

## Application and admission requirements for international students

- Closing date for applications from international students for undergraduate studies is 31 August 2023.
- You may apply online on the university website <https://apply.ufs.ac.za/Application/Start>
- The UFS uses a conversion table to help us consider all applications equally. If you are an international prospective student, who is **not** in possession of a South African school certificate, use the conversion table below to calculate your AP (admission point). The table applies to all examination authorities/ bodies in South Africa and internationally (upload international results as symbols). The conversion table reflects the minimum admission requirements and is a guideline only. [**see conversion table below**]
- You must have a VALID study visa endorsed for study at the UFS, and not at any other institution in South Africa, before you enter South Africa for studies at the UFS.
- You must be a member of a medical aid registered in terms of the South African Medical Schemes Act, as required by the South African Immigration Act. Your medical aid MUST be valid for the duration of the academic year (until 31 December), renewable each year. A non-refundable annual administrative levy is charged on all international student accounts.
- Students from outside the Southern African Development Community (SADC) pay international fees, which are 50% more per module per year compared to the fees paid by South African students.
- A Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificate of Exemption is required if you do not have a South African school certificate. If you do not have matriculation exemption, the Office for International Affairs (OIA) can apply for the USAf certificate of exemption on your behalf. You will be required to pay the prescribed fee before the Office for International Affairs will attend to the USAf exemption application.
- English is the principal medium of instruction; therefore, you must have an adequate command of the English language.

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# CONVERSION TABLE

The UFS uses a conversion table to help us consider all applications equally. If you are an international and/or home-schooled prospective student, use the conversion table below to calculate your AP (admission point). The table applies to all examination authorities/bodies in South Africa and internationally (upload international results as symbols).

*The conversion table below reflects the minimum admission requirements and is a guideline only. Meeting the minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee admission, as limited space is available in each programme. Final selection is subject to the availability of space, academic results, and other admission requirements where applicable.*

ABBREVIATIONS	
<b>% awarded by SU</b>	The percentage in this column is awarded for the symbol or number grade presented by the different systems in the shaded areas
<b>SA NSC</b>	South African National Senior Certificate
<b>HIGCSE/NSSC HL</b>	Higher International General Certificate of Secondary Education / Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Higher Level
<b>IGCSE/GCSE/NSSC OL/O-Level Gr-11</b>	International General Certificate of Secondary Education / General Certificate of Secondary Education / Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Level Grade 11
<b>IGCSE/GCSE/NSSC OL/O-Level Gr-12</b>	International General Certificate of Secondary Education / General Certificate of Secondary Education / Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Level Grade 12
<b>AS-Level</b>	Advanced Subsidiary Level
<b>A-Level</b>	Advanced Level
<b>IB HL</b>	International Baccalaureate Higher Level
<b>IB SL</b>	International Baccalaureate Standard Level
<b>GERMAN SCHOOL</b>	Abitur
<b>IEB</b>	Independent Examination Board
<b>SACAI</b>	South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute
<b>SC HG</b>	Senior Certificate Higher Grade (completed Grade 12 before 2008)
<b>SC SG</b>	Senior Certificate Standard Grade (completed Grade 12 before 2008)

UFS Formula	HG		SG		NSC / NSS / IEB		NSSC / HIGCSE (HL)		IGCSE / O / GCE		AS	A	IB (SL)	IB (HL)	German	
	Sym	%	Sym	%	Lvl	%	Lvl	%	Sym	%	Sym	Sym	Lvl	Lvl	Lvl	%
10												A		7		
9												B		6		
8	A	80			7	90	1	80			A	C		5	13-15	90 - 100
7	B	70			7	80	2	70			B	D	7	4	11-12	80 - 89
6	C	60	A	80	6	70	3	60	A	80	C	E	6	3	8-10	70 - 79
5	D	50	B	70	5	60			B	70	D		5	2	7-8	60 - 69
4	E	40	C	60	4	50	*4	50	C	60	E		4	1	5-6	50 - 59
3	F	33	D	50	3	40							3		4	40 - 49
2	FF	20	E	40	2	30							2			
1			F	33									1			

UFS Formula	Zambia School Certificate		Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife		Malawi MSCE		Angola		Uganda				China		West Africa			USA		
	Sym	%	Sym	%	Rating	%	Marks	Sym	Advanced	Marks	Certificate of Education	Marks	Sym	Marks / 100	Marks / 100	Sym	Rating	West Africa O-levels	Sym	%
8			12-15	80					A	80				90	135	A	1,2			
7			10-11	70					B	70				80	120	B	3,4		A	90-100
6	1,2	Dist	8-9	60	1,2	80	18-20	A	C	60	1,2	A	70	105	C	5,6	1,2	B+	A-	85-89
5	3,4	Merit	6-7	50	3,4	70	14-17	B	D	50	3,4	B	60	90			3,4	B		80-84
4	5,6	Credit	4-5	40	5,6	60	10-13	C	E	40	5,6	C					5,6	C		70-79
3					7,8	50													D	60-69
2																				
1																				

\* Already confirmed by the Matriculation Board and approved by the Access Committee:  
HIGCSE "4" = IGCSE "C" = 60%

The Conversion Table is subject to change.