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FOUR REASONS to make Rhodes University your **ACADEMIC** choice

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READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Rhodes is part of a small group of research-intensive universities in South Africa, and significantly, the only research-intensive university located outside a major urban area. This positioning has enormous implications for students' learning experience, with many undergraduate courses' curriculum comprising of 'service-learning', where students use their knowledge to engage with local communities through various projects.

The University has extensive volunteer programme which features projects such as the undergraduates' weekly mentorship programme at local schools. The advantages of being a university in a small town mean the proximity to various locations make volunteering and service-learning a practical proposition. Many students tout their community engagement experience as one of the most positive aspects of their time at Rhodes —attesting to the maturity and knowledge gained; from experiencing diversity to contributing in making a difference to the lives of those less fortunate.

READY FOR HIGH-QUALITY TEACHING?

The demands of study at university are very different from high school. First-year classes are usually larger than any experienced at school, and students must do much of the learning on their own.



READY FOR A DEGREE WITH LASTING VALUE?

The job market is changing at a fast pace thanks to advances in technology and other areas—jobs may not exist in their current format or even may not exist at all in 10 years! The general formative degrees offered at Rhodes provides students with in-depth knowledge and skills across two disciplinary areas. This allows students to work across a wide range of careers.

Furthermore, there is ample evidence, our graduates with this degree are employable, with many opting to do a range of more narrowly focused, one-year vocational 'top-up' qualifications.

ABOUT RHODES

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Minimum Faculty Requirements:

Subject Required	Extended Studies	Dean's Discretion	Points
Commerce:			
Mathematics	34 – 37	38 – 44	45
Education:			
Two languages at level 4 (50 - 59%) Maths/Maths Lit level 4 (50% - 59%) level 3 (40 - 49%)	-	32 – 39	40+
Humanities:			
-	30 – 34	34 – 44	45
Pharmacy:			
Mathematics, Life and Physical Sciences	-	40 – 44	45
Science:			
Mathematics, Physical Science or Life Science	-	38 – 44	45

Law: As from 2020 a small number of students will be admitted into LLB1, with the view to complete the LLB in four years. The other access points to the LLB remain available, with the majority of students entering the LLB degree after obtaining a first Bachelor's degree with Law as one of the major subjects, to complete the degree over two years; or with a Bachelor's degree without Law as a major, to complete the degree over three years.

All Faculties: Life Orientation is not counted for points, but you are required to obtain at least level 4 (50%) for acceptance.

EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMME:

As an alternative route to studies at Rhodes, a limited number of students who show great potential are exposed to a carefully designed and supportive learning environment, which enhances their ability to succeed. This option is for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, on condition that they extend their degree over an extra year. It is, therefore, essential full information is provided when completing the application form as this forms part of the decision-making process by the Dean.

National Benchmark Tests (NBT)

It is recommended that all first-time university entering South African applicants write the NBT. If the applicant does not meet the automatic entry requirements, the NBT results will form part of the Dean's decisions-making on applications. These test results can also be used if a candidate does not meet the entrance requirements in their final examinations.

There are two tests which are written throughout the year at various centres;

- The **Academic and Quantitative Literacy test (AQL)** consists of two components, namely, academic literacy and quantitative literacy. All applicants should write the AQL test.
- The **Mathematics test (MAT)**, this test is for applicants who wish to enter the following faculties: Commerce, Pharmacy and Science.

For further information about NBT, dates and venues, please visit: www.nbt@ac.za or call 021 650 3523

INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

An APS of 40 points and above will receive a firm offer, 37-39 points will remain on hold until the end of September to be considered by the Dean if space is available. Candidates who offer a combination of Advanced Level (A), Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS), Ordinary Level (O), Higher International General Certificate of Secondary Education (HIGCSE) and International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), five different subjects are counted. The basic minimum requirements for admission to the University is a certificate of Full Exemption or Foreign Conditional Exemption from the Matriculation Board (**visit:** <http://heenrol.ac.za>).

Applicants who have passed A levels are eligible for full exemption provided the passes in approved subjects meet the following requirements:

A Level

Symbols A- E (minimum of 2 subjects) AS level: symbols A-D (4 subjects and 1 at O level) O level: symbols A-C (maximum of 3 subjects) At least 2 subjects at A level and 3 different subjects at O level or 3 subjects at A level and 2 at O level.

