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A hearty and warm welcome to the UFS

► Who we are

Welcome to the University of the Free State (UFS). 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 38 600 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.



► 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 and 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 upon arrival.

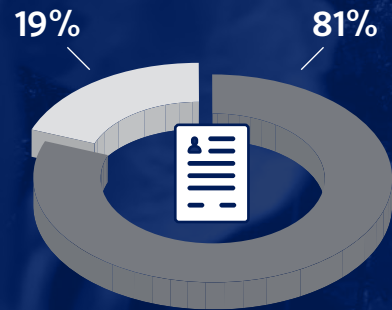
The **Qwaqwa Campus** is located in Phuthaditjhaba in the Eastern Free State. Staff at the main entrance of the campus are available to assist visitors with information and access to the campus.

Our campuses are also equipped with disabled-friendly walkways, and buildings and facilities that will make your stay safe and comfortable.

Some statistics

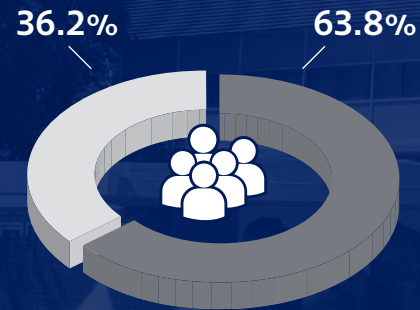
Qualification enrolments

- Postgraduate - 7485 enrolments
- Undergraduate - 31133 enrolments



Academic vs support staff

- Academic - 950 staff
- Support - 1673 staff



Top three undergraduate programmes

- ▶ Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- ▶ Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- ▶ Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

We have a total of 52 satellite campuses



Total number of graduates 2016-2017



stats



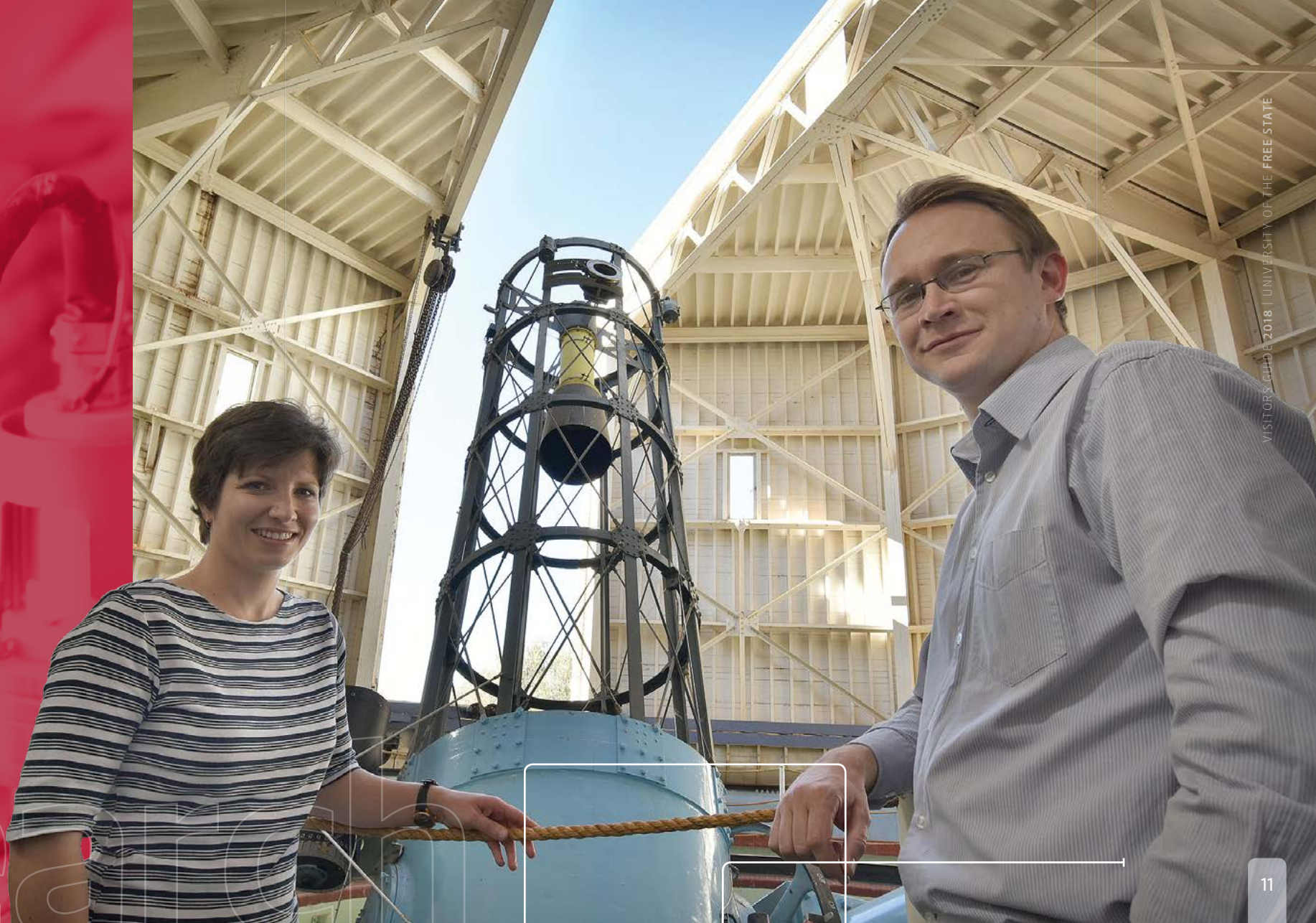
Excellence in teaching and learning

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.

