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# Study Abroad

## Welcome

As cliché as it sounds, by studying abroad you will become a much worldlier person, and become more marketable to grad schools and employers because of the intangible life skills you're going to pick up along the way. Think of it as gaining a sort of cultural capital. The fact that you've studied abroad will answer many people's questions about what type of person you are even before they have to ask.

Perhaps one of the best ways to experience culture is to live it, which is exactly what you'll be doing as a study abroad student. Aside from gaining an understanding for cultures other than your own, you will also gain intangible skills. Independence, time management, organization, social skills and self-confidence, just to name a few, will all develop exponentially while you're abroad.

There will be a moment while abroad when you'll realize that you've made the right decision: Treasure that moment. That moment will come when all the stress from the first few weeks of getting acclimated is finally over, and it's at that point that you will fully grasp what you're doing, the magnitude of your decision to go abroad and your new found drive to take advantage of every opportunity that lay ahead of you.

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## Why the University of Johannesburg?

Johannesburg in South Africa is the second largest city in Africa, with more than 5.6 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.

Johannesburg is undoubtedly the premier metropolis of Africa and the University of Johannesburg (UJ) is one of its leading institutions. Johannesburg and UJ share much more than just a name, for both grapples 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 Egoli (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 the economic powerhouse of Africa, South Africa 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 reserves and national parks.

Five famous inhabitants on the wild are especially popular, not only with tourists, but also with the locals. 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 reserves. The Big Five includes: elephant, lion, rhino, leopard and buffalo. Other African icons like hippo, giraffe, cheetah and whales can also be seen.

With over 200 mammal species it is hard to identify those that stand out, but the samango monkeys, baboons, dassies and meerkats are the most entertaining and interesting.

As a country that is bounded by the Indian Ocean in the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the west, it is no surprise that eight whale species can be viewed in South African waters. Another interesting fact about our waters is that 2000 other fish species, 16% of the world's total swim around in these waters.



## Cultural Diversity

Probably the most diverse element in South Africa 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 can just imagine how vibrant, colourful and interesting life in South Africa can be.

South African cuisine has an unusual variety derived from the culinary traditions of its diverse population. Traditional food include: bunny chow (curry in a 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. People who visit the country however, do not only take home curio but also a little of the spirit of Africa. This spirit of Africa gets into your bones, into your soul and makes you remember this country of sweet sorrow, and amazement, which can leave you breathless at times.

## Why study abroad?

### Cultural exchange and awareness:

Culture influences how you think and reason. Immersion into in another culture influences your own customs and norms. Consequently, immersion into a different culture provides you with the perspective and the competence to function in many cultural settings. Experience the rich multi-cultural diversity our country has to offer.

### Enhancement of employment opportunities:

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. UJ will offer you more than just an internationally recognised qualification. There are a myriad of opportunities for personal growth through participating in volunteer programmes, student clubs, sporting codes, recreational programmes, and cultural and social events.





## More about UJ

The University of Johannesburg is an international university of choice, anchored in Africa, dynamically shaping the future. It shares the pace and energy of cosmopolitan Johannesburg. Noted for its strength in Science Technology, Engineering and Maths, UJ offers a comprehensive menu of programmes, based on a bedrock of distinguished scholarship, excellence in teaching, reputable research and innovation. It is committed to delivering outstanding higher education to students of exceptional calibre and potential. UJ focuses on the identification of research niche areas, community engagement, and a commitment to internationalisation.

The University of Johannesburg has four campuses all located in the metropolitan area of the city of Johannesburg, namely the Auckland Park Bunting Road Campus (APB), Auckland Park Kingsway Campus (APK), Doornfontein Campus (DFC) and the Soweto Campus (SWC).

### The university has identified seven Faculties, the College of Business and Economics and the Johannesburg Business School (JBS), namely:

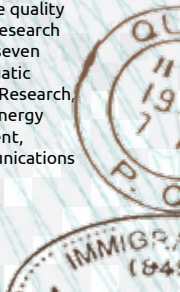
- College of Business and Economics
- Art, Design and Architecture
- Education
- Engineering and the Built Environment
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Law
- Science
- Johannesburg Business School (JBS)

For more info visit  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/>  
 (search for faculty yearbook)

The University has 70 research centres and institutes which are either located within a faculty or are stand-alone entities.

