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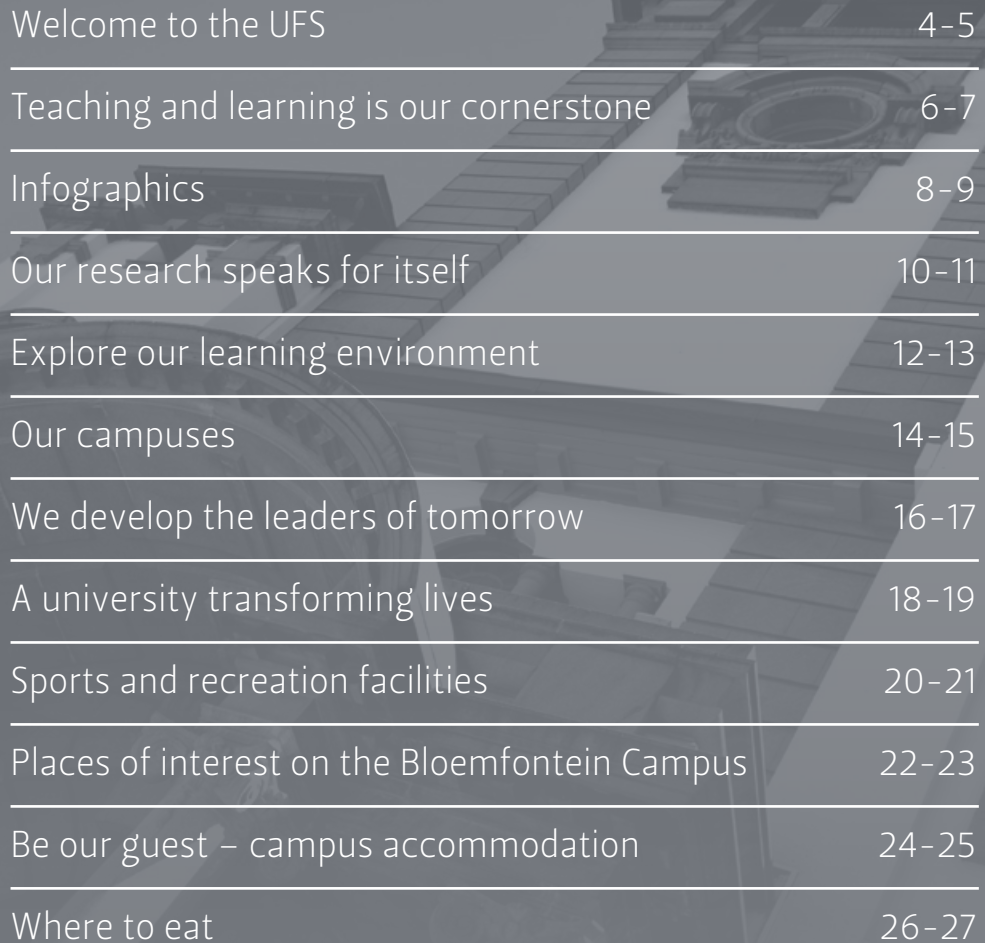
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Transforming lives.
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WELCOME TO THE UFS

Who we are:

Welcome to the University of the Free State. We opened our doors to students for the first time in 1904 as Grey University College, with six students. Today we pride ourselves on having more than 33 000 students thriving across our three campuses. In 2003 the university incorporated the Qwaqwa Campus – situated in the picturesque Eastern Free State – and in 2004 the South Campus – which is nestled in the hills overlooking the city of Bloemfontein – was brought into the fold.

Over the years, the university has grown into an education hub in the province and has positioned itself on the global stage, promoting research excellence, with exceptionally talented students who are recognised the world over, and alumni who have grown into influential leaders in our society.



UFS Visitors Centre

Access to our campuses:

The Bloemfontein Campus is easy to access from all parts of the city, and the Visitors Centre is a great place to start. Located on DF Malherbe Drive, visitors require a daily access card, parking disc. Campus maps are available for easy access to any destination on the campus.

The South Campus is located on Church Street and can be accessed from the N1 highway and from all major roads of the city. Our friendly staff at entry points are available to assist visitors on arrival.

