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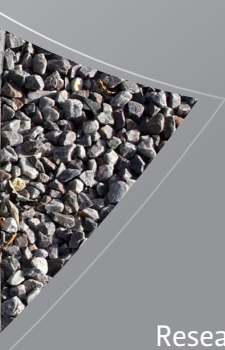
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Transforming lives.*

*Inspireer uitnemendheid.
Verander lewens.*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE **FREE STATE**


welcomes **you**

Welcome to the University of the Free State (UFS). This guide will provide information about the UFS and its facilities for visitors who wish to conduct their own self-guided tour around its three campuses. A map of the Bloemfontein Campus is provided at the Visitors Centre for your convenience. This guide will give you a glimpse of our rich history and the beautiful spaces and places you will encounter at UFS.

BRIEF **HISTORY**

The UFS was established in 1904 as Grey University College, with six students. Today we pride ourselves on having close to 40 000 students across three diverse campuses, namely Bloemfontein Campus, in the heart of the city, South Campus, nestled in the hills overlooking the city, and Qwaqwa Campus, which is situated in the picturesque Eastern Free State.

The university is the hub of higher education in the Free State Province and has positioned itself on the global stage, promoting research excellence, exceptionally talented students and alumni who are recognised the world over as leaders and influencers.



START YOUR TOUR

How to **access** our campuses

The Bloemfontein Campus Visitors Centre is a great place to start. Located on DF Malherbe Drive, visitors require a daily access card and parking disc which can be obtained at the centre reception desk. Campus maps are available for easy access to any destination.

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

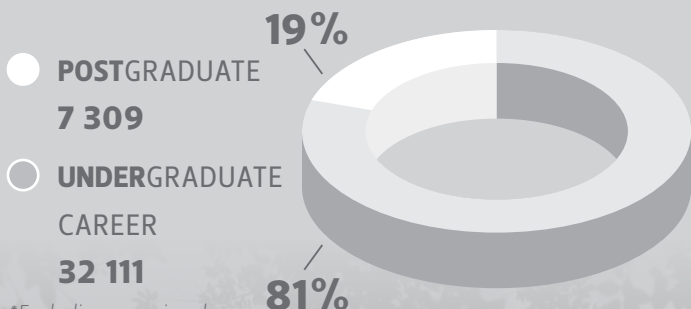
The Qwaqwa Campus is located in Phuthaditjhaba in the Eastern Free State. Staff members at the main entrance to the campus are available to assist visitors with information and access.

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

***Visitors Centre,
Bloemfontein Campus***



Qualification enrolments



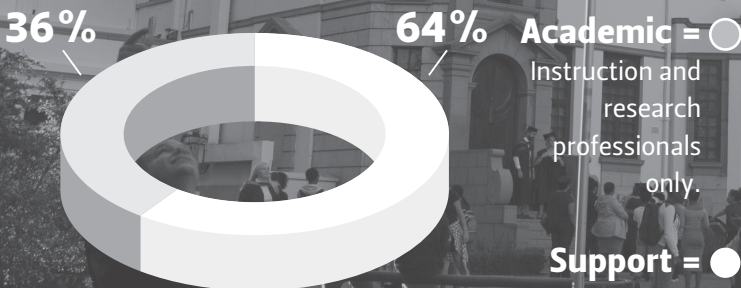
Registrations by qualification level




Top 3 intakes in faculties

- 1 Humanities
- 2 Education
- 3 Economic and Management Sciences

Academic vs support staff



Permanent staff in primary positions

A silhouette illustration of a crowd of graduates with their arms raised, throwing their caps into the air. Several caps are shown in mid-air above the crowd.

Number of graduates 2017-2018

7 520

2018 LOCATIONS

41

Remote campuses



UFS Facts 2018/2019

RESEARCH & excellence





& ACADEMIC

To reach the heights of academic excellence, the research, teaching and learning programmes in our seven academic faculties are constantly breaking new ground. One of the programmes preparing young academics for the professoriate is the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars' Programme, in place since 2013, which aims to accelerate the academic trajectory for scholars who have recently attained PhDs in their respective fields.