<https://www.uj.ac.za/research-at-uj/uj-research-centres-and-institutes/>

UJ also has A-rated researchers who are unequivocally recognised by their peers as leading international scholars in their field for the quality and impact of their recent research outputs and has identified seven (7) niche areas, namely: Aquatic Ecotoxicology, Sociological Research, economic Geometallurgy, Energy and Sustainable Development, Neotechnology, Telecommunications and Water and Health.



The institution has further collaborated with a large number of universities in numerous countries around the world as a way of investigating problems that especially, developing countries have in common, such as water and energy, poverty and housing and is furthermore involved in community engagements such as the Law Clinic, Operation Bright Sight and HIV/Aids.

The University of Johannesburg is continuing a rich legacy of internationalisation, enhancing its scholarly engagement and impact on the national, regional and continental transformation agenda. Internationalisation at UJ entails:

- the cultivation of an international

environment on campus, where students and staff from around the globe are fully integrated into UJ life

- the promotion of the academic curriculum, including dialogue with the international community about issues of national and global importance
- the development of international partnerships
- the implementation of international collaborations, involving research and student and staff mobility, that lead towards the enrichment of our research and teaching, in pursuit of excellence in scholarship

## Academic Programmes

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:

- College of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture  
(closed for undergraduate exchange)
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment
- Faculty of Health Sciences  
(closed for exchange)

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Science
- Johannesburg Business School

For more information, visit:  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/>  
(search for faculty yearbook)

## Semester Programmes

Students can choose any combination of a maximum of four semester courses. 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.



## Application Procedures

For an application to be considered, students are required to complete an application form, link below:

Application Link - [https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012\\_startup](https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012_startup)

Step by Step Guide - <https://tinyurl.com/2scwx8cv>

### Application Deadline

Second Semester - 15 April

First Semester - 15 September

Note: Students are required to complete an online application and provide the required supporting documentation for an application to be considered.

## The university continues to host a number of short courses which include:

### Fabricating Design Spaces

Social Entrepreneurship: Rethinking the role of government, the private sector and civil society

### Re-fashioning Africa:

South African Fashion in the spotlight

**Re-imagining Africa:** Media and the African Continent;

### 20 Days of Social Engagement

#### Cultural Tours:

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.

## Language Requirements

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.



## How to Apply for a Study Visa

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

If there is no Visa issuing authority (VFS) 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. Applicants are advised to keep a copy of their submission documents and all receipts safely.

## Link to Academic Calendar

<https://www.uj.ac.za/about/academic-calendar-and-regulations/>

Exchange students typically arrive one week before the commencement of classes for an in depth orientation week.

## Orientation Programme

	<b>Study Abroad and Exchange Students</b>
07:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Monday - Day 1</b></p> <p>Arrival and airport pick up Residence allocation/ Lunch Pack Mrs. du Plessis +27 11 559 2528/ Protection Services 011 559 2555</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday - Day 2</b></p> <p>09:00 – 14:00 Arrival Orientation 14:00 – 16:00 Shopping at local Mall</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday - Day 3</b></p> <p>08:00 – 17:00 Northern suburbs, Apartheid Museum, Soweto <a href="http://www.soweto.co.za/">http://www.soweto.co.za/</a>) and lunch at Gold Reef</p>
10:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Thursday - Day 4</b></p> <p>Pre-Registration Passport Control/Study Permit/Visa Medical Cover Student Financial Clearance</p>
	<p><b>Friday - Day 5</b></p> <p>10:00 – 16:00 Academic Registration - Faculties</p>
	<p><b>Saturday - Day 6</b></p> <p>10:00 – 16:00 Visit to the Rhino &amp; Lion Park- Mini Safari and Lunch</p>



## Accommodation

The dormitories are what we call residences, accommodating more than 5000 students where you will meet students from all walks of life, from all over the world and build life-long relationships. The University of Johannesburg has 22 residences spread across all campuses and 4 day houses.

