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Hello, I am...

PROFESSOR HEIDI HUDSON,

Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities at the University of the Free State.

Our Faculty, the second largest at the UFS, consists of 24 academic departments and centres or units, ranging from the Creative and Performing Arts to Languages, Social Sciences and the traditional disciplines, such as History, Philosophy, Political Science, Communication Science and many more. We are also home to two vibrant interdisciplinary centres – the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies and the Centre for Health Systems Research & Development. And the acclaimed Odeion String Quartet, also falls under the Faculty of the Humanities.

Two of our largest programmes are offered at both the Bloemfontein and the Qwaqwa campus. These are the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Social Science degrees.

In the current digital age, people often wrongly assume that the Humanities have no role to play, but I have news for you! Many of the most successful international leaders in IT like Steve Jobs and others have based their success on a solid humanities training in communication, philosophy and languages.



To be successful in any career you need Humanities skills, such as understanding complex problems of the human condition and society related to poverty, inequality, gender-based violence, racism, and xenophobia, for example. In the professional programmes, such as Psychology and Social Work, we train students to make interventions to improve human relations and contribute to positive change.

In the humanities we teach you to think outside the box. We teach our students to be analytical, to question, to ask the difficult questions and to use their imagination in solving real world problems. Whether it is done through the appreciation of literature, understanding of cultures, the uses of power, the mysteries of the mind, or the organisation of societies, as you learn to understand the world, you also learn something about yourself. And all of this comes together in one of the most important skills that the Humanities bring to the table – we teach our students to write and develop strong and well-supported arguments.

A Humanities education at the UFS therefore provides you with a solid foundation from where to start your workplace training.

LET ME NOW SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For access to the various qualifications in the Faculty of the Humanities, the general admission requirements for the university such as an AP of 30 and English on a level 4 (50%) is needed. Although these are the minimum requirements for the majority of the programmes, some exceptions exist such as the programmes in Social Work, Drama and Theatre Arts, Music and Fine Arts where an AP of 30 is required but a selection process applies.



**And if you couldn't get university admission, don't despair.
There's still a way to study in the Humanities.**

If your AP is between 18 and 24 you could qualify for a Higher Certificate in the Humanities on the South Campus or another associated site.

If your AP is 20 or more, you may qualify for the University Preparation Programme (UPP) in Human and Social Sciences on the Oudtshoorn site.

The Faculty of The Humanities welcomes you.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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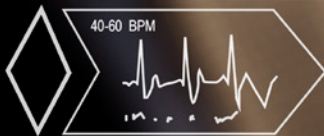
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