

Dear NAS First-Year Student

We warmly welcome you to the University of the Free State (UFS) and the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (NAS), where we strive to empower each student with a world-class educational journey. Congratulations on taking this important step towards growth and opportunity within the Kopsie community.

Registering Correctly

At the UFS, we are committed to supporting your success holistically, ensuring that your registration experience is smooth, accurate, and aligned with your academic goals. This guide provides essential information to help you begin this impactful journey with confidence.

The next step is to register (enrol) for the modules (courses) that form part of your specific learning programme. Your learning programme provides you with the opportunity to select modules (courses) from related supportive disciplines to ensure a purposeful qualification (degree). Your first year of study provides you with the opportunity to develop a broad scientific foundation; you are normally required to complete eight academic modules (at least 120 credits per year, four modules per semester). These modules serve as the foundation for specialisation in subsequent years.

You have applied to study in a particular learning programme

- say, a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Computer Science and Informatics. Each learning programme consists of a curriculum, which is made up of all the modules (courses) you will study during the year. Each year, you will have to register for first- and second-semester and/or year modules as prescribed in the curriculum.

Important dates to remember:

	First semester	Second semester
UFS online registration	20 January-7 February 2025	21-25 July 2025
Classes begin on	10 February 2025	21 July 2025
The last date to add or change modules	14 February 2025	25 July 2025

The last date to cancel modules with full financial credit	31 March 2025	15 August 2025
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NAS FTEN-Specific Staggered Registration: Bloemfontein (Bfn)

Assistance for online self-service registration (13 January-7 February) and assisted online registration (see details below) will be available in the GIS lab in the Geography Building (follow directions on campus) from Mondays to Fridays (13 January-7 February from 08:30 to 16:30).

Groupings	Programme Codes	Programme Names	Time Slot	Venue	Access via
Group 1	B4360, B4361, B4362, B4364	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with specialisation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science and Chemistry • Computer Science and Physics • Data Science • Computer Science and Mathematical Statistics • Computer Science and Mathematics • Computer Science and Business Management 	3 February 2025 Monday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4363	Bachelor of Computer Information Systems			
	B5300	Bachelor of Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Extension • Animal Production Management • Crop Production Management • Mixed Farming Management 	3 February 2025 Monday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Management • Wildlife Management 			
	B5350	Bachelor of Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Economics • Agricultural Management 	3 February 2025 Monday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4350	Bachelor of Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Economics 			
Group 2	B4324	Maths Stats and Actuarial Sciences	3 February 2025 Monday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4321	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Applied Mathematics • Mathematical Statistics • Mathematics and Chemistry • Mathematics and Physics 	3 February 2025 Monday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4322, B4323, B4325	Mathematical Statistics and Applied Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Sciences • Econometrics • Psychometrics • Statistics and Economics • Statistics and Psychology 	3 February 2025 Monday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
Group 3	B4311	Forensic Sciences	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4310	Genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioural Genetics 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetics and Microbiology • Genetics and Physiology • Genetics and Zoology 			
Group 4	B4341	Geology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology • Geology and Chemistry • Geology and Physics • Environmental Geology • Environmental Soil Science • Geochemistry 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4340	Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Environmental Geography • Geoinformatics 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4310	Biochemistry and Microbiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biochemistry and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Botany ➤ Entomology ➤ Genetics ➤ Microbiology ➤ Physiology ➤ Statistics ➤ Zoology • Microbiology and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statistics ➤ Zoology 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4340	Geohydrology	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
Group 5	B4310	Plant Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botany and: 	4 February 2025	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Entomology ➤ Genetics ➤ Microbiology ➤ Plant Breeding ➤ Plant Pathology ➤ Zoology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Health Ecology • Plant Health Management 	Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00		
	B4310	Zoology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entomology and Genetics • Entomology and Microbiology • Entomology and Zoology 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
Group 6	B4331	Physical Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics and Agrometeorology • Physics and Astrophysics 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4330	Chemical Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry and Biochemistry • Chemistry and Microbiology • Chemistry and Physics • Chemistry and Botany 	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4332	Physics and Engineering subjects	4 February 2025 Tuesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
Group 7	B5480	Agricultural Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrometeorology • Agronomy • Animal Sciences • Plant Breeding 	5 February 2025 Wednesday from 09:00 to 12:00	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate

	B4310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Pathology • Soil Science Bachelor of Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangeland and Wildlife Ecology 			
Group 8	B4393 B4392	Building Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity Surveying • Construction Management • Construction Economics and Management 	5 February 2025 Wednesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
	B4391	Architecture	5 February 2025 Wednesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
		Disaster Management	5 February 2025 Wednesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
		CEM	5 February 2025 Wednesday from 14:00 to 16:30	<i>GIS Lab</i>	Main Gate
Group 9	B4371	Bachelor of Sustainable Food Systems Bachelor of Consumer Sciences	3-5 February 2025 Monday till Wednesday 09:00-16:30	<i>Room 19.1, Agriculture Building</i>	Main Gate

* **Attention:** Computer Science, Mathematics and Actuarial Science, Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics and Applied Statistics – funding opportunities will be presented by the Moshal programme. **Computer Science at 08:00 on 3 February 2025 in the HMS. Mathematics and Actuarial Science, Mathematics Science and Mathematical Statistics and Applied Statistics at 13:00 on 3 February 2025 in the HMS.** Please do not miss this funding opportunity.

Important to note: Please ensure that you attend the correct staggered registration session, as offers will be withdrawn three days after your staggered registration date, even if you have accepted your offer.

Additional Registration Support

Bloemfontein

- Academic advice: H van der Merwe Scholz Hall (HMS) – 6 and 7 February 2025, 08:30 to 16:30.
- For non-academic queries (passwords, etc.): Modlec Building.

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- Academic advice: NS27 – 13 January to 7 February from 08:30 to 16:30.
- There will not be a staggered approach for first-year student registration. Students will be assisted at any time during the registration period.
- For non-academic queries (passwords, etc.): Sedibeng Hall.

South Campus

- Academic advice: D200 – 5 February from 08:30 to 16:30.
- There will not be a staggered approach for first-year student registration. Students will be assisted at any time during the registration period.
- For non-academic queries (passwords, etc.): Madiba Arena.

List of Programme Directors and Contact Details: Bloemfontein			
Programme		Programme Director	Email Address
Actuarial Science and Mathematical Statistics		Mr Jan Blomerus	StatsAct@ufs.ac.za
Agriculture: Animal, Wildlife and Grasslands Sciences		Dr Adri O'Neill	pdas@ufs.ac.za
Agriculture: Agricultural Economics		Dr WA Lombard	ageconpd@ufs.ac.za
Agriculture: Agricultural Extension		Dr Ismari van der Merwe	lvdmerwe@ufs.ac.za
Agriculture: Soil, Crop and Climate Sciences		Dr Elmarie van der Watt	pdscs@ufs.ac.za
		Prof Elmarie Kotze	pdscs@ufs.ac.za
Architecture		Mr Kobus du Preez	dPreezJL@ufs.ac.za
Biological Sciences	Genetics	Dr Gertruida Marx	GeneticsPD@ufs.ac.za
	Forensic	Dr Karen Ehlers	EhlersK@ufs.ac.za

	Sciences		
	Plant Sciences	Dr Angeline van Biljon	plantpd@ufs.ac.za
	Zoology and Entomology	Dr Candice Jansen van Rensburg	zoolentopd@ufs.ac.za
	Biochemistry and Microbiology	Dr Frans O'Neill	mcbocpd@ufs.ac.za
Quantity Surveying and Construction Management		Mr Hendri du Plessis	duPlessisHB@ufs.ac.za
Chemical and Physical Sciences		Dr Rebotsamang Shago	ChemPhysPD@ufs.ac.za
Computer Science and Informatics		Mr Jaco Marais	CSI@ufs.ac.za
Consumer Science and Sustainable Food Systems		Dr Ismari van der Merwe	lvdmerwe@ufs.ac.za
Geography		Dr Adriaan van der Walt	GeographyBFNPD@ufs.ac.za
Geology		Dr Jarlen Keet	Geology1@ufs.ac.za
Mathematical Sciences		Dr Edgard Ngounda	mathsinfo@ufs.ac.za

NAS FTEN Registration: Qwaqwa (QQ)

- Assistance with online registration self-service and assisted online registration will be offered in the GIS lab in the Geography Building (follow directions on campus) from **Mondays to Fridays (13 January-7 February from 08:30 to 16:30)**.
- Face-to-face interaction with staff and programme directors will take place in NS27 from **Mondays to Fridays (13 January-7 February from 08:30 to 16:30)**.

