



DIVISION FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

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**Our Future
Reimagined**

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG (UJ)

The University of Johannesburg (UJ) is an Afropolitan international university with an identity of inclusion, a university that is transforming lives and diversifying professions. A proudly South African university, rooted in the vibrant and multicultural city of Johannesburg, reflecting the city's energy and embracing its diversity with equal passion.

At the University of Johannesburg "The Future. Reimagined" is not simply a catchy phrase. The institution is taking the lead in Africa in 4th Industrial Revolution thinking, reimagining the future in all disciplines.

It is an institution that embodies the core principles of critical thinking and meaningful collaboration, anchored in Africa and dynamically shaping the

future. Through these principles we give our students the competitive advantage they need to compete on the global stage but, more importantly, we attract the best minds from around the world to engage with these leaders in reimagining the future.

UJ's students, mentors, teachers and thought leaders are making a difference, not only in South Africa, but across the African continent and the world. With exposure to world-class facilities, proven structures of support and award-winning academic staff – all geared towards feeding imaginations in a safe, equal opportunity environment – we are seeding the world with a new generation who will lead with imagination, with creativity and with the power to see far beyond our present.

As a respected research institution the university is leading the new wave of thought through a multi-disciplinary approach to practical solutions that will make a real difference, from exploring the impact of early childhood development to the exciting space of artificial intelligence, process automation and smart cities; to developing nanotechnology capable of removing pollutants from water. We are investigating the sustainability of global resources through earth sciences, looking at our past to learn about our future.

From vocational and traditional academic programmes to professionals and postgraduates, our four campuses offer our students a choice of study programmes in eight faculties: Art, Design and Architecture; Education; Engineering and the Built Environment; Health Sciences; Humanities; Law; and Science, as well as in the College of Business and Economics.

UJ students have access to a world-class environment for sport, art and culture and are guided through experience programmes to

develop both personal and academic skills. As UJ alumni, they then go on to become game changers in their chosen careers. Individuals who embody the UJ values... who have the freedom, innovation and independence to dynamically shape the future; who engage meaningfully with others; who see fresh opportunities and connections where others see none; and who continually respect and advance each other and humanity.

Staff and students of the university come from over 50 different countries in Africa and around the world. We have built links, partnerships and exchange agreements with leading African and international institutions that further enrich the academic, social and cultural diversity on each of our campuses.

UJ has positioned itself within the rich diversity of South Africa's community and continues to draw on existing and latent intellectual capacity, leadership and innovation in all communities and further afield, as it delivers on its vision to be a premier African university. The University continues to build a culture of inclusion that embraces South Africa's rich history, various cultures, languages, religions, genders and races, and its social and economic statuses.

STUDY ABROAD AT UJ

As the world continues to become more globalized, a student who has studied abroad is perceived to be self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges, and able to cope with diverse problems and situations.

- Intercultural experience and awareness
- Enhancement of employment opportunities
- Personal and Professional growth

There is a myriad of opportunities for personal growth through participating in volunteer programmes, student clubs, sporting codes, recreational programmes, and cultural and social events that come with studying at the University of Johannesburg.

MAJOR AREAS OF STUDY

We offer programmes for direct enrolment in all nine faculties. In order to view all the programmes, courses and modules with course descriptions, offered per Faculty, please visit;

1. College of Business and Economics

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/college-of-business-and-economics/>

2. Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/art-design-and-architecture/>

(closed for undergraduate exchange)

3. Faculty of Education

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/education/>

4. Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/engineering-the-built-environment/>

5. Faculty of Health Sciences

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/health-sciences/>

(closed for semester exchange)

6. Faculty of Humanities

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/>

7. Faculty of Law

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/law/>

8. Faculty of Science

<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/science/>

9. Johannesburg Business School

<https://jbs.ac.za/>

SEMESTER PROGRAMMES

Students may choose any combination of a maximum of four semester courses from any of the nine Faculties at the UJ. Once accepted, students register with the University and attend their selected courses with the general UJ student population.

SHORT PROGRAMMES

The Division for Global Engagement, in collaboration with different academic departments, offers a suite of short courses during the winter (July) and summer (November) holiday breaks. These are largely two-week long, credit-bearing courses. They comprise ten lectures over one week, an industry-related immersion and an assessment.

THE CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS ARE:

- English Language Programme
- Computational Intelligence for Industry
- African Insights
- Supervision Enrichment Winter School
- Cultural Tours of Jhb & Gauteng

An official University transcript or a certificate of attendance will be issued to the student on the successful completion of the course and its assessment.

URL OF OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.uj.ac.za/about/global-engagement/study-abroad/>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Second Semester – 15 April

First Semester – 15 September

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The University of Johannesburg is a multilingual institution and promotes the preferred languages of the Gauteng Province, namely, Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu and Sesotho (also known as Northern Sotho) as primary languages for administrative, communicative and marketing purposes.

