



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS GENERAL INFORMATION

Second semester 2013 (July to December)

1. Students should apply at the South African Embassy in their home countries or the nearest High Commission for a study permit to conduct exchange. For this they require a Letter of Acceptance to the Embassy. This letter can only be issued by the Office for International Affairs.
2. Upon arrival, copies of the passport and study permit are provided to the Office for International Affairs.
3. No other registration at the communes legally required. I will assist the students to register as students of the university.
4. Accommodation: We will arrange the accommodation as soon as the application forms are received
There are two possibilities:
 - (i) on campus where they stay in a self-catering shared residence with a kitchen and bathroom. The costs vary between per month which includes bed linen, water and electricity.
 - (ii) in two student houses walking distance from the university, which have more facilities and the costs are about R2 000- R2 400, depending on the specific room. I will send you contact details to the owner of this house (Mr Gary Stroebel), who will provide you with all the details.
5. Our first semester is from July 2013 – the end of November 2013, depending on your last examination date. The classes start on 15 July 2013. If you arrive about 1 week before the classes start, it will be fine.
6. Students can use the attached document to select their modules. You can also finalise this once you are here and will have enough time to register and make sure about the correct modules.
7. The normal course load for one semester at UFS is 48 credits. Since most subjects are 16 credits or 8 credits it means that our students take either 3 or 4 courses to obtain 30 ect. This would mean: 8 UFS credits = 5 ECTS 16 UFS credits = 10 ECTS
8. Grading scale: Students should obtain an average of 50% to pass courses. They write two semester tests in the period July to November, for which they receive a mark. Then they write a final exam in November and receive a mark for that. The average of the semester mark and exam mark should be 50% to pass. You should obtain at least 40% in the semester to be allowed to write the final exam.

10. NB. Students should arrange for full cover medical aid, registered with the South African medical council, via our international office at the university. No medical insurance or hospital plans are accepted. Please contact Mrs Louise Steyn about this at steynlc@ufs.ac.za
11. We will send a student buddy to collect the students at the Bloemfontein airport and take them to the accommodation. This student buddy will assist the students with practical arrangements to settle in.