Points/Rating

Symbol/ Result/ Grade	Points Awarded				
A, O & IGCSE	A	B	C	D	E
HIGCSE	1	2	3	4	-
IB	7	6	5	4	3
A level	10	9	8	7	6
AS level	9	8	7	6	-
HIGCSE	8	7	6	-	-
O level & IGCSE	5	4	3	-	-
IB	10	9	8	7	6
→ HL → SL	7	6	5	4	3

For candidates who offer A and O levels and HIGCSE and IGCSEs, five different subjects are counted. An additional one fifth (1/5) of the total is added to this total. Zimsec students only deduct three points for a final count.

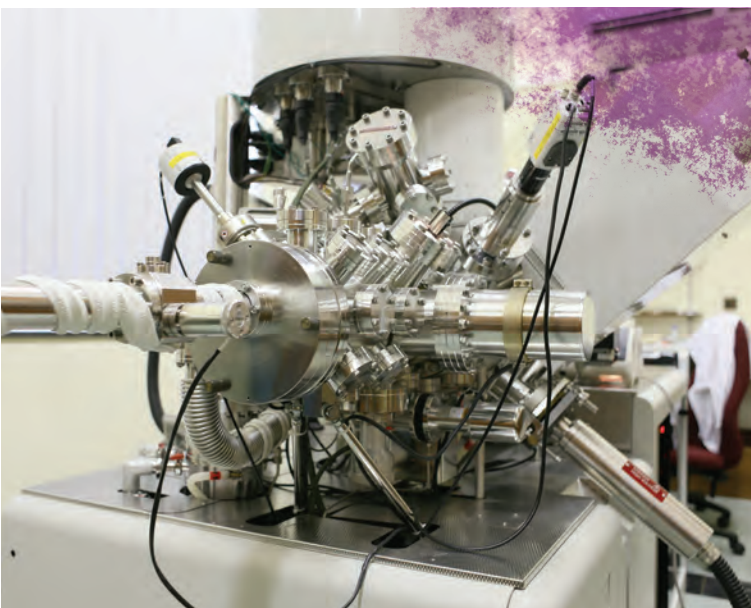
ADMISSIONS

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FACULTY OF LAW:

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree is the minimum academic qualification for practising law in South Africa. At Rhodes, the LLB degree is offered as a four-year programme, a two-year programme, or a three-year programme. As from 2020, a small number of LLB1 students will be admitted to the faculty. Most students who wish to pursue legal studies will register for a general degree in another faculty. Students may select courses from a wide range of subjects and a variety of permutations exists. Only in their second year do students decide which route to follow, which also enables students who discover in their first year that they are not suited to a career in law to change their study direction without forfeiting a year of study. The faculty's resources are limited, and students' academic results play an essential role when applications for admission into the LLB are considered.

Degrees	Requirements	Focus
LLB 4 years	A small number of students who meet the admissions criteria (to be published in the course of 2018), will be admitted to the faculty of Law as LLB1 students as from 2019.	Law
BA/ Bcom / BSc Law 5 years (3 degree and 2 LLB)	Be registered in one of these faculties: Commerce, Humanities & Science Subject: Legal theory 3 (60%).	Combined Law: Commercial, Patent or Environmental Law etc
LLB 3 years	A Bachelor's degree without Law subjects.	Law



FACULTIES

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FACULTY OF PHARMACY:

The Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at Rhodes is a four-year programme. The curriculum for this degree is set by the South African Pharmacy Council. While the general curriculum is prescribed, each university offering Pharmacy, has a different emphasis, thus making transfers between different Schools or Faculties of Pharmacy in South Africa difficult.

In the final year, students are permitted to select electives and will undertake a research project in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the qualification.

Courses	Subjects
Pharm 1	Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, Cell Biology, Introduction ICT, Mathematics IS, Biochemistry and Foundations of Pharmacy
Pharm 2	Anatomy & Physiology 2, Pharmaceutical Chemistry 2, Pathology 2, Microbiology 2, Pharmacoeutics 2, Biochemistry 2 and Pharmacy practice 2
Pharm 3	Pharmaceutical Chemistry 3, Biostatistic, Pharmacology 3, Pharmaceutics 3 and Pharmacy practice 3
Pharm 4	Research Project, Pharmacotherapy, Elective, Pharmacology 4, Pharmaceutics 4 and Pharmacy practice 4

FACULTY OF SCIENCE:

The ordinary first degree is taken over three years, and the key feature of the Bachelor of Science degree (BSc) is its flexibility. Within the confines set by the timetable, students can combine subjects in myriad ways to create curricula that meet their interests. This flexibility includes allowing students to take a major subject from commerce, the humanities and law such that students can major in Environmental Science and Anthropology, Biochemistry and Law or Geology and Economics.