The Qwaqwa Campus is located in Phuthaditjhaba in the Eastern Free State. Staff at the main entrance of the campus are available to assist visitors with information and access to the campus.

Learning is not confined to the classroom. The university has excelled in generating practical knowledge through its service learning programme, strategic partnerships in various industries and its volunteer community programmes with established links in the surrounding community of Bloemfontein.



Cardiovascular research



TEACHING & LEARNING

is our cornerstone





**We have
a total of
51 satellite
campuses**



Qualification enrolments
Undergraduate and
postgraduate students



 Undergraduate - 78%
 Postgraduate - 22%



Academic vs Support Staff 2016

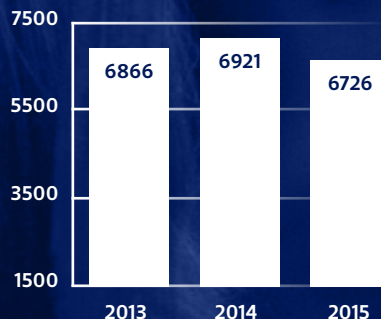


■ Academic staff - 49.6%

■ Support staff - 50.4%



Total number of Graduates 2013 - 2015



TOP 3 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- Advanced Certificate in Foundation Phase Teaching
- Advanced Certificate in Intermediate Phase Teaching
- Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching

Giraffe tagging research



OUR RESEARCH speaks for itself

Scholars on our campuses feed their curiosity in order to meet the expectation of academic excellence. This is evident in the groundbreaking research the university has produced between 2015 and 2016 in fields such as trauma and forgiveness, social justice, education, science, agriculture and wildlife sciences.

The UFS has been awarded five research chairs by the National Research Foundation (NRF). Our rated researchers have grown to 146 in 2017, this includes three A-rated researchers and a P-rated researcher.

Research is conducted at the UFS in various fields and across several disciplines, including: the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, Centre for Research on Higher Education and Development (CRHED), the International Studies Group, and Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme (PSP).



EXPLORE

our learning environment

The university boasts excellent facilities that enable students to access information, enhance learning using world class technology, with the e-learning and open and distance learning programmes ranked as some of the best in the country.

Our campuses are equipped for students with disabilities, with modified buildings, sign language interpreting services, learning material, sporting facilities and more. The Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support (CUADS) is dedicated to helping disabled students to enjoy their campus experience.







OUR CAMPUSES

The Qwaqwa Campus

Located in the Eastern Free State, the Qwaqwa Campus is nestled between sandstone mountains in an ecologically significant Afromontane region. It plays an important role in providing higher education, research and community engagement to this region. The campus offers academic programmes in four faculties, namely: Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Humanities and Natural and Agricultural Sciences and holds its own graduation ceremonies each year.

The Afromontane Research Unit (ARU) was developed through a consultative process to identify and establish a research niche for Qwaqwa Campus. It is centered on three themes namely: conservation and sustainable usage of Afromontane diversity, living and doing business in Afromontane environments and sustainable futures for the people of the Afromontane.

Contact: Qwaqwa Campus: +27(0)58 718 5000 • <http://www.ufs.ac.za/qwaqwa>

South Campus – School of Open Learning

The fastest growing UFS campus, is the hub of distance learning Through its School of Open Learning. It provides distance education programmes to more than 6 000 students at 51 off-campus sites in six provinces. It also hosts among others the Advance Certificate in Teaching, a complete online programme and a first of its kind in South Africa, the University Preparation Programme (UPP), the ICT Innovation in School Education (ICTISE) – an award-winning programme that supports secondary school teachers across the Free State with teaching aids. It also offers the Family Maths and Family Science programme, and the Extended Degree programme.

The South Campus also boasts with the Internet Broadcast Project (IBP), which helps improve the quality of teaching and helps learners overcome severe domestic conditions. The UFS IDEAS Lab in the Department of Distance Education supports learners in 93 schools through the IBP with the help of academic videos.