The UFS attracts and retains excellence in research and innovation through five South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) research chairs. The five research chairs are: the Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Virus research group in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Virology; Pathogenic Yeasts in the Department of Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology; Higher Education and Human Development; Solid State Luminescent and Advanced Materials in the Department of Physics and Disease Resistance; and Quality in Field Crops in the Department of Plant Sciences.

The UFS has 165 National Research Foundation-(NRF) rated researchers in various fields and this includes 1 P-rated researcher. It also holds the South African National Roads Agency (Sanral) Chair in Mathematics, with a focus on postgraduate students at master's and PhD level in mathematics, natural sciences and technology education,

THE FIVE SARChI CHAIRS



Prof Felicity Burt

Vector-Borne and Zoonotic
Virus research



**Prof Carlien
Pohl-Albertyn**

Pathogenic Yeasts in the
Department of Microbial,
Biochemical and Food
Biotechnology



**Prof Maryke
Labuschagne**

Quality in Field Crops in
the Department of Plant
Sciences



with a particular focus on instructional leadership. A strategy was initiated to position the university as thought leader, by developing and supporting national and international scientists and scholars who are research leaders in the fields of international politics, economics, health, social welfare, environment and agriculture.



Prof Melanie Walker

Higher Education and
Human Development



Prof Hendrik Swart

Solid State Luminescent and
Advanced Materials in the
Department of Physics and
Disease Resistance





Our three diverse campuses

The university boasts excellent facilities that enable students to access information and enhance learning while 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 modified pathways for the blind. The Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support (CUADS) is dedicated to helping disabled students to enjoy their campus experience.

The Bloemfontein Campus is located in the student-centered city of Bloemfontein, and is known for its historic buildings, tranquil gardens and water features. On the campus is the Sasol library which holds 655 000 and 866 books current journal titles. Ordering of books and access to learning material is fully automated and accessible online with open access digital material available on KowsieScholar, 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.

