UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE FACULTY OF THE HUMANITIES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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# FACULTY OF THE HUMANITIES



Humanities acknowledges the importance of our history, culture, and philosophies, allowing for the study of people within their social, cultural, psychological, and political milieus, subsequently contributing to our understanding of people's behaviours and decisions. In Humanities, we thus aim to understand the essence of who we are, what it means to be human, and how we relate to others, including what paths have led us to where we are. Balancing and understanding our diverse, challenging, and, at times, complicated and problematic pasts enables us to navigate from the present into the future.

The primary purpose of a Humanities education is to give you access to critical thinking skills, appreciation of literature, understanding of cultures, the use of power, the mysteries of the mind, the organisation of societies, the complexities of leadership, the art of communication, and the challenge of change. A Humanities education will enable you to learn empathy for others and process ideas while encouraging you to be original and creative by acknowledging differences. Innovation and a drive to bring about change are valued determinants in the Humanities. Furthermore, as an engaged scholar in Humanities, you will co-create new knowledge, apply and share knowledge, and promote the integration of such knowledge.

You will also learn many skills within the various disciplines in the Humanities that will support your future career. A qualification in the Humanities is well respected worldwide, and people with this type of qualification form the backbone of society. Certain programmes have been developed to train you for a specific career, while others will equip you with skills needed for various positions. Today's ever-changing career world requires several skills that this Faculty can equip you

with, including language proficiency, communication skills, creativity, interpersonal skills, problem-solving skills, computer literacy, and critical thinking. Thus, as a Humanities scholar, you will be able to provide possible solutions to the global challenges society faces, be an action leader in society, embrace change, transformation and innovation, and actively participate in research and community activities.

Welcome to the Faculty of the Humanities, the Faculty that believes in humanity and embraces being human!

Welcome to the faculty

**DEAN: PROF MOGOMME MASOGA** 



# CHOOSE THE UFS



The University of the Free State (UFS) creates **opportunities and growth** through leading learning and teaching, focused research, and impactful engagement with society, offering world-class benefits to all individuals



Our students are **holistically supported**, achieving some of the highest success rates in the country, and they are highly employable.



We produce impactful research for industry and **society** that has **real-world applications**.



Our culture promotes equity, ubuntu, and accountability.



We address challenges and issues as they emerge and deal with them openly, promoting social justice and human rights.



Situated in the heart of South Africa, our character of **caring and diversity** translates into an outstanding university experience.

### **APPLICATION TO STUDY IN 2025**

#### MPORTANT APPLICATION OPENING DATES:

Date	Programmes for which applications open
1 April 2024	Applications to study any undergraduate programme offered on the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses in 2025
1 July 2024	Applications to study any Access Programme (AP) offered on the South Campus and the sub-regions in 2025

# APPLICATION TO **STUDY AT THE UFS IS FREE You can apply online**





# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE?

#### For degree studies at the UFS, you are required to:

- Have an NSC or NCV with an endorsement that allows entrance to degree studies (bachelor's degree) or an equivalent qualification.
- Meet all the minimum admission requirements for the programme you intend to study. Meeting the
  minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee
  admission, as limited spaces are available in each programme.
- Have a minimum level of 4 (50%) in English Home Language or English First Additional Language.
- Pass certain school subjects with a minimum level of achievement to register for a specific university
  module. Please refer to the section on the faculty-specific admission requirements, including the
  respective compulsory subjects and achievement levels required per programme.

# **HOW DO YOU APPLY?**

Please visit https://apply.ufs.ac.za. Use your mobile phone or other device to access and complete the online application form. Ensure you have an active email address while completing the online application form. Proceed through all the steps and submit your online application. Please make sure you complete the application form properly. For example, if you need on-campus residence accommodation or financial aid, indicate this in the relevant section.