IELTS is the University's preferred Language Proficiency test accepted for studying purposes at UJ for students coming from countries or institutions where the language of instruction is not English. However, due to the inaccessibility of IELTS in the majority of countries that feed the Study Abroad programme at UJ and in South Africa, in general, a student who has passed TOEFL-ITP - 500, TOEFL-iBT - 61, IELTS -5.5 or has a GPA of 2.8 will be considered for study.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

English test are not applicable to students who study in English at their home University.

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Application Links

Inbound

https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012_startup

Outbound

<https://apps.uj.ac.za/studyabroad/student>

Virtual Tour

<https://www.uj.ac.za/about/global-engagement/uj-3d-virtual-tour/>



DORMITORIES/RESIDENCES

ACCOMMODATION

All exchange and study abroad students are accommodated in on-campus accommodation.

- 22 Residences
- 4 Campuses

RESIDENCES PER CAMPUS:

- Auckland Park Kingsway Campus (APK): 10 Residences and 4 Day Houses
- Auckland Park Bunting Road Campus (APB): 5 Residences
- Doornfontein Campus (DFC): 8 Residences
- Soweto Campus (SWC): 3 Residences

All residences are situated within 5 to 10 minutes to shopping centres and on campus student centres.

RESIDENCE FACILITIES

- All UJ residences are self-catering. They have fully furnished rooms, fully equipped kitchens, and ablution and shower facilities.
- All residences have laundry facilities available on their premises or nearby at no extra cost.
- Braai (barbecue) facilities.
- All our residences are secured and access controlled.
- Cleaning staff in all the residences

Students are provided with the following in their accommodation: fridge, stove, cutlery,

crockery, bed, bedding, blankets, internet access and a study desk and chair.

ESTIMATE OF LIVING EXPENSES PER MONTH

Average of R3500 per month depending on the needs of each student.

ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg in South Africa is the largest city in South Africa, with more than 3 million people calling this bustling metropolis home. Joburg, or Jozi as some prefer to call it, offers visitors an experience as unique and diverse as the city itself.

University of Johannesburg (UJ) is one of the leading institutions in Johannesburg. Johannesburg and UJ share much more than just a name, for both are faced with the technological, scientific, economic, social and political challenges that occur in this unique environment founded on the gold mining industry. With gold so central to the city's fast-paced economy, mining became a metaphor for virtually every sphere of life, progress and the accumulation of wealth in Ego (the City of Gold). Like miners of old, staff and students at UJ are continually honing their skill to mine seams of knowledge found below the surface of the wide range of disciplines. The UJ community identifies closely with the city in which it works and studies.



The Study Abroad programme at UJ will give you an opportunity to continue your academic studies while living and travelling in our beautiful country, allowing you to explore a rich environment where experiential education meets global awareness.

ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

South Africa's economy is supported by a diverse variety of business. From big conglomerates and international companies to small, family businesses and street vendors, South Africa's workforce is indeed as diverse as the country. As an economic powerhouse of Africa, South Africa the country is the leading country on the continent in industrial output, mineral production and generating most of Africa's electricity

NATURAL DIVERSITY

South Africa is famous for its breath taking scenery and abundance of wildlife. Wildlife does not roam free in cosmopolitan areas, but is confined to farms, uninhabited fields, private game lodges and national parks.

The 'Big Five', as they are known, are found mostly in the bigger national parks, however, in the last five years these animals can also be seen at some of the private game lodges.

The Big Five includes: Elephant, Lion, Rhino, Leopard and Buffalo. Other African icons like the Hippo, Giraffe, Cheetah and Whales can also be seen.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Arguably the most diverse element in South African is its people and their cultures. As a country with 11 official languages, namely Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga, one imagine how vibrant, colorful and interesting life in South African can be.

South African cuisine has unique variety derived from the culinary traditions of its diverse population. Traditional food include: bunny chow (curry stuffed half-loaf of bread), samp (corn) and beans, bobotie (a curried mince dish of Malay origin), milk tart, koeksusters (sweet syrupy deep-fried twisted pastries) and biltong (salty dried meat). South Africans are very fond of meat and enjoy a 'braai' (a barbecue which can include steak, chicken, sosaties (marinated meat on a skewer), and boerewors (spicy sausage), Potjiekos (meat & vegetable stew) and pot brood (baked bread), both cooked over coal in cast-iron pots, are also local favourites. South African wines are among the best in the world, and there are also good local beers.



As a popular tourist destination, one can find a little piece of Africa across the globe. Those who visit the country and Africa, do not only take home souvenirs but also a little of the spirit of Africa.

CREDIT CARD AND TRAVEL CARDS

Most international credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted, as well as travel cards. Foreign currency is accepted in South Africa, and may be converted into local currency. There is no restriction on the amount of foreign currency you may bring into the country; however it has to be declared at Customs and Excise upon arrival.