The BSc does not set out to educate or train a student for a career but instead allows for the construction of a knowledge and skills base that prepares a student for a wide range of possible careers or advanced study in their chosen subject. The flexibility in curriculum design creates an opportunity for students to decide if they are attracted to trans-disciplinary academic training and education.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
Bachelor of Science (BSc) 3 years	Mathematics 60% Physical Sciences Life Science 50%	Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences and Life Sciences
Bachelor of Information Systems (BSc InfoSys) 3 years	Mathematics 70%	Information Systems, Computer Science and Economics Management



ACCOMMODATION:

Approximately half of our students reside within our 55 residences, while the other half stay off-campus and are referred to as Oppidans.

Residences

The Rhodes residential system is key to the tradition of friendship and kinship. Currently consisting of fourteen halls of residence, each housing between 50 to 120 students, grouped around a central dining hall. Each residence has four houses which have individual constitutions, rules and traditions. Some halls have both men's and women's houses, while others are for men or women only.

Although most student rooms are single, some first-year students may be allocated to the few double rooms in various residences; an application may also be made for a double room. The residences are run by hall wardens who are responsible for the general organisation and management of the hall, with the hall committee, acting as an advisory body. Hall and house wardens are always available to help and advise students, but their function is not that of a surrogate parent or 'watchdog'. Rules are kept to a minimum, but are there to maintain an orderly, peaceful environment conducive to studying and community living.

For further information please visit: <http://www.ru.ac.za/studentlife/residences>

Oppidans

An Oppidan is an inhabitant of a university town, a student living off-campus in accommodation rented independently of Rhodes, also known as an Oppi in short.

There is an Oppidan Committee whose purpose is to engage with students and look after their interests through keeping open channels of communication. They also assist Oppidan students by providing a support base in the transition between schools and University. They organise events to foster a sense of togetherness so that Oppies do not feel excluded from university life because they do not live on-campus. Advice is given on signing lease agreements and being an employer. Through the Oppidan Committee, first-year students can request to be assigned a mentor who will assist them adjust and settle to the university life off-campus.

Oppidans have access to facilities such as the Stephen Bantu Biko building, where the Oppidan dining hall is located, as well as the Oppidan common room where students can relax and have tea and coffee, watch TV or play a game of pool in-between lectures. Free bus service is available until 10pm on weekdays to transport Oppidans.

For further information please visit: <http://www.ru.ac.za/oppidan>



STUDENT SPORTS:

The University has many active sports clubs to choose from. A wide range of activities supported by excellent competitive and recreational facilities and equipment which all students are entitled to make use of, at whatever level, enabling both competitive and recreational sportspeople to fulfil their sporting ambitions. All the sports facilities, excluding those required for rowing, sailing and canoe, are located on-campus and within easy walking distance from the residences. Involvement in sports at Rhodes holds the promise of opportunity, achievement, enjoyment, the establishment of lifelong friendships and, above all, a well-rounded university experience. If you are serious about your sporting and recreational pursuits and want to experience the enjoyment and camaraderie that sport can provide, Rhodes is the place for you!

Aikido	Goju Ryu	Sailing
Aquatics	Golf	Soccer
Archery	Hockey	Squash
Athletics	Kung Fu	Surfing
Badminton	Mountain Hiking & Climbing	Table Tennis
Basketball	Netball	Tae Kwon Do
Canoeing	Pool	Tennis
Chess	Rifle	Volleyball
Cricket	Rowing	Underwater Hockey
Fly Fishing	Rugby	Scuba Diving

STUDENT SOCIETIES:

Rhodes boasts a wide variety of diverse Societies. They include the following categories: Political, Academic & Development, General, International & Cultural and Religious

STUDENT SUPPORT

University life is not always plain sailing. While some students settle down quickly and easily, others need a bit of assistance and support along the way. Through the office of Student Affairs, the University can provide assistance of all kinds; free and confidential support from the Counselling Centre, professional and comprehensive primary healthcare from the Health Care Centre and the caring and sensitive warden staff who are ready to go the extra mile to ensure that students are happy and able to focus on their studies.

Some students know where they are headed, others might need a little guidance; whatever the case, students have access to a Career Centre which offers year-round advice and workshops to help students with their future career plans. A well-subscribed Graduate Recruitment Programme runs during the third term where more than 60 national and international employers visit to recruit students. Further details are available in the *Student support guide booklet*.