Soweto Campus (SWC) has three residences - one mixed residence, one female residence and one male residence. Doornfontein Campus (DFC) has eight residences – one senior residence and seven junior residences. The junior residences are divided into two ladies' residences and five men's residences. Auckland Park Bunting Road (APB) Campus has five residences – two senior residences and three junior residences. Both senior residences are mixed-gender residences and the junior residences are divided into two ladies' residences and one men's residence. Auckland Park Kingsway (APK) Campus has ten residences and four day houses. These consist of one senior residence and thirteen junior residences. The senior residence is a mixed-gender residence. Junior residences are divided into five ladies' residences and four men's residences. Day houses are divided into two men's day houses and two

ladies' day houses. Students have to cook by themselves thus giving an opportunity to showcase their culinary skills and also it helps them integrate easily. All the four campuses are equipped with meeting places, restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, recreational facilities and even shops for added convenience.

### Residence Facilities

- All UJ residences are self-catering. They have fully furnished rooms, fully equipped kitchens, and ablution and shower facilities
- Most residences have television rooms that are open 24 hours a day and have satellite television
- Most residences have laundry facilities available on their premises or nearby
- Braai (barbeque) facilities and recreation centres are available to encourage social integration among students
- All our residences are secured and access controlled. Security personnel patrol all our campuses and residences
- To keep our residences at acceptable hygienic standards, the University has a cleaning staff in all the residences to service the student rooms and the social and academic spaces

## Safety

As with any large city anywhere in the world, security should not be taken for granted. Security concerns in Johannesburg are hugely overstated by sensationalist press but precautions should be taken as you would anywhere else.

Here are some tips to ensure a pleasant and safe stay in our beautiful country:

- Keep valuables such as jewellery and cameras out of sight – pickpockets and “smash and grab” thieves will find you a tempting target
- Do not allow any strangers to assist you at the ATM. It is preferable to also utilise ATM’s on campus or in shopping malls.
- Don’t walk around at night or venture into the seedier areas of Johannesburg on your own – you wouldn’t do it at home, so don’t do it here
- Respect other people’s privacy – ask if it is ok to photograph them before you do so
- Don’t give money to beggars – not all those you see begging are genuine and you are vulnerable if you open your wallet in plain sight
- Keep your windows closed and car doors locked when travelling and put all valuables such as handbags and shopping bags in the trunk, out of sight. Don’t leave valuables on the seat where they can be seen
- Plan your route before you set off to a place you have not been before. If you do get lost, don’t ask assistance from passing strangers, find a well-lit petrol station and ask there instead. Use a GPS as an added precaution
- Avoid casual sex. HIV infection is highest in Africa and not to be taken lightly
- Making friends is great but allowing a stranger to take you somewhere you don’t know is dangerous
- Do not allow strangers into your place of residence
- Travel with your mobile/cell phone and have emergency numbers keyed in
- When you go out, please do not leave your drinks unattended, either take it with you or get a friend to keep an eye on your drink. Date rape drugs a reality throughout the world, so be cautious
- Be cautious and plan ahead. If something wouldn’t be sensible in your home town, its certainly not a good idea in a strange place



## Medical Aid

All international students need to comply with visa regulations as determined by the Immigration Act, Act 19 of 2004.

Regulation 10 (1) (i) determines the following:

An applicant for a study visa is required to provide proof of medical aid cover with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, Act 131 of 1998, recognized in the Republic. Although you may, with some other international insurance or medical product, secure a study visa from a South African visa issuing authority, the University of Johannesburg, in accordance with the Immigration Act, does not recognise such medical cover for registration purposes.

The university requires proof of full medical aid cover as described, paid upfront for the duration of your studies in a particular academic year.

The following are medical aid companies with developed student focused products that are registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act. They offer the minimum benefits that a student may need while in South Africa. These schemes have weekly consultation sessions on all campuses throughout the year.