Upload copies of the following in PDF or JPEG format when you apply for undergraduate studies:

- Your ID if you are a South African citizen
- · Your passport if you are an international student
- · Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18
- Your final Grade 11 results with the school's stamp
- If you have already matriculated, your National Senior Certificate (NSC) or Grade 12 IEB certificate.
- Your academic record, only if you are/were a student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation from the examination board for South African universities. Apply to mb.usaf.ac.za for conditional, foreign, or mature age conditional exemptions. A Certificate of Exemption from Universities South Africa (USAf) is required if you do not have an endorsed South African Senior Certificate. We will assist you with the process if you are eligible for the certificate but have not yet applied for it. Therefore, you can apply before receiving the required certificate. Contact the Office for International Affairs at +27 51 401 3219 | niemannaja@ufs.ac.za or +27 51 401 9032 | tshabalala|@ufs.ac.za.

The online application is quick and easy – no hassle, no fuss! It has an easy and modern design and is mobile- and tablet-friendly. You can apply using any device. You can expect a quicker response time if you apply online.

#### Need assistance with your online application?

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### **IMPORTANT APPLICATION CLOSING DATES:**

#### Your application will not be considered if it is received after the following closing dates:

Closing Date	Selection and non-selection programme/s
31 July 2024	Social Work
31 August 2024	All Access Programmes on the South Campus and the sub-regions International undergraduate applications
30 September 2024	All non-selection programmes Applications from students transferring from other tertiary institutions Community Development (Qwaqwa Campus only) Drama and Theatre Arts Fine Arts Music Physics with Engineering Sciences

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- Limited space: Limited space is available in all programmes; therefore, you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. When we process your application for admission, we capture your details in the UFS databases. If your details are not available, or if you have omitted them on your application form, you will not be admitted or be able to register. Thus, completing the application form in full and keeping to the closing dates is very important. Meeting the minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee admission, as limited space is available in each programme.
- National Senior Certificate: If you already have a National Senior Certificate (NSC), you must include a copy with your application form.
- Application: Ensure you complete the application correctly and attach all the required documents. An
  incomplete application, as well as outstanding documents, will delay your application process. Therefore,
  ensure you complete the application form, providing all relevant and required information (e.g., your
  personal details, school performance levels, the correct name of the school you are currently attending or
  have attended if you have already matriculated). If you need on-campus residence accommodation
  and/or financial aid, indicate this in the relevant section as well.
- Transferring students: If you transfer from another tertiary institution, you must include a certificate of conduct and an official study record from the previous tertiary institution with your application.
- International students: If you are from another country, you must attach your certified school-leaving certificate and relevant diplomas. A Certificate of Exemption from Universities South Africa (USAf) is required if you do not have an endorsed South African Senior Certificate.
  - You can apply at the UFS before receiving the exemption certificate from USAf.
  - If you are an international student currently in Grade 12, the UFS may make a conditional offer based on your final Grade 11 results.
  - If you do not have a matriculation exemption, the Office for International Affairs will apply for the USAf
    Certificate of Exemption. You will be required to pay the prescribed fee before the Office for
    International Affairs attends to the USAf exemption application. You must pay and submit the relevant
    documentation as soon as you receive the final Grade 12 results.

Please see the section referring to international students' application and admission requirements.

#### ADMISSION TO STUDY AT THE UFS

The UFS is all about academic excellence: The higher your AP score, the better your chances of being admitted to study at the UFS. Meeting the minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee selection and admission, as all programmes have limited spaces available. Applicants with the highest AP scores are chosen first, and the admission continues until all spaces have been filled. You will not be selected if you do not meet the minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study. Consult the faculty-specific admission requirements for all the programmes you qualify for and apply for the two programmes that best fit your personality, purpose, and passion.



