

DISCOVER WHERE EXCELLENCE MEETS OPPORTUNITY CHOOSE THE UFS!



The University of the Free State cultivates an environment where **innovation, inclusivity, and inspiration** converge to create future leaders.



What makes us special is that we support our students holistically to **achieve one of the highest success rates** in the country.



World-class facilities house cutting-edge academic programmes across seven dynamic faculties, with ground-breaking research and impactful engagement with society and the natural environment.



The University of the Free State has outstanding academics, with trailblazing research in various fields of study, **garnering local and international recognition**.



The University of the Free State also has **one of the highest ranked scientists in applied mathematics** in the world.



Furthermore, our research initiatives have won **numerous awards for its social impact and real-world application**.



Situated in the heart of South Africa, the UFS boasts **eco-friendly gardens** and **world-class infrastructure**, ensuring environmentally conscious surroundings.



We are not just preparing students for a prosperous career; we are preparing you for a **life of meaningful impact**.



Our culture promotes **equity, diversity, ubuntu, and accountability**.



Our students come from diverse backgrounds, and **our campuses offer a safe environment** where we celebrate each other's individuality.



Experience our **Braille-guided** and **mobility-friendly campus**, which speaks volumes about our culture of care.



We create a **sense of community** and **belonging** for our students, where every student is more than a number – they are part of a family.



Our **world-renowned sports alumni** include the likes of Rassie Erasmus, Jacques Nienaber, Ox Nche (2024 Young Alumnus of the Year), Daan Human, and Bongani Tim Qumbu, who formed part of the 2023 World Cup-winning Springbok team. Jaco Peyper also represented South Africa as a World Cup referee in 2023. He was named the Chancellor's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2024. The UFS not only empowers sports stars, but also future leaders.



Kovsie alumna Gerda Steyn made history in 2023 when she not only became the first woman to win the Two Oceans Marathon four consecutive times, but also to break the long-standing Comrades Marathon record.



Karla Pretorius (vice-captain), Khanyisa Chawane, Lefebvre Rademan, and Refiloe Nketsa **represented South Africa at the 2023 Netball World Cup**. In 2024, Khanyisa was elected as captain of the SPAR national Proteas team and Karla as vice-captain.



In 2024, Kovsies won **Varsity Cup rugby**, and was also crowned as the **Varsity netball** champion.



Paralympian Louzanne Coetzee won a bronze medal in the women's 1 500m T11 at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris, France finishing the race in a remarkable personal best time alongside her guide Estean Badenhorst. Among her many accolades, is being named Free State 2024 Sportswoman of the Year and the 2024 Sport Star of the Year, recognising her outstanding contributions to the sporting realm. Louzanne Coetzee **represented South Africa at the 2016, 2020 and 2024 paralympics** winning a **silver medal** and **two bronze medals**.



A culture of **kindness, respect, and character**.

Join us at the UFS, where your potential is nurtured, your ambition is kindled, and your success is inevitable. Why settle for the ordinary when you can become extraordinary at the UFS? Make the smart choice and let us shape the world together!

