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## STUDENT COMMUNITIES

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## STUDENT COMMUNITIES CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

**PULANE MALEFANE,**

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**Hello, I am...**

**W**hen you become a Kovsie, we want you to feel that you belong to a circle of friends, that you belong to a community. A community that will support and inspire you to reach your full potential. This sense of belonging is facilitated through student communities. UFS student communities are created through small pockets or groups that build towards larger communities.

We encourage you to become a member of these cohesive groups through on-campus residences or day residences. Together, these groups form the strong building blocks of larger communities called Student Life Colleges.



Student Life Colleges are created by clustering on-campus residences and day residences, which then collaborate with other stakeholders such as faculties, support services, and different organisations. The college communities form the social spaces where you can engage in all student-life programmes, e.g. cultural events, sports events, community-service events, dialogues, etc.

In a community, we create an opportunity for engagements and communication. We have different student development programmes, such as

- leadership, where you can be a residence committee member and lead your residence on different university platforms;
- mentorship support structures to support first-year students with the transition to university. As a first-year student, you are not alone, but are supported to thrive emotionally, physically, academically, and socially. As a first-year student, you may be assigned a mentor who will assist you in adjusting to life at university. The P3 Mentorship Programme involves interpersonal and constructive engagement between peer mentors (experienced students) and mentees (first-time entering students) by providing social and emotional support throughout their first year at university;
- mentorship proposes to create opportunities for mentors to build meaningful relationships with their respective mentees and is aimed at contributing to the success of students at the UFS;
- arts and culture programmes for students to showcase their talents on different arts and culture platforms on campus; and
- sports activities: as a Kovesie student, you will continue to enhance your sports talent and if you are committed enough, you can represent Kovesies on national and international level.



Building embracing communities

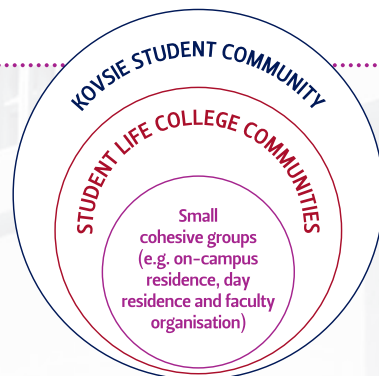


Creating a socially just culture



Nurturing graduate attributes

**STUDENT COMMUNITIES**  
*creating a sense of belonging  
 for individual students*



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## ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCES

Your residence at the UFS will become your second home; life in a student residence at the UFS can be a very exciting and rewarding experience. As a Kopsie student, you will benefit from a whole new world of friendships that can last a lifetime. There are many people from different language, racial, and cultural backgrounds on campus. Living and learning in this diverse environment can give you a definite advantage over many other job seekers once you graduate, which will help you later in life.

You should indicate on the application form for studies in 2021 whether you want to secure a place in one of the on-campus residences.

The leadership in residence communities consists of a residence head, prime, residence committee, and peer mentors. This leadership team creates a residence environment where every student feels welcome and inspired. All residence communities are driven by a set of shared values, which mediates a culture of mutual accountability.

First-year students are supported in their transition to higher education by means of a peer-mentor system in residences. Each first-year student is allocated a peer mentor who facilitates individual conversation as well as conversations in small-group format with students.



### Contact details for residence applications:

Visit <http://residences.ufs.ac.za> or send an email to [resapplications@ufs.ac.za](mailto:resapplications@ufs.ac.za) for more information.

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## CO-ED RESIDENCES

Co-ed residences are residence communities consisting of male and female students. Although male and female students both form part of co-ed residences, they live in separate corridors with separate bathroom facilities. There is controlled access to blocks/pods and corridors.

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## DAY RESIDENCES

A day residence is a residence consisting of students who live off campus in private homes, student houses, townhouses, flats, rooms, etc. Students who are members of day residences must arrange their own accommodation off campus.

If you do not live on campus, a day residence gives you the opportunity to participate in organised student activities. It is very important to us that you have the opportunity to develop as a complete person by participating in academic and non-academic activities on campus. With day residences, you can participate in all activities offered in campus residences.



If you live off campus, you are free to join one of the day-residence communities. Each day residence has a gazellie (or a large lounge with a kitchen and bathroom) on the campus, where the day-residence communities host residence meetings, study, or just hang out and socialise.

A residence head and a residence committee oversee each day residence. This leadership is responsible for managing day residences and seeing to it that all activities offered are in line with the vision, mission, and values of the university.

#### DAY RESIDENCES OFFER STUDENTS WHO ARE LIVING OFF CAMPUS THE FOLLOWING:



- mentorship and academic support
- learning and social spaces on campus where you can study and hang out with your friends



- access to UFS programmes and resources



- opportunities to develop holistically
- sharing innovative ideas
- growth
- a vibrant social life to build relationships
- fun, and fun, *and more fun*

The day residences on the  
**Bloemfontein Campus** are:



- **NORTH COLLEGE:** Veritas



- **SOUTH COLLEGE:** Marjolein



- **EAST COLLEGE:** Sonnedou, Arista, and Legatum



- **WEST COLLEGE:** Imperium



- **CENTRAL COLLEGE:** Kagiso



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