You will be **CONDITIONALLY ADMITTED** based on your Grade 11 or equivalent results, subject to you meeting the minimum requirements for the intended programme of study. Please note that conditional admission does not apply to all the selection programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences.all

Your **FINAL ADMISSION** to the programme of your choice will depend on your final Grade 12 results. You will be notified of the university's admission decision immediately after the Department of Education has released your final Grade 12 results. **IMPORTANT:** You are responsible for ensuring that the contact details on your application form are correct.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT:**

- The UFS reserves the right to change the minimum requirements of each programme or any other information without notifying you.
- There are specific admission requirements that you should meet if you want to study at any South African
  university. If you finished school in or after 2008 and have a National Senior Certificate (NSC), you need
  to have a performance level of at least 4 (50%) in four (4) of the seven (7) subjects included in your NSC
  subject package.
- All admission requirements apply to first-year students in 2025.
- Admission to study at the UFS depends on the following:
  - · Your application should meet all the minimum requirements for the programme
  - The programme must have available space and capacity to admit students
  - You have to submit valid school results with your application
- Applications for <u>all non-selection</u> programmes close on 30 September 2024.
- An admission point (AP) consisting of seven (7) levels is used. In addition, points will be awarded for six (6) academic modules (see table below). NOTE: No points for achievement levels lower than 30% will be awarded.

F	Percentage	7 (90–100%)	7 (80-89%)	6 (70-79%)	5 (60-69%)	4 (50-59%)	3 (40-49%)	2 (30-39%)
	AP	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

One point is awarded for Life Orientation (LO) from achievement Level 5 (60%) or higher.

# **CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE**

The UFS confirms that all personal information provided in your application form will be treated confidentially and will not be sold to a third party or used for commercial or related purposes. The UFS further confirms that your personal information will only be used for purposes relating to your potential relationship with the UFS as a student, including but not limited to the processing of your application to study at the UFS, effecting registration at the UFS, and for any communication purposes related to your application and/or registration to study at the UFS.

# STUDENT SERVICE CENTRE

Our friendly agents are ready to assist you with the application, admission, and registration processes. Contact the agents if you require

- Information on the admission requirements for any study programme;
- Assistance to complete your application form (online or hard copy); and
- Assistance with tracking the status of your application.

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# **DISCLAIMER - IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Kindly note that this Faculty programme booklet is aimed at prospective undergraduate students wishing to apply to the UFS and who wish to start their studies at the UFS during the 2025 academic year. The Faculty programme booklet describes and outlines the programmes and services offered by the UFS, including the minimum admission requirements for each programme. However, this booklet must be read in conjunction with the policies, rules, and regulations of the UFS (as may be amended from time to time). In order to be considered for selection in a programme, an applicant must comply with the programme's minimum admission criteria with respect to the total AP score, subject-specific requirements (as determined per programme), and faculty/department-specific requirements. However, due to limited space, fulfilling all the minimum entry (admission) requirements does not guarantee acceptance to study at the UFS or admission to any particular programme offered by the UFS.

The UFS makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in this Faculty programme booklet is accurate and up to date at the time of going to press. However, it may be necessary for the UFS to make some changes to the information presented in this booklet following publication (e.g., where it is necessary to reflect changes in policy, practice, or theory or if an accrediting body necessitates requirements to be amended). Furthermore, certain programmes may only be offered if there are a sufficient number of applicants.

The UFS undertakes to implement all reasonable steps to provide the services (including, but not limited to, presentation of the programmes) described in the Faculty programme booklet. However, it does not guarantee the provision of such services or the presentation of any or all programmes described herein. Should circumstances beyond the control of the UFS interfere with its ability to provide the services or presentation of any programme described herein, the UFS undertakes to use all reasonable measures to minimise any disruption to the services.

Furthermore, the UFS reserves the right to amend admission requirements if and when necessary. The UFS also reserves the right to withdraw, wholly or in part, the delivery of programmes. Applicants and students in affected programmes will be informed before the commencement of their studies for the academic year concerned.

