structured	Part time or full time

The LLM programme has two options:

- Dissertation on a specific approved topic and legal research methodology (LNAV7910) OR
- Three modules and an extended research essay (more or less 75 pages) and legal research methodology (LNAV7910).

Doctoral Degrees (PhD or LLD)

LLD Doctor of Laws	Thesis	Part time or full time
PhD Philosophiae Doctor	Thesis	Part time or full time

The doctoral degree may be in Mercantile Law, Private Law, Criminal and Medical Law, Constitutional Law and Legal Philosophy, or Procedural Law and Law of Evidence.

LLD: A thesis for the degree must deal with a subject pertaining to juridical science approved by the Faculty Board.

PhD: A thesis of not more than 80 000 words for the degree must deal with a subject pertaining to juridical science approved by the Faculty Board.

In order to be admitted to LLD or PhD degree studies, a candidate must be in possession of an LLM degree and must have obtained a final average of at least 65 percent. Before a title registration may take place, an LLD- or PhD candidate must, within the first six months after registration, firstly complete and submit a research proposal in the prescribed form to his/her promoter which must subsequently be approved by the Faculty Research Committee; and secondly, a defence of the title and research proposal must take place, during which the candidate, promoter, and a panel consisting of two external experts, the academic head of the department, as well as the Chair of the Research Committee of the Faculty of Law (or his/her representative) have to be present. After a successful defence, the title registration and research proposal must be referred to the Faculty Board, via the Faculty Committee, for approval.

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Honours degree

Specialisation in one field of study

Old Testament	Structured	Part time or full time
New Testament	Structured	Part time or full time
Systematic Theology	Structured	Part time or full time
Church History and Polity	Structured	Part time or full time
Practical Theology	Structured	Part time
Missiology	Structured	Part time or full time
Religion Studies	Structured	Part time or full time
Historical Theology	Structured	Part time or full time

Master's degree

a. Research-based Master's specialisation in one field of study:

Old Testament	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
New Testament	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
Systematic Theology and Ethics	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
Church History and Polity	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
Practical Theology	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
Missiology	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
Religion Studies	Structured/Dissertation	Part time or full time
Bible Translation	Structured	Part time or full time
Bible Translation Management	Structured	Part time or full time
Practical Theology	Structured/Dissertation	Part time
Biblical Spirituality	Structured	Part time
Spirituality	Structured	Part time
Jonathan Edwards Studies	Structured	Part time or full time

b. Professional Master's (MDiv)

Professional and multidisciplinary master's degree in Theology.	Structured	Full time
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Doctoral degree

Specialisation in one field of study:

Old Testament	Thesis	Part time or full time
New Testament	Thesis	Part time or full time
Systematic Theology and Ethics	Thesis	Part time or full time
Church History and Polity	Thesis	Part time or full time
Practical Theology	Thesis	Part time or full time
Missiology	Thesis	Part time or full time
Religion Studies	Thesis	Part time or full time
Bible Translation	Thesis	Part time or full time
Biblical Spirituality	Thesis	Part time or full time
Spirituality	Thesis	Part time or full time
Jonathan Edwards Studies/Historical Theology	Thesis	Part time or full time

For further information on programmes in Theology, contact:

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A SHORT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **Dissertation** - This is a full research report normally required for a research-based master's degree, and therefore does not normally include coursework. Please note that some universities use the terms 'dissertation' and 'thesis' interchangeably.
- **Ethical clearance** - This is the process all students' (and staff') research proposals have to pass through to determine whether the research satisfies the ethical standards for research, such as confidentiality and informed consent. Each faculty has a research ethics committee that has to approve all proposed research.
- **Honours degree** - This postgraduate (after the first degree or first Bachelor's degree) degree prepares students for research-based postgraduate study and serves to consolidate and deepen the student's expertise in a particular field. This degree normally requires a minimum of one year full-time study or two years part-time study.
- **Master's degree** - This postgraduate degree normally follows the attainment of an Honours degree and can be done through coursework with a dissertation (the mini-dissertation, with coursework) or through research alone (the full dissertation, no coursework). This degree normally takes one year of full-time study or two years of part-time study.
- **Doctoral degree** - This postgraduate degree represents the highest qualification in a university and normally follows the attainment of a Master's degree. A Doctoral degree is normally offered only as a research-based degree without coursework and is typically attained after four years of study. A Doctoral degree is normally referred to as a PhD (a research-based doctor of philosophy degree covering many fields, from the sciences to humanities) but sometimes a professional doctorate can be designated, such as a DBA (Doctor of Business Administration) or DEd (Doctor of Education).
- **Mini-dissertation** - This is the short version of a full dissertation and normally forms part of coursework for a Master's degree, but could also be a requirement for an Honours degree or a postgraduate diploma.
- **Postgraduate Diploma** - This diploma is mainly available to students in the professions (such as nursing or teaching). It enables working professionals to undertake advanced reflection of their work in a specific area of specialisation. A research project is not required, but the diploma may include conducting and reporting basic research. This qualification requires a minimum of one year full-time study.
- **Supervisor** - A senior academic who guides the master's (dissertation) or doctoral student (thesis) from conception through the execution and submission of a research report. Sometimes the supervisor is assisted by a co-supervisor who has complementary expertise on the subject under study.
- **Thesis** - A thesis is the full research report required for a doctoral qualification in which the student is required to make an original contribution to the body of knowledge in the field of study. The doctorate does not normally include coursework. Please note that some universities use the terms 'dissertation' and 'thesis' interchangeably.
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