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Our Vision

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

Did you know?

We have:

31 248 students

7 faculties

161 departments

3 campuses

63 locations

We are **111** years old

Who we are

The University of the Free State (UFS) is inspiring excellence and transforming lives. Through our Human and Academic Projects we are becoming a university internationally recognised for human reconciliation and compassion and excellence in academic achievement.

The university is situated in Bloemfontein in the heart of South Africa. The Bloemfontein Campus dates back to 1904, making our university one of the oldest higher education institutions in the country. Since its foundation, the university has been a dynamic learning institution where academic excellence and the development of leadership qualities have become long-standing traditions.

From a humble start with six BA students, the university is now home to more than 31 000 students on our three campuses, the Bloemfontein Campus, the growing Qwaqwa Campus in the picturesque Eastern Free State and the South Campus in Bloemfontein. The South Campus accommodates our School of Open Learning and the University Preparation Programme that provides a bridging programme for learners to enter higher education.

Superior scholarship is essential in the global market – where academic distinction is crucial. Emanating from our richly-embedded research culture, we offer exceptional undergraduate and post-graduate programmes and research opportunities across seven faculties. More than 1 800 students from across the African continent and around the world, representing 55 countries, are enrolled, some in programmes where the UFS takes a leading role in Africa.

In addition, the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme fosters our PhD students to become international experts. The programme ensures comprehensive support, intensive mentorship and placement with the best international researchers. This novel project positions us as an innovator among research universities. We also have close relationships and agreements with universities and institutions across the globe.

For more information, visit our website at www.ufs.ac.za, follow us on twitter @UFSweb or like us on www.facebook.com/ufsuv.

We take **pride** in our

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

No Student Hungry Programme, which is aimed at providing a nutritional plate of food for poor students.

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

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

Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, which is a critical space where engaged scholarship, public discussion, community engagement and teaching are innovatively integrated towards exploring and finding solutions to the complex and challenging work of social transformation in South Africa.

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Some more facts...

Undergraduate

76%

Postgraduate

24%

Ratio: Undergraduate and postgraduate students 2014

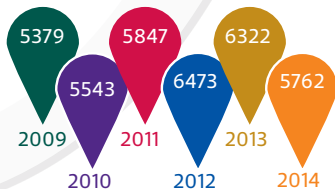
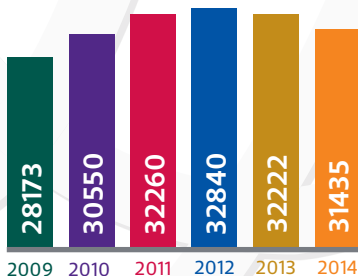


43% (academic staff)



57% (support staff)

Ratio: Academic and support staff 2014



Student enrolment

Total graduates

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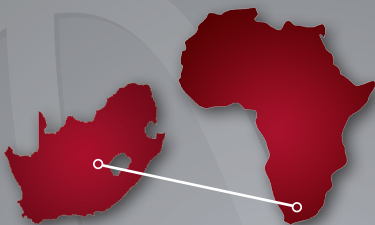
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