Note: The admission requirements, as indicated below, are guidelines. Meeting the minimum requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee admission, as limited space is available in each programme. Final selection and admission are subject to the availability of space, academic results, and other admission requirements where applicable.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

From this point forward, the following abbreviations will be used:

- NSC: National Senior Certificate
- AP: Admission Point
- ENG: English
- NBT: Compulsory National Benchmark Tests
- AL: Academic Literacy

- QL: Quantitative Literacy
- BC: Bloemfontein Campus
- QC: Qwaqwa Campus
- SC: South Campus
- N/A: Not applicable

PLEASE NOTE: Although the Academic and Quantitative Literacy tests (NBT) are written, only the results of the Academic Literacy test are used during the registration process. For enquiries, please contact:

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# PROGRAMMES PRESENTED ON THE BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

# **Diplomas and Higher Certificates**

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements			ents	
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
Higher Certificate in Music Performance* HCert (Music Performance): <b>Subject to selection</b>	BC111044	20	4 (50%)	N/A	ВС
Advanced Diploma in Opera Studies	BC140441				ВС

<sup>\*</sup>A compulsory audition and musical aptitude test before 30 September 2024 on the chosen instrument or in singing.

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Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
Diploma in Music**	BC120044	25	4 (50%)	N/A	ВС
Dip (Music): Subject to selection					

<sup>\*\*</sup>Unisa Grade 5 in principal instrument or voice or equivalent skills; Unisa Grade 3 in Music Theory is advised; A compulsory audition and theory proficiency test before 30 September 2024

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#### **Bachelor's Degrees**

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements			ents	
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
BA (Language Practice): Subject to selection	BC130039	30	5 (60%)	AL, QL	BC

Language admission requirements:

An achievement level of no less than Level 5 (60%) for any home language (HL) taken in Grade 12. An achievement level of no less than 65% for any first additional language (FAL) taken in Grade 12.

A second additional language (SAL) does not count for admission purposes.

Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
BA (Governance and Political Transformation)	BC130031	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	BC
BA (Integrated Organisational Communication)	BC130038	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	BC
BA (Journalism)	BC130035	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	ВС
BA (Fine Arts): Subject to selection*	BC140025	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	BC

<sup>\*</sup>Drama experience at school level is recommended. Also, a compulsory audition and interview will be conducted for selection. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2024.

Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus	
BA General (see the majors offered below)	BC137000	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	ВС	
BA specialising in Languages	BC137500	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	ВС	
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus	
Bachelor of Music: Subject to selection*	BC140544	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	ВС	
BA (Music): Subject to selection*	BC130044	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	ВС	

#### Requirements:

Music Theory Unisa Grade 5 or equivalent

Music Performance Unisa Grade 7 or equivalent

Compulsory audition and theory proficiency test before 30 September 2024.

#### The Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) makes provision for the following majors:

Major #1	Major #2			
Ancient Near Eastern Studies     Philosophy     History     Classical Studies     Art History and Image Studies     Linguistics     Geography*	Ancient Near Eastern Studies     Philosophy     History     Classical Studies     Classical Languages     Art History and Image Studies     Sesotho (home language)     isiZulu home language     Afrikaans and Dutch (AFN)     South African Sign Language	Political Science Criminology Psychology English Hebrew Arabic French (French for beginners) German (beginners or intermediate) Linguistics Anthropology Sociology		

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# DESCRIPTION OF DIFFERENT MAJOR SUBJECTS IN THE BA PROGRAMME

#### **Ancient Near Eastern**

The Ancient Near East encompasses some of the most ancient civilisations in the world. It includes Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Levant and parts of Africa. Ancient Near East studies provide an important sociocultural background to the Old Testament / Hebrew Bible and the cultural contexts of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, focusing on issues such as climate change, identity, ethnicity, gender and class. The Ancient Near East modules can be taken as an elective. They can also be taken as a major or minor within various BA programmes and combined with the Hebrew modules.

#### **Afrikaans and Dutch**

Afrikaans and Dutch offer a richly varied programme in which you study the linguistics as well as the literature of these two languages, from the most basic to the most advanced level. At the basic level we have the informal courses in Afrikaans and Dutch as foreign languages. Besides the home-language modules (AFN), Afrikaans is also offered at an additional language level in the AFR modules on both the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa campuses. Afrikaans for the professions (AFP) is service modules for the professions, focusing on writing and speaking competency in the professional work environment. In the home-language modules (AFN), modules are offered in both linguistics and literature to provide access to postgraduate studies. Besides the honours programme (also a multidisciplinary option), the department offers both a research master's and a structured master's programme in creative writing, as well as a research-based PhD and a PhD in Creative Writing.