Contact: South Campus: +27(0)51 401 9111 • <http://www.ufs.ac.za/southcampus>

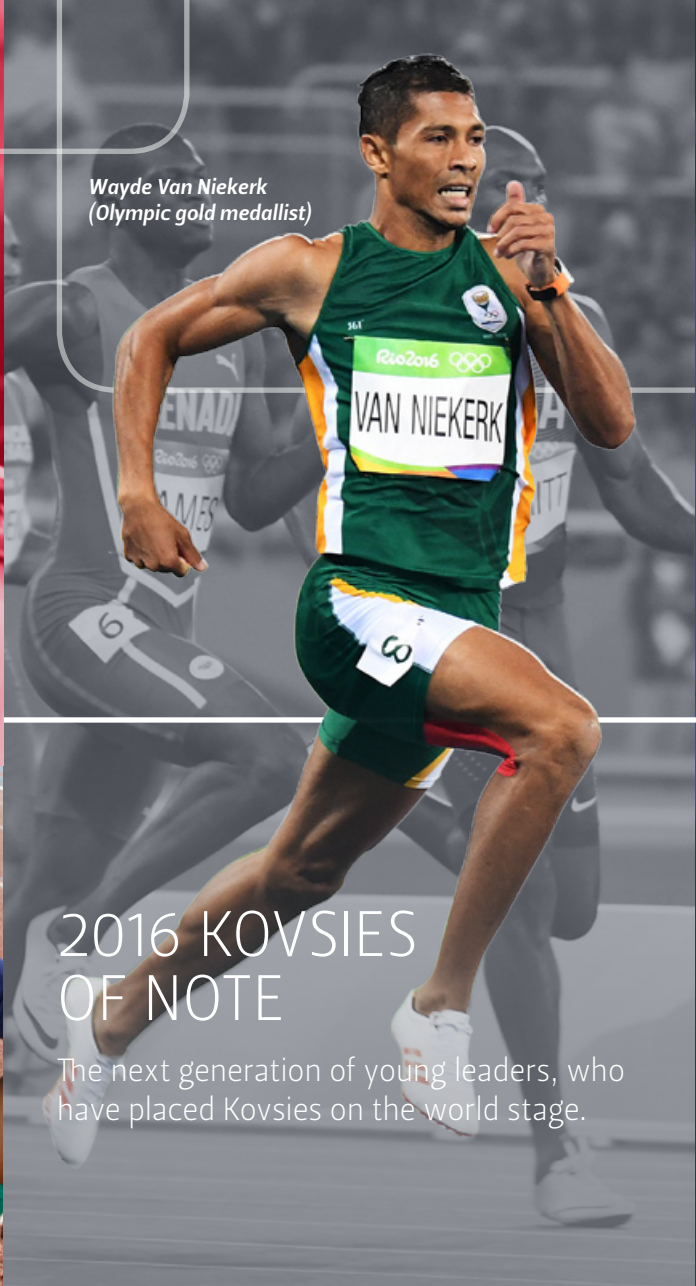




Rolene Strauss (Miss World 2014)



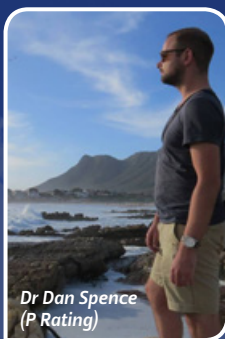
*Louzanne Coetzee (Paralympic marathon runner)
and Khothatso Mokone*



*Wayde Van Niekerk
(Olympic gold medallist)*

2016 KOVSIES OF NOTE

The next generation of young leaders, who
have placed Kovsies on the world stage.



*Dr Dan Spence
(P Rating)*



*Dr Rory Pilosof
(Y1 Rating)*



*Dr Marianne Conradie-
Bekker (Y2 Rating)*



*Dr Dominique Goedhals
(Y2 Rating)*

The 2015 Vice Chancellor's Prestige Scholars' Programme cohort.

WE DEVELOP

the leaders of tomorrow

Our vision for the future entails the preparedness of our academics, students and communities to embrace cooperation across disciplines, to enhance knowledge sharing and nurturing of talent. One of the programmes preparing young academics for the professoriate is the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars' Programme, in place since 2013, aimed at accelerating the academic trajectory for scholars who have recently attained PhDs in their respective fields.



