



Bloemfontein Campus | **Visitors Guide 2015**

*Inspiring excellence.
Transforming lives.
Inspireer uitnemendheid.
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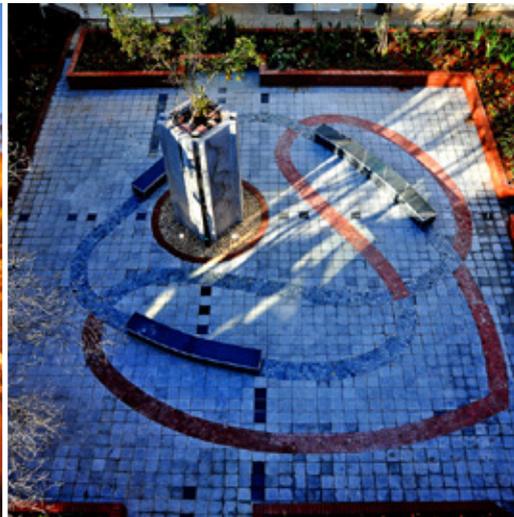


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Front page image: Education Building, Bloemfontein Campus

History of the UFS

Who we are:

The UFS was established in 1904 as the Grey University College with six students. Today we pride ourselves on having more than 33 000 students thriving across three campuses. In 2003 the university incorporated the Qwaqwa Campus – situated in the picturesque Eastern Free State – and in 2004 the South Campus – nestled in the hills overlooking the vibrant city of Bloemfontein – into its fold.

In recent times, the university has put itself on the global stage, fostering relations with international universities and increasing international exposure to staff and students. We have hosted several local and international distinguished guests; celebrities, academics and business leaders.





Visitors Centre.

Access to our campus

Our newly built Visitors Centre is a great place to start your experience with us. It is located on the Bloemfontein Campus, near the DF Malherbe Gate, off DF Malherbe Drive. Stop by for daily electronic access cards, parking information, directions, campus maps and visitors guides.

Our friendly staff and students will assist you in getting to your final campus destination and to answer questions about the university and our local community.

The campus is equipped with disabled friendly walkways, buildings and facilities that will make your stay comfortable and safe.

Contact information

Call Centre +27 (51) 401 9111

www.ufs.ac.za

GPS coordinates for the DF Malherbe Gate

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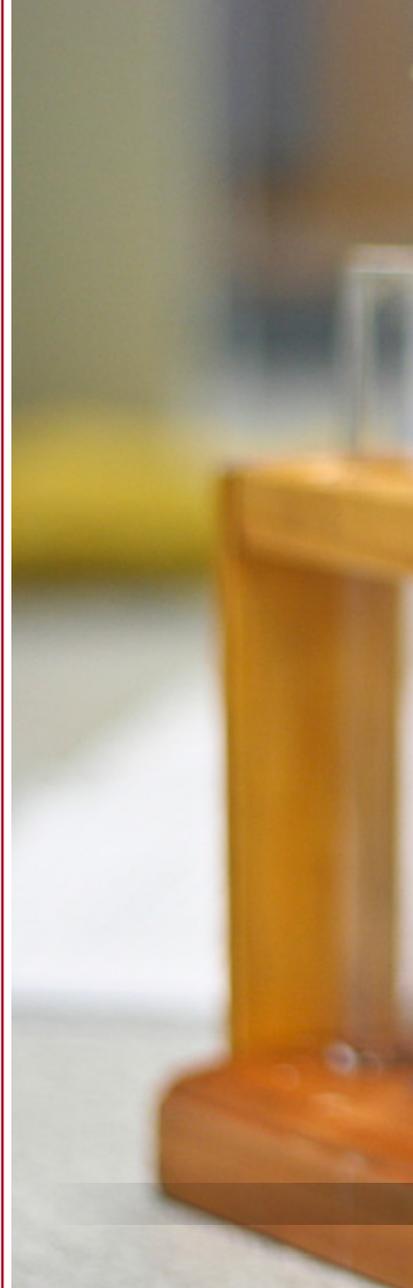
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Research programmes

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Excellence is part of our tradition

Scholars have committed themselves to growing the research capabilities of our university. We aim to be a research intensive university. Under the Directorate of Research Development, some core services are provided to enhance our national and international research standing.





Our researchers are committed to achieving excellence in their chosen fields.

The **Academic** and **Human** **Projects**

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The Academic Project aims to build a strong academic institution, marked by distinctiveness in teaching, research and public scholarship.

The Human Project seeks to connect the teaching and research of the university to the improvement of human lives.





Transforming

lives is what
we do

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We believe in the social and academic transformation of the broader society in South Africa.

