

UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE STUDENT EXCHANGE DATA SHEET 2022-2023

University information

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Academic calendar and application procedure

Academic year	<p>Our academic year is divided into two semesters, starting February – July (semester 1) to July – December (semester 2). Expected arrival dates are at the start of the semester to take part in orientation. The exact dates of the examination will be communicated directly to the students closer to the time.</p> <p>2022 academic calendar Semester 1: 14 February – 12 July Semester 2: 21 July – 21 December</p> <p><i>This is a draft calendar, all dates are based on the current COVID-19 regulations.</i></p>
Nomination deadline	<p>All nominations should be sent to malob@ufs.ac.za. Only nominations received from coordinators will be accepted. The nomination should include the students' First name(s); Surname; Email address; Exchange semester (1/2); field and level of study.</p> <p>Nomination deadlines: Semester 1: 13 November 2021 Semester 2: 31 March 2022</p> <p>A nomination confirmation email will be sent to the coordinator once the nomination has been accepted by the faculty. An email will be sent to the student regarding the application procedure.</p> <p><i>Due to our current COVID-19 restrictions, we can in principle offer virtual mobility for the first semester of 2022. Any changes to our mode of instruction will be communicated in due time.</i></p>

Application procedure	<p>The home university nominates its students. We advise our partners to make sure that the nominated students have passports. We will send instructions to each student to fill out the PDF application form. Students are advised not to do the online application, as our system cannot yet send passwords to international numbers.</p> <p>Students will be asked to submit a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of valid passport (should be valid for at least 8 months after the planned departure date); • Recent passport size photo; • Copy of an official and recent academic transcript in English; • Copy of the learning agreement (accepted modules to be taken at the UFS). <p>Students should finalize and return their applications by: Semester 1: 27 November 2021 Semester 2: 16 April 2022</p> <p>Students are advised to adhere to these deadlines to ensure they can start their visa application process on time.</p>
Other information	<p>If there are more students than those that can be nominated in the framework of the exchange agreement interested in coming to study at UFS, they can come as free movers (fee-paying non – degree students). These students will also be charged an R7000 mobility levy.</p>

Course and relevant information

Courses	<p>The University of the Free State does not offer courses and/or modules strictly for exchange students. All our exchange students will join the standing full degree courses. Registration for all modules will be subject to prerequisites and availability. Information about courses available can be found on prospectus 2022</p> <p>Restrictions: Modules in the fields of Health Sciences have limited capacity, therefore, students interested to apply for modules in these fields should be prepared to choose alternatives.</p>
Faculty information booklets	<p>Economic and management sciences Education Health Science Humanities Law Natural and Agricultural Science Theology</p>
Module selection process	<p>Students will be sent a link to the specific department's webpage to go through the rulebook and identify modules that they would like to take part in during their exchange period. The number of modules and/or credits that the student needs during their exchange is determined as per the agreement between the two universities and/or by the home institution. As students will be enrolling as Non-degree seeking students at the UFS, they are permitted to take as many or as few modules as they choose.</p> <p>The current course curriculum can be used as a reference as there will be no major changes. We would like to ask you to kindly advise your students to start the course approval process as soon as possible and not to wait until the last moment.</p>

Academic transcripts	After examinations, the lecturers have four weeks to publish the results in the grade book. Once all the results are out on the official UFS academic transcript page, the OIA will issue out a digital copy of the academic transcript to the students' home institution. If a hard copy is required, this will be sent at the cost of the home institution and/or that of the student.
Financial obligation	<p><u>Prepayment = registration fee + international levy + part of tuition fees + part of accommodation (on-campus)</u></p> <p>Residential R 49 450</p> <p>Non-residential R 32 050</p> <p><i>*Please take note that this is not a fixed amount owed by the student to the University of the Free State; this is an estimated prepayment amount requested from all our international students to ensure that the student's registration goes smoothly. Should the expenses incurred by the student be less than the above amount, our office will assist the student in claiming back the difference. After paying this amount, students will not be requested to make any further payments to the University.</i></p>

Services

Umoja Buddy Programme	<p>The Umoja Buddy Programme seeks to ensure the smooth transition and integration of international students into student life at the UFS by helping them to integrate into the campus and local communities. Moreover, the programme aims to connect international and local students through meaningful lifelong friendships and fostering their academic, social, and cultural integration at the UFS. In essence, the programme adopts the UFS vision whereby every student will in future have an international experience during their UFS studies through internationalisation at home.</p> <p>Students can join the programme find-a-friend coordinated by the OIA through the Internationalisation at home division</p>
Orientation	Two weeks before the start of classes, all first-years have the unique opportunity to enter the GATEWAY to succeed in your study career and university life. The annual GATEWAY First-years' College is a programme of student life and learning events that introduce you to campus and faculty life to help you to adjust to the university environment and to teach you the skills to achieve well in your studies and prepare you as a well-rounded graduate.
Immigration regulation compliance	<p>According to the amended South African Immigration Regulation, and to ensure strict compliance and adherence thereto, the following should be noted:</p> <p>Valid study visa –No international student may commence studies at the University until they have a valid study visa. The process to obtain such a visa will commence only after successful admission into our University for the chosen programme is confirmed.</p> <p>Medical aid – the student will need to secure medical cover from a South African registered medical aid, the cover should</p>

	<p>be valid for the duration of the exchange. Application to such a medical aid scheme must be processed and the membership paid in advance of the student's study visit. As with the study visa process, the process to secure medical cover will only commence after successful admission to the University. Comprehensive information regarding medical aid applications will also be sent from our office.</p>
Accommodation details	<p>On-campus, accommodation will be organised by our office according to the student's arrival details and following the stipulations of the agreement. The estimated rates for the different on-campus residences are as follows: Accommodation fee per semester R 15 400.00 – R22 000.00 (Depending on the residence allocated; excluding meals); Kovsie Inn ranges from R4 015 – R5 280 per month (including breakfast). <i>*Should you wish not to make use of the on-campus accommodation, please indicate this on your application form.</i> <i>*Allocation of students to residences is done randomly looking at the available space at a specific residence.</i> <i>*All accommodation fees are paid in advance for the entire duration of the exchange period and not monthly.</i></p>
Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support (CUADS)	<p>The Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support (CUADS) aims to ensure that the University of the Free State increasingly becomes a universally accessible higher-education institution which embraces and is welcoming to all students, including students with disabilities. Please make our office aware during the time of nomination should you have a student that would need the services of this division cuads-department</p>
Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French	<p>Students can take part in our credit-bearing language courses Afrikaans-and-dutch-german-and-french offered by our Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French department</p>
Kovsie sport	<p>With 22 sporting codes to choose from, the UFS is an important incubator for participants in team and individual sports. We have produced more than 84 national athletes, of which 15 were world champions and/or participated in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. A total of 90 Springbok and 27 SA sevens rugby players studied with us, and UFS netball delivered three national captains during the past 15 years. We were also the national university tennis champions for twelve years running.</p> <p>For more details on how to become part of this excellence please visit Kovsie sport</p>