### MOMENTUM HEALTH

+27 (0) 83 3081081

or +27 (0) 12 671 8511

[www.ingwehealth.co.za](http://www.ingwehealth.co.za)

[studenthealth@momentum.co.za](mailto:studenthealth@momentum.co.za)

[neville.govender@momentum.co.za](mailto:neville.govender@momentum.co.za)

You are welcome to visit the website of the Medical Schemes Council in South Africa to explore other medical cover options. The address is: <https://www.medicalschemes.co.za/regulated-entities/medical-schemes-in-south-africa/>

## Immunizations or Vaccinations

Travellers entering South Africa from countries where yellow fever is endemic are often required to present their yellow World Health Organization (WHO) vaccination record or other proof of inoculation, or they must be inoculated at the airport in order to be permitted entry. It is recommended that students planning to study nursing, social work or any other subject which involves working with the underprivileged community, have a course of Hepatitis B inoculating starting, if possible, 9 months prior to arrival in South Africa. It is recommended that you consult your personal physician in your home country for further advice and information on inoculations.

Precautions should be taken if travelling to the Kruger National Park and other low altitude game parks and surrounding areas. Malaria prophylaxis should be taken before arriving in, during your stay in, and after departure from, these areas. Remember that to be effective these anti-malaria drugs must be taken regularly and in strict accordance with the doctor's instruction ([www.travelclinic.co.za](http://www.travelclinic.co.za)).



## Money Matters

Where a student exchange agreement exists between the UJ and another academic institution, tuition fees are waived upon registration of an exchange student. The cost of direct enrolment is R33 000.00 per semester in 2015. All the students at the UJ are required to pay the following additional amounts:

International Management fee:  
R 17 000.00  
Accommodation:  
± R30 000 per semester

### 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.

Uniformed parking attendants will offer to safeguard your car for a tip from two Rand upwards.

Regarding living in South Africa, the average rate of exchange is around \$1 = R18.00 - R20.00. The figures below give a rough estimate of the cost of basic necessities:

### Food

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|---|------------|
| • 1 loaf of bread   | R 20.00    |
| • 1 kg of potatoes  | R 25.00    |
| • 2 l of milk   | R 37.00    |
| • 1 dozen eggs<br>(Depending on size whether Free Range or not) | R 60.00    |
| • Medium pizzas   | R 90.00    |
| • Monthly groceries for one person                              | R 4 500.00 |

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 when you arrive.

Please note: A commission fee is charged every time you exchange currency.

### Tipping

Tipping is common practice in South Africa for a range of services. In restaurant the accepted standard is around 10% of the bill, although sometimes a gratuity will be included (often in the case of large party). Service station attendants will expect a tip of two or three Rand for filling up with petrol, checking oil, water and tire pressure and cleaning windscreens. It is also appropriate to tip taxi drivers and tour guides.





## The UJ Writing Centre

The University of Johannesburg (UJ) is a comprehensive university with a high undergraduate student population. To ensure that students' access to higher education (HE) translates into success, the UJ has instituted various multi-dimensional student support services. One of these is the Writing Centre (WrC) which provides UJ undergraduate, Honours and BTech students with academic research and writing assistance.

Today, the UJ has four Writing Centres (WrCs), one on each campus.

Each UJ Writing Centre is run by a Writing Centre Coordinator who manages a multidisciplinary team of trained writing consultants, who assist students with various aspects of academic research and writing. The four Writing Centre Coordinators are supported by a Senior Writing Centre Coordinator.

Please click on link for information on how to book - <https://www.uj.ac.za/teaching-and-learning/academic-development-centre-adc/writing-centre/how-to-book/>

## Centre for Psychological Services and Career Development (PsyCaD)

### Disability Services

Disability Services operates within the Centre for Psychological Services and Career Development (PsyCaD) and provides support to students with disabilities within the university. Support services include providing advice and facilitating academic accommodations, in collaborative partnerships with students', university lecturers, departments and faculty.

The unit consist of specialists who provide the following support to students with disabilities

- Confidential consultation sessions;
- Concession (e.g. extra-time, use of assistive devices, venues, etc.) application for tests/exams;
- Test and exam arrangements;
- Training, assistance and advice regarding assistive hardware and software;

- Assistive devices and technology at PsyCaD offices and in the libraries;
- Working with lecturers, residence, campus health, etc. to best support these students;
- Support with Disability bursary applications;
- Access to study material in alternative formats (braille, audio, electronic text);
- Support with accessible transport between campuses, residences and lectures, for those with limited mobility; and
- All our campuses have accessible facilities for students with disabilities.