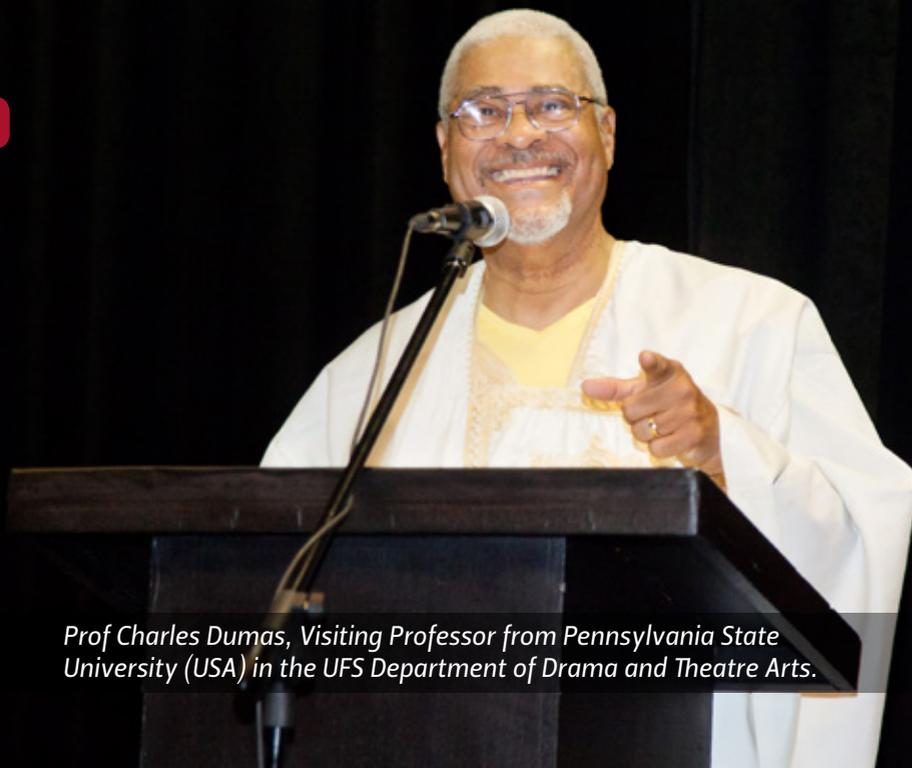




High school students at the Qwaqwa Campus Open Day.

Faculty through

Our faculty members are nationally recognised National Research Foundation-rated researchers who are also recipients of various international awards each year. The university hosts various world-class academics and guest speakers to strengthen our reach to scholarship around the world.



Prof Charles Dumas, Visiting Professor from Pennsylvania State University (USA) in the UFS Department of Drama and Theatre Arts.

leadership

The UFS produces cutting-edge knowledge and cultivates research expertise to serve disadvantaged communities in South Africa and the region.



The tree of knowledge - A sculpture in front of the Winkie Direko Building on the Bloemfontein Campus.

Next generation of leaders

Talent is nurtured; leaders are made to change the world. The Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme accelerates the pathway to professorship for young scholars who have recently attained PhDs.



Prof Helene Strauss, Head: Department of English, Y1-rated researcher from the National Research Foundation (NRF) and participant in the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme (PSP).



Dr Olihile Sebolai, Lecturer at the Department of Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology, Fulbright Scholar and participant in the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme (PSP).

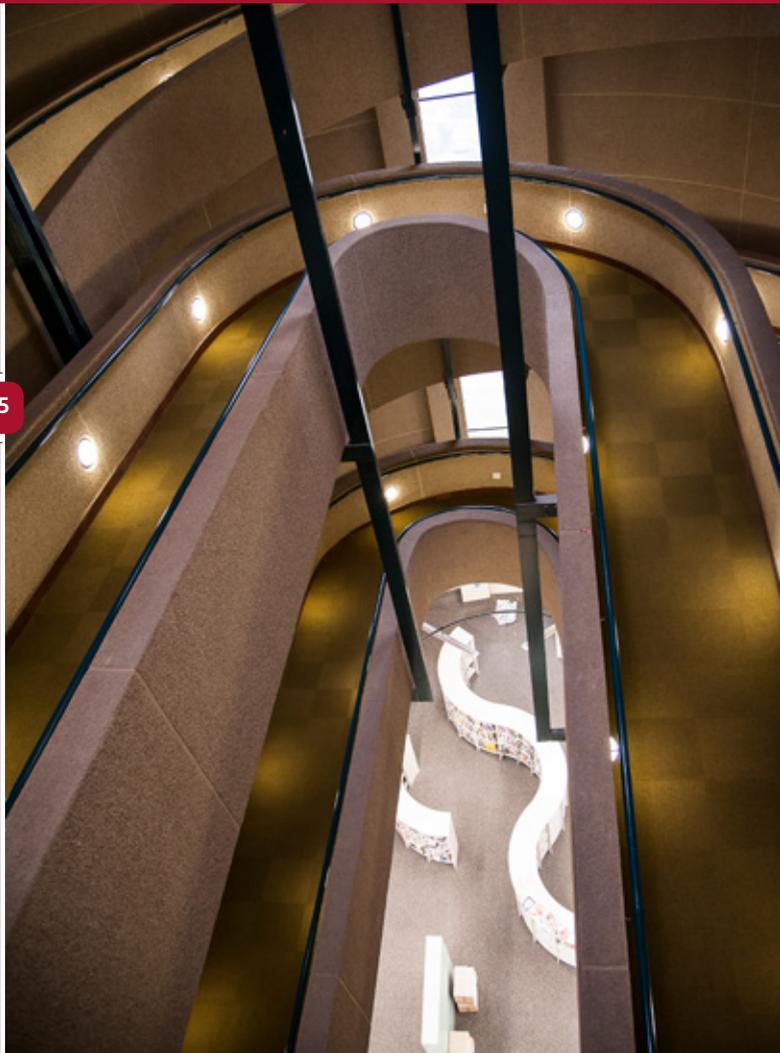
External engagement

In recent years, our external engagement has gone beyond measure. We have had the pleasure of inviting celebrity guest speakers, prestigious lecture series with highly-ranked academics from around the world. Our warm relations reach far and wide and keep growing in leaps and bounds.



