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WELCOME TO RHODES UNIVERSITY



The Director of Student Affairs, Mrs Noma Mrwetyana

A LITTLE ABOUT RHODES UNIVERSITY:

Rhodes University is a 113-year old institution with a well-established reputation for academic excellence.

Located in Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa, Rhodes is a small University, which enjoys the distinction of having among the best undergraduate pass and graduation rates in South Africa, outstanding postgraduate success rates, and the best research output per academic staff member.

Of our more than 8000 students, 30% are postgraduates and 20% are international students from 54 countries around the world, making Rhodes a dynamic and cosmopolitan knowledge institution. Students are able to undertake an extensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the faculties of Humanities, Science, Commerce, Pharmacy, Law and Education. With the most favorable academic staff to student ratio among South African Universities, Rhodes students are guaranteed easy access to academics and close supervision.

The University takes pride in its motto, “Where Leaders Learn”, and produces graduates who are knowledgeable intellectuals, skilled professionals, and critical, caring and compassionate citizens who can contribute to economic and social development in an equitable, just and democratic society.

Education at Rhodes is a partnership between students, academics, administrators and support staff which is of mutual commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding of our natural and social worlds. Research, teaching and community engagement seek to be alive to the social and economic challenges of the local, national, African and international contexts.

At Rhodes, the partnership between students, academics and other staff extends to the governance of the University through the Students Representative Council (SRC) and other representative bodies of undergraduates and postgraduates students who participate in the Council, Senate and other decision and policy-making committees of the University.

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The Clock Tower and Koi fish pond, Rhodes University



Graduation 2017, Rhodes University

INTERNATIONALISATION @ RHODES:

Rhodes University strongly believes that International students and staff, and International connectivity in teaching, learning and research enrich the institution, each department and each individual. In this ever-changing world, it is equally important that South African staff and students have a clear sense of how the local context fits within the global context in which they are operating. They are encouraged to travel out of South Africa on academic and student exchanges; to experience other cultures; to engage in global networks and to participate in internationally collaborative research. Where students and staff do not have the opportunities or finances to travel, internationalisation at home activities can help increase intercultural competency and heighten global awareness.



International Parade 2017, Rhodes University

REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD AT RHODES:

- Rhodes University is a mainly residential campus with a student body of approximately 8000.
- Exchange students are housed on campus.
- The campus community is close knit, which allows for the development of friendships over breakfast in one of the fourteen dining halls attached to the 54 residences.
- There is a comprehensive student support system and services that are accessible to students through the Office of Student Affairs.
- The International Office as the first point of contact for international students also provides support on issues that only pertain to international students (visas, medical aid).
- Rhodes University students have the opportunity to participate in community engagement programmes, which is strongly encouraged by the University.
- Rhodes specialises in small group learning and an exceptional tutoring system.
- Rhodes offers a wide range of subject combinations.



Rhodes Library by night, Rhodes University



Graduation 2017, Rhodes University

STUDENT LIFE:

Many of the Rhodes students and the majority of undergraduates live in the University residences, there also special residences for postgraduates. Through a well-established structure of wardens, sub-wardens and residence committees, the residences play an important role in overall student development, including developing leadership skills.

Each residence has its own culture and we encourage our students to get involved in the various events held at each residence. Residence activities are a perfect opportunity to learn not only about the South African culture, but about other cultures. There will be inter-res sporting activities, various community engagement projects, and several cultural activities – get involved!

Numerous clubs and societies provide extensive opportunities for students to participate in a variety of intellectual, social, cultural, and sport activities and further develop valuable skills please see <http://www.ru.ac.za/sportsadmin/>. Society and Club membership fees will be due and payable by the students when signing up.

The University is involved in a diverse range of community engagement initiatives in Grahamstown and in other parts of the Eastern Cape, through both staff and students. These take place on many different levels, from involvement at government policy level and groundbreaking research, to practical, strategic volunteer interventions at a community level. Rhodes University's community engagement initiatives are centrally coordinated through the Community Engagement Directorate and networked with its community development partners, which include NGOs, CBOs, institutions, government and the private sector, ensuring effective intervention to the mutual benefit of students and our community.

Volunteerism and volunteer activities form an important part of the student experience and learning at University. Volunteering provides students with opportunities to learn outside the classroom environment, acquiring essential critical thinking, leadership, project management and interpersonal skills. Through hands on volunteering experience, students are afforded the opportunity to share their skills and learn from peers and community partners. The volunteer experience is a team experience, promoting civic consciousness and critical engagement that assist students to gain a better understanding of their social environment.



Ipotsoyi Colour Experience, 2017, Rhodes University



Exchange students 2016, Rhodes University

A LITTLE ABOUT GRAHAMSTOWN!

The City of Grahamstown together with the nearby towns of Alicedale and Riebeek East and the quaint villages of Fort Brown, Salem, Seven Fountains and Sidbury make up the Makana Municipality in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Grahamstown (Afrikaans: *Grahamstad*, Xhosa: *iRhini*) is a town^[a] of about 70,000 people in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. It is situated about 110 kilometres (70 mi) northeast of Port Elizabeth and 130 kilometres (80 mi) southwest of East London. Grahamstown is the largest town in the Makana Local Municipality, and the seat of the municipal council.

Grahamstown was founded in 1812 as a military outpost by Lieutenant-Colonel John Graham as part of the effort to secure the eastern frontier of British influence in the then Cape Colony against the Xhosa, whose lands lay just to the east.

This region also forms part of the popular Frontier Country route - so named because it was literally the 19th century frontier between the British Cape Colony and the Xhosa territories. It was the scene of first contact, cultural clashes, confusion and, inevitably, conflict. Much of what happened here set the tone for South Africa's turbulent multi-cultural history.

Fast gaining in popularity, our small part of the world offers visitor's easy access to the unspoilt beaches of the Sunshine Coast and premier game reserves in a malaria -and bilharzia-free environment. View the Big 5, enjoy our spectacularly rugged scenery, immerse yourself in our rich history and enjoy our warm hospitality!



Grahamstown at Sunset

GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPROXIMATE COSTS:

- Study Materials: R200 p/month (11,90 euros or \$14.01)
- Food and Drink:
 - *During term time*: R1000 p/month (59.48 euros or \$70.01)
 - *For mid-semester break* R2000 p/week (118, 96 euros or \$140.03)
- Transport:
Only necessary for vacations or personal outings, estimated R3000 for 1 semester (178.43 euros or \$210.04)

STUDY VISA:

For Visa information, kindly contact the South African High commission or the Visa Facilitation Center (VFS) in your country of residence.

Note: Please allow sufficient time to collect the supporting documentation for your visa application. Police clearances are required for every country in which you have lived for over a year since you were 18. US students are required to have FBI clearance when applying for a visa. If you are an international student, living in the US, you may require longer lead-in times to get your FBI clearances. Please check with the International Offices in your home institutions and try to talk to student who have recently been through the process.

MEDICAL AID:

International students are required to have applied for and obtained membership with an approved registered South African Medical scheme, when submitting a study visa application.

Please note that in terms of South Africa's Immigration Regulations, it is mandatory to take a South African based scheme, as per the South African Medical Aid Act. Other international insurances and medical aid schemes are not acceptable.

In order to get a South African medical aid scheme, please contact the ACA Sanlam Health care Consultants. They will be able to guide you through the application process. The ACA Sanlam consultant assigned to Rhodes University is Mr Brandon de Jager. His e-mail address is Brandon.dejager@Sanlam.co.za.

The medical aid must be valid for the full duration of the student's stay in South Africa. Proof of a South African Medical Aid membership, is required for registration purposes at Rhodes University.

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