List of Programme Directors and Contact Details: Qwaqwa

Programme	Programme Director	Email Address
Biological Sciences and Geosciences	Dr Pululu Mahasa	biogeosciqqpd@ufs.ac.za
Chemical and Physical Sciences	Dr Teboho Mokoena	Chemphysciqqpd@ufs.ac.za
Computer Science and Informatics Mathematics and Applied Mathematics	Ms Christa Faber	itmathsciqqpd@ufs.ac.za
All extended programmes	Ms Ngitheni Nyoka	extendedqqpd@ufs.ac.za

NAS FTEN Registration: South Campus (SC)

Extended Students: South Campus

Date	5 February 2025 08:30-16:30	Venue	Computer lab South Campus (D200)	Hall	Madiba Arena
<p>BSc Extended specialising in: Mathematics and Chemistry; Mathematics and Finances; Biological Sciences; Chemical and Physical Sciences; Geology; Geography; Computer Science; Mathematical Sciences; Actuarial Sciences; Agricultural Economics; Sustainable Food Systems; Building Sciences; Computer Information Systems</p> <p>BSc Extended specialising in: Biological Sciences; Chemical and Physical Sciences; Geography; Computer Science; Sustainable Food Systems; Agriculture</p> <p>Agriculture programme students: BSc Agricultural (BScAgric) Extended; Agricultural Sciences; Bachelor of Agriculture (BAgric) extended; Agriculture</p>					

List of Programme Directors and Contact Details: South Campus

Programme	Programme Director	Email Address
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Computer Information Systems Bachelor of Science majoring in Actuarial Sciences Bachelor of Science majoring in Building Science Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematical Sciences Bachelor of Science in Information Technology 	Mr Pieter Bothma	bothmapj@ufs.ac.za
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Agriculture Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Bachelor of Science majoring in Agricultural Economics 	Mr Elrich Jacobs	JacobsES@ufs.ac.za
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemical and Physical Sciences Bachelor of Science majoring in Geology Bachelor of Sustainable Food Systems 	Dr Rina Meintjes	meintjr@ufs.ac.za
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Science majoring in Biological Sciences Bachelor of Science majoring in Geography 	Dr J Venter	venterja@ufs.ac.za

6 February 2025

Orientation Sessions			
NAS Information Sessions			
Date and time	Information session	Presenter	Venue
6 February			
09:00-10:00	Faculty introduction	Prof Liezel Herselman	Physics Auditorium
10:00-11:00	Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL): Your Road to Success	Ms Ninette Aucamp	
11:00-12:00	Library	Ms Nobule Maimela	
Break Until Next Information Session			
6 February			
13:00-14:00	Faculty introduction	Prof Liezel Herselman	Physics Auditorium
14:00-15:00	Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL): Your Road to Success	Ms Ninette Aucamp	
15:00-16:00	Library	Ms Nobule Maimela	

7 February 2025

NAS Information Sessions			
Date and time	Information session	Presenter	Venue
7 February			
09:00-10:00	Faculty introduction	Prof Liezel Herselman	Physics Auditorium
10:00-11:00	Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL): Your Road to Success	Ms Ninette Aucamp	
11:00-12:00	Library	Ms Nobule Maimela	
Break Until Next Information Session			
7 February			
13:00-14:00	Faculty introduction	Prof Liezel Herselman	Physics Auditorium
14:00-15:00	Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL): Your Road to Success	Ms Ninette Aucamp	

	Learning (CTL): Your Road to Success		
15:00-16:00	Library	Ms Nobule Maimela	

* Please note that these sessions are repeated; therefore, you can choose which of the sessions you would like to attend.

Faculty Welcoming: **Bloemfontein**

Date: 8 February 2025

Time: 09:00-12:00

Venue: H van der Merwe Scholz Hall (HMS)

Faculty Welcoming: **Qwaqwa**

The date, time, and venue will be communicated closer to the time.

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