Creating new knowledge through research

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 2016 and 2017 in fields such as mathematics, classical music, health sciences, political science, wildlife and agricultural sciences. The UFS was awarded five research chairs by the National Research Foundation (NRF) in 2017. Our rated researchers have grown to 157, including two A-rated researchers.

The various disciplines of research allow for a great level of diversity and are conducted through the International Studies group, Centre for Research on Higher Education and Development (CRHED), the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, and the Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa.



Our spaces and places

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

Our campuses are equipped for students with disabilities, with modified buildings, sign language interpreting services, and technologically enhanced learning aids. The Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support (CUADS) has dedicated itself to developing these learning aids and has worked hard to secure funding from private sector organisations, helping disabled students to enjoy their campus experience.

The Sasol Library on the Bloemfontein Campus is equipped with 655 000 books and 866 current journal titles. The fully automated book ordering system makes access to learning material fully automated and accessible online with open access digital material available on KovsieScholar, the online research repository.

Attached to the library are computer laboratories and after-hours study rooms. Lecture rooms, labs, studios and auditoriums can be found throughout the campus.



Three campuses, one university

The Qwaqwa Campus

The Qwaqwa Campus is nestled between sandstone mountains in an ecologically significant Afromontane region of the Eastern Free State. 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 Qwaqwa Campus has taken the lead with its Afromontagne research project, which focuses on challenges that are unique to mountainous regions. The UFS through this project is ideally placed to promote interdisciplinary research on sustainable development, mountain biodiversity, water supply and more.

Contact: Qwaqwa Campus
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South Campus – School of Open Learning

The School of Open Learning is the fastest growing campus, well known as the hub of distance learning. It provides distance education programmes to more than 6 000 students at 52 locations in six provinces. It also offers the Advanced Certificate in Teaching (ACT), a complete online programme and the first of its kind in South Africa, the University Access Programme (UAP), and 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.

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UFS on the world stage: Notable researchers of 2017/2018

Prof Abdon Atangana – produced the world's most cited maths paper in 2017, which earned the "hot paper" status ESI from Clarivate Analytics, which is updated every two months. The New Hot Papers, which are papers published in the past two years, are in the top one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) for their field and publication period. Prof Atangana's paper had the highest cite count in the field of Mathematics. The professor developed a new fractional differential operator, called the Atangana-Baleanu fractional derivative, which is able to describe real-world problems with different scales or problems that change their properties during time and space, for instance, the spread of cancer, the flow of water within heterogeneous aquifers, the movement of pollution within fractured aquifers and many others.



Prof Marian Tredoux – is a geochemist and lecturer in the Department of Geology at the UFS. Her research interests are rocks, particularly the chemistry of rocks and the minerals they are composed of – chemicals similar to those found in laboratories, although they occur in nature.

Some of her colleagues recently discovered a new mineral in one of the rock formations of the Barberton mountain range. They decided to name the mineral after Prof Tredoux, dubbing it tredouxite. "I am very honoured by this, and very grateful that all these years of collaboration are being acknowledged," Prof Tredoux said.



Diversity on our campuses

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.



Sports and leisure facilities on the Bloemfontein Campus

The Bloemfontein Campus is equipped with indoor and outdoor sporting facilities and a fully equipped gym – KoviesFit, 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, an outdoor gym, and a walking and bicycle trail among others.

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

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

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



Parking

Parking for visitors is available in unmarked spaces all around the campus. Visitors are required to collect a parking disc at the Visitors Centre to use for the duration of their stay on the Bloemfontein Campus.



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 dotted around the campus.

Art gallery at the Centenary Complex

The UFS permanent art collection can be viewed at the Centenary Gallery. The permanent collection comprises of 1000 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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Odeion School of Music

For information on music concerts and theatre performances visit: <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

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

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Comfortable accommodation on Bloemfontein campus

Kovsie Inn 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 within walking distance from most venues on campus.

For bookings, contact: Ilze Nikolova
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For more information on hotels and guesthouses in Bloemfontein visit:
www.bloemfonteinaccommodation.co.za

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. A new Kovsie Gear shop is operational at the Qwaqwa Campus, and is located at Intsika Building.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 09:00 - 16:00 | Closed on weekends

KovsieGear online catalogue:

<https://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsiegear/home-page/general/catalogue>

Visit: <http://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsiegear>



Food and retail facilities

The food court at Thakaneng Bridge has various food outlets, offering fast food, sandwiches and snacks.

For luncheons and group dining, two restaurants on the Bloemfontein Campus with a choice of buffet or à la carte menus are available and are open during the university terms.

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



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