QWAQWA CAMPUS

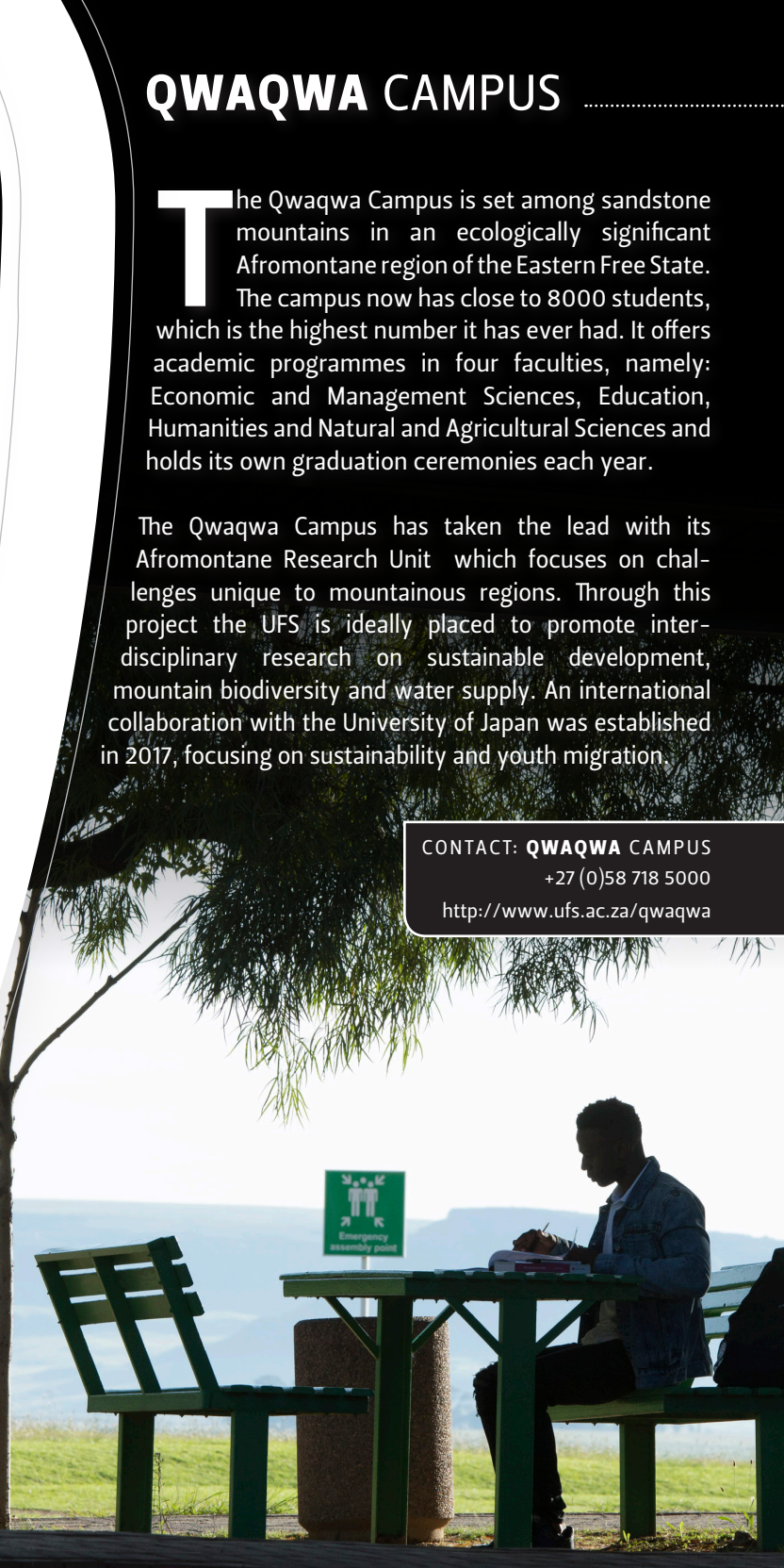
The Qwaqwa Campus is set among sandstone mountains in an ecologically significant Afromontane region of the Eastern Free State. The campus now has close to 8000 students, which is the highest number it has ever had. It offers academic programmes in four faculties, namely: Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Humanities and Natural and Agricultural Sciences and holds its own graduation ceremonies each year.

The Qwaqwa Campus has taken the lead with its Afromontane Research Unit which focuses on challenges unique to mountainous regions. Through this project the UFS is ideally placed to promote interdisciplinary research on sustainable development, mountain biodiversity and water supply. An international collaboration with the University of Japan was established in 2017, focusing on sustainability and youth migration.

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<http://www.ufs.ac.za/qwaqwa>



CONTACT | **SOUTH** CAMPUS

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<http://www.ufs.ac.za/southcampus>



SOUTH CAMPUS

This campus is the hub of distance learning. It provides distance education programmes to more than 3 000 students at 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, using the Internet Broadcast Project. It also offers a Family Maths and Family Science programme, and the extended degree programme.



Places to visit

NAVAL HILL PLANETARIUM

The Naval Hill Planetarium is located at Naval Hill, Bloemfontein, at the Centre for Earth and Space. It is the first digital planetarium in sub-Saharan Africa. The public shows offer a digital experience from the smallest atomic particles to the largest cosmological scales and are suitable for young and old, school groups and families.

Tickets can be purchased at Computicket
<https://online.computicket.com/web/>

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The Naval Hill Planetarium





ODEION SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Odeion School of Music is located on the Bloemfontein Campus, and offers a variety of musical concerts through the Sinfonia, the award-winning String Quartet, choir, and Camerata.