From the left: Dr Khotso Mokhele, Chancellor, Siyabulela Xuza, Rocket Scientist and Harvard University (USA) graduate and Prof Jonathan Jansen, Rector and Vice-Chancellor.

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The **learning** environment

The Sasol Library holds 655 000 books and 866 current journal titles.

Attached to the library is a computer lab and meeting rooms.

Lending/renewals:

+27 (51) 401 2610/2988

Information/enquiries:

+27 (51) 401 2745/2737

FACILITIES

Sporting facilities

Sports facilities include an Olympic standard length outdoor heated swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts and basketball courts. More facilities include a gym in the Callie Human Centre, two sports stadiums; Shimla Park and Pellies Park for rugby and soccer tournaments.

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*To register to use other sporting facilities contact:
Janine de Kok dekokjp@ufs.ac.za | +27 (51) 401 2643*



The outdoor heated swimming pool is available for staff, students and visitors to the university.

Places of interest on campus

Johannes Stegmann Art Gallery

The Johannes Stegmann Art Gallery is located at the UFS Sasol Library Building and holds 150 pieces of art from various South African artists. It has, for the past three decades, hosted numerous national and international art exhibitions, student exhibitions and social justice programmes.

Gallery hours: Monday – Friday: 08:30 – 16:30

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Centenary Complex Art Gallery

The UFS permanent art collection can be viewed at the Centenary Complex Art Gallery. The permanent collection amounts to about 1 000 artworks including paintings, sculptural works, murals, print and ceramic works. These works have been donated to or acquired by the university over the past 80 years. The collection is significant for archiving our South African cultural heritage and our unique cultural and historical identity.

Open by appointment.

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The Centenary Complex Art Gallery.



Odeion School of Music

For music concerts and theatre performances follow this link:
<http://arts.ufs.ac.za/>

Wynand Mouton and Scaena theatres

These theatres are popular venues for music concerts and other performances.

For more information on performances, please contact the department. +27 (51) 401 2759/2610

Prominent venues on campus

The Centenary Complex- A venue used for university functions, conferences, public lectures and meetings.

Callie Human Centre- The venue of choice for larger occasions such as graduation ceremonies, concerts and conferences.

The H Van der Merwe Scholtz Hall- This venue is used for smaller occasions and examinations.

The CR Swart Auditorium and Albert Wessels Auditorium are venues of choice for public lectures, inaugural lectures and conferences.

University gift shop

KovsieGear is the university's gift and merchandise shop, located at the Thakaneng Bridge. A variety of university branded merchandise, including clothing and corporate gifts are available.

kovsiegear@ufs.ac.za | +27 (51) 401 3415

Eating at **Kovsies**

Visitors are welcome to sample a wide variety of refreshments offered at a range of outlets on the Thakaneng Bridge offering fast food, Asian food, sandwiches and snacks. There are two major restaurants on the campus:

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Träumerei Restaurant

Offers à la carte menu and bar.
Caters for staff, students and visitors.
+27 (51) 444 4000

Pimento Restaurant

Offers buffet and à la carte menu.
Caters for staff and visitors at the university.
+27 (51) 401 9734



Pimento Restaurant.



More services

Banking services

Standard Bank and ABSA Bank are the two major banks with branches to offer client services on campus. They are located on the Thakaneng Bridge.

Where to stay on campus:

The university has a residence/ guesthouse located on the Bloemfontein Campus with 18 guestrooms and restaurant. The beautiful and modern guesthouse is wheelchair accessible with signage in Braille.

For bookings, contact:

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For more information on hotels and guesthouses in Bloemfontein visit:

www.bloemfonteinaccommodation.co.za

Qwaqwa Campus and

*Student residences
at the Qwaqwa Campus.*

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The Qwaqwa Campus is nestled between sandstone mountains in an ecologically important afro montane region. The Qwaqwa Campus plays a significant role in providing higher education, research and community engagement to this important region.

South Campus

Through its School of Open Learning, the South Campus in Bloemfontein provides access to the UFS and alternative modes of delivery of higher education. The campus hosts among others the University Preparation Programme (UPP), the ICT Innovation in School Education (ICTISE) programme, the Family Math and Family Science programme, and the Extended Degree programme. It furthermore provides a base for the more than 6 000 students who are studying via distance education at 51 off-campus sites in six provinces.



South Campus.

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