- AFN (home-language module) is a major (Bloemfontein Campus only)
- AFR (additional language) is a minor only (Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa campuses)
- AFP is a service module and not a major (Bloemfontein Campus only)
- GAFR (conversational Afrikaans) is a service module; it is not a major and is an elective.

# **Art History and Image Studies**

In this day and age, we are constantly surrounded by images in social media, art, movies, advertisements, maps, cartoons, diagrams, etc. But have you ever thought about the power images have? How they can fascinate us or move us to tears? How they can even inspire people to destroy and attack them? Art History and Image Studies is a discipline which asks questions like these to help us understand why human beings make images and what they tell us about ourselves.

We aim to vitalise art history by practising the discipline within a contemporary African and South African framework. Students are exposed to the history of the visual arts and broader visual culture (including popular culture such as films), as well as to the history of ideas in order to analyse their dynamic impact on contemporary life. The fact that we are situated in the diversity of South Africa and the African continent, intensifies the mutual tensions between theories, image objects, and imaginary worlds. Our study of images emphasises the iconic energy of translations, transformations, and transactions between cultures, theories, and aesthetic image objects.

#### **Communication Science**

How good are you at saying exactly what you mean? The ability to communicate effectively and responsibly is what will set you apart in the 21st century. Whether you are on social media, in a one-on-one conversation, in front of a large audience or even communicating to a mass audience through various platforms, the basic ability to deliver a powerful message in an efficient way is crucial.

Focus areas in Communication Science:

- · Interpersonal communication
- Applied interpersonal communication
- Visual communication

- Persuasive communication
- Communication theory
- Communication ethics
- · Communication research
- Development and health communication

#### French

Studying French opens doors to an array of professions, not to mention international organisations where it is a prerequisite. The undergraduate courses provide students with a solid foundation in language, which is the cornerstone of literary and cultural studies in the French and Francophone field. Students are also given their first taste of Practical Translation Studies from French into both Afrikaans and English, as well as Creative Writing in French from the second year onwards.

#### German

Learning German will increase your ability to communicate internationally and interculturally. It will inevitably broaden your perspective on the world and at the same time provide you with a better understanding of your own society, language, and culture. Learning a new language is an exciting and enriching experience. It is also an investment for your future. The German Section at the University of the Free State offers course modules in German language, culture, and literature from beginner level to postgraduate level

#### **Governance and Political Transformation**

The degree provides students with insight into politics, governance and the present political transformation processes. By developing skills in ethical leadership and management, the programme promotes values that underlie efficient, democratic governance and trains students for a career in the public and private sector.

The majors for the qualification include Political Science and Public Governance with the minor being Communication Studies and electives including History, Philosophy, Near Eastern Studies and two languages French and German.

There is a compulsory module in third year called Service Learning which introduces the students to practical experiences with communities and the NGO's.

#### Hebrew

Hebrew can be used as an elective, a major or a minor in various BA programmes. Third-year undergraduate modules include Biblical Hebrew Poetry, Ancient Translations of the Hebrew Bible, and Modern Translations of the Hebrew Bible. Also offered are introductions to Biblical Aramaic (the language of parts of the books of Daniel and Ezra in the Old Testament), Ugaritic (with an introduction to the mythology of the ancient Near East), and Syriac (with an introduction to the ancient Peshitta translation of the Old and New Testaments).

#### History

In our courses, we examine South Africa's contemporary past; the history of our continent; and the important historical processes of the world that we live in. The department has an impressive research track record specialising in the political and social history of South Africa and Southern Africa; oral history; women and their stories in the context of conflict and violence; the history of sport; and other aspects of South Africa's cultural history and heritage.