### Psychological Services

PsyCaD is committed to promoting student mental health through various psychological interventions. These interventions include individual



therapy (counselling), couples' therapy and psychoeducation workshops. There is also an advisory (walk-in) service where you can receive immediate brief support and be directed to the appropriate resources/service. Support groups are available on request.

Sessions are free for UJ students and are generally 30 minutes in duration, however, should the need arise, a longer session may be arranged. Sessions are private and confidential in accordance with the ethics of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) for psychologists.

### Career Services

The PsyCaD Career Services Unit provides a range of career development and graduate recruitment services that support students in their career planning and transition to the workplace upon graduation. The career guidance, assessment, mentoring and counselling programme interventions offered by the Unit span a diverse range of career development support modalities and approaches, ranging from career guidance programmes, designed to assist learners and prospective students to explore career and study options in the Career Resource Centre as well as through online applications, quality career assessment and counselling interventions for individual prospective students, current students and adults in career transition.

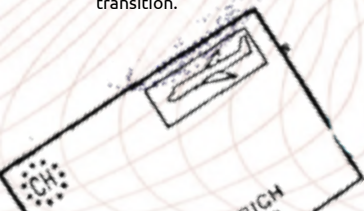
### Psychology Internship

The Centre for Psychological Services and Career Development (PsyCaD) at the University of Johannesburg is an accredited training institute for Intern Psychologists in the category of Educational Psychology and Counselling Psychology. Intern Psychologists are appointed at PsyCaD based on the guidelines and the principles of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (1997).

Psychology Masters students, whom have completed their theoretical year at any accredited South African University, are eligible to complete an internship at PsyCaD. The internship programme is therefore also designed according to the legislation, policies and regulations, as required by the Professional Board for Psychology of the HPCSA.

All Intern Psychologists' duties are carried out under the Supervision of registered Psychologists in PsyCaD, in the relevant registration category. Intern Psychologists receive continuous multi-disciplinary training throughout the year, relevant to their job description and PsyCaD functions.

The internship requires the intern psychologist to provide the services listed below. This is a generic outline of all the services rendered. This represents the required experiences for intern training.





## Tourist Attractions

- The Lion Park where you can see the rare “white lions”, walk with cheetahs and experience a diversity of African wildlife
- Gold Reef City where the old mining past comes to life with shows, authentic costumes and buildings, fabulous restaurants and loads of entertainment
- Apartheid Museum gives a detailed look into the lives of South Africans during the Apartheid era
- Museum Africa - a journey back into the glory years of the African continent's past, when the first civilizations were created and thrived
- The Market Theatre was made famous as the first fully integrated theatre and houses three theatres, restaurants, bar and museum
- Witwatersrand National Botanical Gardens is a great place to hike and admire South Africa's diverse plant heritage. In addition, you can walk to the top of the falls and observe the nesting pair of highly endangered black eagles
- Johannesburg Zoological Gardens covers 81 hectares of land and was founded in 1904. Attractive animal exhibits and spacious indigenous gardens make it the perfect place for a picnic
- Kromdraai Hiking Trails for those who love the open air, spectacular views and exploring on foot
- Melville Koppies is the last conserved remnant of Johannesburg's ridges as they were before the discovery of gold in 1886 and its geology goes back three billion years
- The Cradle of Humankind and the Sterkfontein Caves where some of the most valuable humanoid fossils have been found

For more information on South Africa visit the following websites:

[www.southafrica.info](http://www.southafrica.info)  
[www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net)  
[www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com)  
[www.southafrica-travel.net](http://www.southafrica-travel.net)



## 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

UJ Grades (Revised 7 Feb 20214)	Approximate equivalents:				
	In the US	In the UK	Europe	The 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		7	B+
82.99% - 80.00% Passed with distinction	B-	7		7	B+
79.99% - 77.00% Passed with distinction	C+	7		7	B+
76.99% - 73.00% Passed	C	3	8 – 9.9	6.5	B
72.99% - 70.00% Passed	C-	6		6	C
69.99% - 67.00% Passed	D+	5.5		5.5	D
66.99% - 63.00% Passed	D	1-5		1-5	Fail
62.99% - 60.00% Passed	D-				
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