TIPPING RATE

+/- 10%

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

- The Lion Park
- Gold Reef City
- Apartheid Museum
- Museum Africa
- Johannesburg Zoological Gardens
- Kromdraai Hiking Trails
- Melville Koppies.
- The Cradle of Humankind and the Sterkfontein Caves.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (SUMMER/ WINTER)

Summer +/- 28° and Winter +/-17°

STUDENT POPULATIONS

DOMESTIC STUDENTS TOTAL: +/- 51000

International students: +/- 4500
international students enrolled at the University of the Johannesburg in 2023

MEDICAL AID

The University requires proof of medical cover with a South African registered medical aid scheme for a full calendar year.

When applying for your study permit please take proof of your medical cover to the South African Mission concerned.

You are welcome to visit the Board of Medical Schemes in South Africa to explore other medical cover options. www.medicalschemes.com





HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDY VISA

All International applicants who will be applying outside South Africa can submit their applications at the South African Visa issuing authority (Embassy, High Commission, Consulate and Trade Mission) in their country of residence.

If there is no South African representative in your country, you are advised to apply at the nearest South African Embassy, High Commission, Consulate or Trade Mission.

All international applicants currently in possession of any South African visa are advised to apply for a new Study visa in the name of the University of Johannesburg, 60 days before the expiry of their current visa.

When applying through VFS, kindly select Corporate Account.

The link for lodging your online application is as follows:
<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/zaf/en/dha>

The following documents are to be submitted with the study visa application at the visa issuing authority to obtain your study permit:

1. A passport valid for not less than 90 days of the expiry of your visa.
2. Applicable administration fee as determined by VFS or the visa issuing authority.
3. Confirmation and proof of payment of a South African medical aid cover with a medical scheme registered with the SA Medical Schemes Council. Cover must remain valid for the duration of the calendar year.
4. Letter of Offer from the University stating the duration of degree, confirming that the student is not taking the place of a local student and undertaking to inform the Department of Home Affairs when the student deregisters.
5. A medical and radiological report less than six months old).
6. Yellow Fever vaccination certificate, if applicable.
7. Relevant certificates if married, widowed, divorced or separated.
8. Details regarding arranged accommodation while in South Africa.
9. Proof of sufficient funds to cover tuition fees and maintenance.
10. A police clearance certificate for the past 12 months from the country you have lived in for a period exceeding 12 months after the age of 18.
11. A registration deposit or a return ticket to the country of origin.
12. Applicants are advised to keep a copy of their submission documents and all receipts safely.

CREDIT HOUR AND GRADING GUIDELINES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Please note, that these are guidelines for calculating grades and not absolute.

CREDIT HOURS

Study Abroad and Exchange students at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) may take up to a maximum of four courses/modules per semester. UJ uses the NQF Credit system. A typical course is worth 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 or 36 NQF Credits. Study Abroad and exchange students are advised to select courses starting with 18 NQF credits. One NQF credit equals 0.222 semester credits (multiply the number of NQF credits by 0.222 and round it off to the nearest credit). The usual full load for study abroad and exchange students is 72 NQF Credits, which would be an equivalent of 16 U.S credits. This is considered a full academic load, equivalent to that of a qualification seeking student. One (1) NQF credit represents roughly 10 notional hours of work.

NQF CREDIT VALUE	PERCENTAGE OF LOAD	U.S CREDIT HOURS
18	25	4.0
24	33	5.0
36	50	8.0

South African Universities do not use the Grade Point Average (GPA) system as in the U.S. Grades are awarded at the end of the semester for individual courses and are based on continuous assessment (mainly consisting of class attendance, tutorial assessment, class assignments, lab attendance where applicable, group projects and class tests). Grades are expressed as Pass with Distinction, Pass, Supplementary Exams and Fail.

UJ GRADES	APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS:		
	In the US	In the UK	Europe
90 – 100% Passed with distinction	A+	1	16 - 20
75 - 89% Passed with distinction	A	1	14 – 15.9
70 - 74% Passed	B+	2.1	12 – 13.9
60 - 69% Passed	B	2.2	12 – 13.9
50 - 59% Passed	C	3	10 – 11.9
45 – 49% Supplementary exam		8 – 9.9	
0 - 44% Fail	F	Fail	F

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UJ GRADES (REVISED 7 FEBRUARY 2014)	APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS:				
	USA	UK	Europe	Netherlands	
93.00% – 100.00% Passed with distinction	A	1	16 – 20	8.5 – 10	A+
92.99% - 90.00% Passed with distinction	A-	1	14 – 15.9	7.5 – 8	A
89.99% - 87.00% Passed with distinction	B+	2.1	12 – 13.9	7.5 – 8	A
86.88% - 83.00% Passed with distinction	B	2.2	12 – 13.9	7	B+
82.99% - 80.00% Passed with distinction	B-			7	B+
79.99% - 77.00% Passed with distinction	C+			7	B+
76.99% - 73.00% Passed	C	3	8 – 9.9	6.5	B
72.99% - 70.00% Passed	C-			6	C
69.99% - 67.00% Passed	D+			5.5	D
66.99% - 63.00% Passed	D			1 – 5	Fail
62.99% - 60.00% Passed	D-				
59.99% - 00.00% Failed	F	Fail	Fail		





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