#### Focus areas in History:

- Introduction to the twentieth-century history of South Africa and Africa
- Twentieth-century world history

- The rise of nationalism in South Africa and Africa and the resistance to it
- · Twentieth-century global clashes
- En route to the new South Africa and the African Renaissance, c. 1976-2000: a historical perspective
- How to make history

#### IsiZulu

The isiZulu language course has two streams, namely isiZulu mother tongue, which equips students with knowledge of language structure and usage through disciplines such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistics within isiZulu context, and provides literature studies through disciplines such as poetry, novels, drama, and oral literature. In addition, this course introduces students to isiZulu linguistic content and the historical development of the isiZulu language and literature. The second stream is a conversational isiZulu course for professional students, equipping them with basic language skills at third additional-language level over a short period of time.

#### Sesotho

The Sesotho language course has three streams, namely: Sesotho mother tongue, which equips students with knowledge on language structure and usage through disciplines such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistics within a Sesotho context, and provides literature studies through disciplines such as poetry, novels, drama, and oral literature. This course introduces students to Sesotho linguistic content and the historical development of the Sesotho language and literature.

#### **Language Practice**

Society and culture cannot function without language. Practices based on language, such as translation, interpreting, editing, and terminology design occur every day in the economy, politics, media, medicine, law, and other fields. In the multilingual countries of Africa, journalists, doctors, politicians, civil servants, software designers and others have to perform their work with people who speak different languages. In Language Practice, we guide students to study these practices, the policy context in which they occur, and their influences on society and culture.

We focus on the following:

- Translation/interpreting and development
- Terminology development and public service delivery
- Editing
- · Language management in development contexts

A language practitioner can specialise in one or more of the following fields:

- Translator
- · Language technologist
- Interpreter
- · Language engineer
- Dictionary maker
- · Language programmer
- · Language manager
- Copywriter and editor
- Terminologist
- · Language facilitator

A language practitioner who wants to work in South Africa must be proficient in at least two of the English. Become a language practitioner and make languages work for you!

languages, one of which should be his/her home language and the other one.

# **Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSocSci)**

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements			ents	
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
BSocSci	BC1800	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	BC

#### The Bachelor of Social Sciences degree (BSocSci) makes provision for majoring in any two of the following subject fields:

- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Industrial Psychology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

The BSocSci degree aims to develop social scientists who are experts in and scholars of human society and social relationships. This degree is valuable in careers where the knowledge of people, relationships, and societies is important, typically in urban and rural planning, human resources management, diplomatic services, community development, the police service, correctional services, the public sector, non-governmental organisations, and social and market research.

# DESCRIPTION OF DIFFERENT MAJOR SUBJECTS IN THE BA PROGRAMME

# **Anthropology**

Anthropology, a uniquely humanising discipline, explores the rich diversity of humanity across time and geographic space. Interested in particular rather than generalised expressions of our humanity, we usually conduct longitudinal, ethnographic research in societies other than our own to understand and deconstruct complex systems and patterns of behaviour. During the course of teaching, we encourage our students to attend to the complexity of seemingly simple social encounters and the diversity and psychic unity of humanity. Thus, contextualisation, historical and otherwise, is important in anthropological teaching, research, and writing.

Focus areas in Anthropology include the following:

- Identity construction: Race, ethnicity, and nationality
- · Religious practices and philosophies of life
- Globalisation, politics, and economics
- Symbolic structures and forms of expression
- · Processes of sociocultural change
- Anthropology of education
- Migration: Transnationalism and diaspora

# Criminology

Criminology includes the study of the causes, attributes, and patterns of conflict and its effects on individuals, communities, society, and ecology, together with the characteristics of law and the workings of the criminal justice system (including the administration of international justice) to engage critically and comparatively with juridical and non-juridical orientations towards conflict, criminal behaviour, victimisation, and abuse of power to ensure and advance a just society with a human rights ethos and emancipatory agenda.

Focus areas in Criminology include the following:

- Criminal justice
- Penology
- Victimology
- Research methodology for criminology and criminal justice
- · Criminal behaviour: Biopsychosocial perspectives
- · Understanding child justice
- Forensic criminology
- Transitional justice

# **Industrial Psychology**

Industrial Psychology is the scientific study of the relationship between man and the world of work to improve the productivity and quality of life for people at work, applying techniques and principles of psychology.