Kovsies embrace and celebrate diversity



A university TRANSFORMING LIVES

The UFS has embraced the challenge of creating an environment that celebrates cultural, racial and social integration and diversity. A number of programmes have been put in place since 2009 to foster leadership through change, exposing selected student leaders to diverse issues of cultural and social challenges around the world. These programmes have yielded exceptional student leaders who have filtered down their learning to the rest of the student body.

The Bloemfontein Campus is equipped with indoor and outdoor sporting facilities and a fully equipped gym – KovsieFit – located at the Callie Human Centre. There are two sports stadiums; Shimla Park and Pellies Park, where rugby and soccer tournaments are held. The campus is also equipped with two astro hockey fields, tennis and squash courts, outdoor gym, walking and bicycle trail amongst others

Visitors require permission to use some of the facilities on campus.

SPORTING FACILITIES

To use the swimming
pool contact:
Karen Venter
email: venterk@ufs.ac.za
+27 (0)51 401 2231



*KovsieFit gym
at the Callie
Human Centre.*

For more information on other
sporting facilities contact:
Janine de Kok
email: dekokjp@ufs.acd.za
+27 (0)51 401 2643

Art and culture

The Bloemfontein Campus is home to various outdoor art pieces made by local and international artists. These are sculptures, statues and murals, which are dotted around the campus.

Odeion School of Music

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

Wynand Mouton and Scaena Theatres

Popular venues for music concerts and other theatre performances by local and visiting theatre arts groups.

For more information on performances, please contact the departmental secretary on +27 (0)51 401 2759/2610

Corporate gifts and clothing

KovsieGear is the campus clothing and gift store located at the Thakaneng Bridge. It offers a range of UFS-branded corporate gifts and clothing.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 09:00 -16:00

KovsieGear online catalogue:
<http://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsiegear/general/general/request-form>
Visit: <http://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsiegear>

Johannes Stegmann Gallery

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

Gallery hours: Monday – Friday: 08:30 – 16:30
Contact: Angela de Jesus
dejesusav@ufs.ac.za • +27 (0)51 401 2706

PLACES OF INTEREST

Art gallery at the Centenary Complex

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

Open by appointment. Contact: Angela de Jesus
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GUEST

accommodation

Kovsielnn is a guesthouse on campus with 18 guestrooms and a restaurant. The beautiful and modern facility is wheelchair accessible with signage in Braille. It is located on the western side of the campus and is walking distance from most venues on campus.

For bookings, contact:
Ilze Nikolova
+27 (0)51 401 9689
email: nikolovai@ufs.ac.za

For more information on hotels and guesthouses in Bloemfontein visit:
www.bloemfonteinaccommodation.co.za

We have a wide variety of refreshments from a range of outlets on the Thakaneng Bridge, offering fast food, sandwiches and snacks.

There are also two restaurants on the Bloemfontein Campus with a choice of buffet or à la carte menus.

**Träumerei Restaurant –
with à la carte menu and bar**

Caters for staff, students and visitors
Contact: +27 (0)51 444 4000

**Pimento Restaurant –
with buffet and à la carte menu**

Caters for staff and visitors
Contact: +27 (0)51 401 9734

Banking Services

Standard Bank and ABSA Bank have operational branches on campus, offering client services. There is also a Capitec Bank ATM, all of which are located on the Thakaneng Bridge.



A photograph of a busy outdoor dining area, likely a university canteen. In the foreground, a young man in an orange t-shirt and glasses sits at a round white table, looking down at a small object in his hands. Next to him, another person in a striped shirt is blurred, suggesting movement. In the background, many other people are seated at tables with green tablecloths or walking around. The scene is brightly lit, possibly by natural light from large windows or an open-sided structure.

WHERE TO EAT



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www.ufs.ac.za
Bloemfontein Campus

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Qwaqwa Campus
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South Campus
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Church Street, Bloemfontein, 9300
South Campus: +27(0)51 401 9111

For general information,
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GPS coordinates
Latitude 26.187284°
Longitude -29.107376°

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