FOR INFORMATION ON MUSIC
CONCERTS AND THEATRE
PERFORMANCES CONTACT THE
ODEION SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

visit: <http://arts.ufs.ac.za/>

WYNAND MOUTON AND SCAENA THEATRES

The Wynand Mouton and Scaena theatres are popular venues for music concerts and other theatre performances by local and visiting theatre arts groups.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PERFORMANCES,
CONTACT THE DEPARTMENTAL
SECRETARY ON:

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A low-angle shot of a person in a dark blue shirt jumping to hit a yellow and blue volleyball over a net. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

Sports and Recreational Facilities

The Bloemfontein Campus is equipped with indoor and outdoor sporting facilities and a fully equipped gym, KowsieFit, located at the Callie Human Centre. There are two sports stadiums, Shimla Park and Pellies Park, where rugby and soccer tournaments are held. There are also two astro hockey fields, tennis and squash courts, an outdoor gym, and a walking and bicycle trail. Visitors require permission to use some of the facilities on campus.

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.

To use the swimming pool contact:


KAREN VENTER
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For more information on other sporting facilities contact:

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Art and Leisure

spaces



The Bloemfontein Campus has a friendly environment with an impressive collection of outdoor art pieces created by local and international artists. These are sculptures, statues and murals dotted around the campus, in between the campus's interesting architectural spaces, which are made up of a mix of historic and modern buildings.

JOHANNES STEGMANN GALLERY

The Johannes Stegmann Gallery is located at the UFS Sasol Library 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.

To attend an exhibition you may contact the gallery on Monday to Friday from 08:30-16:30.

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ART GALLERY AT THE CENTENARY COMPLEX

The university's permanent art collection can be viewed at the Centenary Complex Gallery. It comprises about 1000 artworks including paintings, sculptures, murals, prints 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 unique cultural and historical identity.

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT | CONTACT | ANGELA DE JESUS

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Where to **stay** and **dine**

Kovsie Inn is a guesthouse on the Bloemfontein Campus with 18 guest rooms, a restaurant and conferencing facilities and has wheelchair accessibility and signage in Braille. It is located on the western side of the campus and is within walking distance of the library and most venues.

FOR BOOKINGS, CONTACT | ILZE NIKOLOVA


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**For more information on hotels and guesthouses
in Bloemfontein visit:**

www.bloemfonteinaccommodation.co.za

***Kovsie Inn offers comfortable
accommodation and breakfast.***





Thakaneng Bridge

Affectionately known as “**The Bridge**” the Thakaneng Bridge is a student centre with restaurants, a bank and ATMs, a bookstore, supermarket, KovsieGear merchandise store, pharmacy, and optician services.

A variety of refreshments is available from a range of outlets offering fast food, sandwiches and snacks.

Pimento and Traumeri, are the two restaurants on the Bloemfontein Campus.

TRÄUMEREI RESTAURANT


Offers a takeaway and à la carte menu and bar, and caters for staff, students and visitors. Contact | +27 (0)51 444 4000

PIMENTO RESTAURANT

Offers a buffet and à la carte menu.

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





*Students at
Qwaqwa
Campus*

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. There is a similar KovsieGear shop on the Qwaqwa Campus.

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>

Student Life and Values

The UFS is a learning environment at which the student life experience is made up of co-curricular programmes and activities and services that seek to provide truly humanising daily-lived experiences which are essential for student academic success, prosocial behaviour, student engagement and an inclusive institutional culture. The Student Affairs office continually embraces the challenge of creating an environment that celebrates cultural, racial and social integration and diversity that every UFS student can take with them into the world. To enhance the student experience, the students are provided with 24hour study facilities, an innovative outdoor solar hub to socialise in-between lectures, or study while charging electronic devices and more.

Diversity and social integration celebrated at Kovies.





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GPS COORDINATES OF THREE CAMPUSES

BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS | Long 26.186805° Lat -29.107501

QWAQWA CAMPUS | Long 28.823281° Lat -28.486241°

SOUTH CAMPUS | Long 26.216364° Lat -29.181819°



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