Focus areas in Industrial Psychology include the following:

- · Recruitment, development, and training of human resources in the organisation
- Designing learning and development interventions
- Influencing individual and team behaviour within an organisation
- · Classifying the complexity of labour relationships between individuals, organisations, unions, and the state
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative research
- Managing performance effectively
- · Conducting effective career planning and development

#### Political Science

Political Science encompasses the study of the rules, institutions, processes, and ideas that govern and impact our daily lives. Furthermore, it encompasses the study of political parties, human rights groups, terrorist organisations, labour unions, religious bodies, and other significant role players in politics and international relations. Pressing issues in politics and international relations, such as ideology, power, poverty, development, globalisation, and inequality, are also studied.

Focus areas in Political Science include the following:

- Political Dynamics: Political theory and ideology; government systems, processes, and regimes; governance; electoral politics; local government and service delivery; co-operative government; political development and transformation; democratisation; political economy; gender politics; strategic political planning; and political risk analysis.
- International Relations: International relations theory; globalisation and world
  politics; foreign policy and diplomacy; international organisations; international law; international political
  economy; African politics; and international conflict, security, and strategic studies.

# **Psychology**

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour. It focuses on the ways in which individuals' thoughts, emotions, and behaviour develop and change over a lifetime. Although the study of individual functioning is central to this field, the systems relevant to normal and abnormal behaviour are also included.

Focus areas in Psychology include the following:

- Developmental Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Psvchopathology
- Research Methodology

- Personology
- Psychotherapy and Ethics

# Progression to a BPsych Honours degree, followed by a Master's degree, will lead to professional registration as a psychologist.

# Sociology

Sociology is the scientific study of society and social interaction. It focuses on the reciprocal relationship between society and the individual. Knowledge of sociology can help us understand our ever-changing, complex social world and help us strive to create a better society for all. Sociologists use their theoretical skills to investigate various human behaviour and social constructions. The field also offers a range of research techniques that can be applied to almost any aspect of social life.

Focus areas in Sociology include the following:

- General sociology
- Sociology of collective behaviour and social movements
- The sociology of population and the environment
- Industrial sociology
- Sociological theory
- · Sociology of the family and domestic life
- Research methodology

# **Bachelor of Social Work**

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements			ents	
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work: Subject to selection*	BC140250	35	5 (60%)	AL, QL	BC
*Closing date for applications for selection is 31 July 2024.  Enquiries: Dr Carel van Wyk: +27 51 4013362   vanwykcj@u	ıfs.ac.za				

The Bachelor of Social Work prepares you to be a creative, innovative, and responsible contributor to the development of individuals, families, groups, and communities. With an emphasis on building, preserving, and restoring relationships, you will gain the necessary skills through rigorous academic instruction, practical training, and cultivating a person-centred mindset. This equips you for a successful career in social work and empowers you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

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# Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements			ents	
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
BA General	QC137000	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	QC
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# **Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSci)**

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements						
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus		
BSocSci	QC138000	30	4 (50%)	AL, QL	QC		
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# Bachelor of Community Development (BCommDev)

Programme Description	Minimum Admission Requirements				
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	English	Compulsory NBT	Campus
Bachelor of Community Development (BCommDev): Subject to selection*	QC140400	30	5 (60%)	AL, QL	QC

<sup>\*</sup> An AP of 30 OR a Diploma in Vocational Skills with a minimum pass rate of Level 4 in English is required. Admission is subject to a selection process.

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The Bachelor of Community Development (BCommDev) is geared towards the education of community development workers for the empowerment of local communities and strengthening the capacity of community members as participating citizens to act as catalysts of social change through their communities, organisations, and networks, as well as community development professionals. The programme will effectively prepare you to be a community development practitioner with knowledge in the following key areas:

- Community development methods, processes, and analysis
- · Community-based research
- · Community development skills (facilitation, coaching, group work, among others)
- · Social entrepreneurship
- Project management
- · Social policy development and analysis

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