LIST OF SUBJECTS:

- Accounting
- Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies
- IsiXhosa
- Anthropology
- Biochemistry & Microbiology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics & Economics History
- Education
- English
- English Language & Linguistics
- Environmental Science
- Fine Art
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- History
- Human Kinetics & Ergonomics
- Ichthyology & Fisheries Science
- Information Systems
- Journalism & Media Studies
- Legal theory
- Management
- Mathematics (Pure & Applied)
- Modern Fiction
- Music & Musicology
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physics & Electronics
- Political & International Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Zoology & Entomology

DISABILITY SUPPORT

Which students can we help?

- Students with mobility impairments
- Students with hearing impairments
- Students with sight impairments
- Students with learning impairments such as dyslexia
- Students diagnosed with disabilities or chronic conditions that might negatively affect their studies such as diabetes and Asperger's Syndrome

For more information, contact:

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Email: studentaffairs@ru.ac.za

RU Student Bureau

T: 046 603 8276

F: 046 603 8300

E: registrar@ru.ac.za

Postal Address:

PO Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140

Visit our website: www.ru.ac.za

Prospective students:

www.ru.ac.za/studentzone

Download application:

www.ru.ac.za/applying

STUDENT FEES:

Fees are set by the University Council during October or November each year; the exact fees will be published in the fees' booklet sent to all students in December.

If you are offered an academic place at the University, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable deposit to book your academic place and residence (if required). The deposit will be credited to your account when you register. Full details of the amount due will be detailed in the letter of offer.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Merit Scholarships

South African NSC candidates:

APS	Humanities & Commerce	Science & Pharmacy
53 – 56 points	Full Tuition	Full Tuition
51 – 52 points	R35 251	Full Tuition
49 – 50 points	R33 779	R33 779
47 – 48 points	R29 940	R29 940

South African candidates with foreign qualifications calculated on final grade 12 results, no applications required:

APS	Humanities & Commerce	Science & Pharmacy
> =48 points	Full Tuition	Full Tuition
46 – 47 points	R35 251	Full Tuition
44 – 45 points	R33 779	Full Tuition

Sport Scholarships

Awards are made at the end of each year. The awarding of these is based on the achievements and performance of a student throughout the year. Two Sutherland Old Rhodian bursaries are awarded to first-time entering students.

National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

The NSFAS student-centred means that: All applications must be submitted directly to NSFAS online (www.nsfas.org.za).

For further information, please contact:

NSFAS Offices

Tel: 0860 067 327 (share call)

Email: info@nsfas.org.za

Website: www.nsfas.org.za

4. FACULTIES

FACULTY OF COMMERCE:

The Faculty of Commerce offers three degrees at the undergraduate level and comprises four departments: Accounting, Economics, Information Systems, and Management. The faculty prepares its graduates for the leading roles they will be expected to play in their professional lives in the new millennium.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
Business Science (BBS) 4 years	Mathematics 70%	Computer Science, Economics, Information Systems, Management and Quantitative Management
Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) 3 years	Mathematics 50%	General Curriculum, Accounting, Law and Inter-faculty
Bachelor of Economics (BEco) 3 years	Mathematics 50%	Environmental Economics, Mineral Economics, Social Sciences and Business Sciences
BCom Extended Studies 4 years	Mathematics 50%	Additional Literacy and Numeracy Courses

FACULTY OF EDUCATION:

Rhodes offers two ways to qualify as a professional teacher;

- Through a four-year Bachelor of Education (Foundation Phase Teaching) degree
- By complete a bachelor's degree in another Faculty and then cap it with the one-year Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

If you are planning to do a PGCE, please check your undergraduate curriculum with the Dean of Education. This is to ensure you have the appropriate subjects required for teaching in your undergraduate degree.

Degrees	Requirements	Phases
Bachelor of Education (BEDFP) 4 years	40+ (32 – 39 Dean's Discretion) Two languages at level 4, Maths at level 3 / Maths Lit at level 4	Foundation Phase Teaching
Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) 1 years	Bachelor's Degree	Foundation Phase Teaching (Grade R-3), Intermediate Phase Teaching (Grade 4-6), Senior Phase Teaching (Grade 7-9) and FET Teaching (Grade 10-12)

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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES:

Faculty of Humanities offers an excellent liberal art education —an education for life, and an Education which is formative for almost any career choice. A liberal arts education provides students with critical reasoning skills, the ability to analyse and evaluate arguments, to probe for hidden assumptions. It allows students to enjoy the worlds of music, drama, literature and languages.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
BA	45+ (34 – 44 Dean's Discretion)	Languages, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Drama, English, Literature, Politics, Legal Theory etc.
BSS	45+ (34 – 44 Dean's Discretion)	Psychology, Sociology, Politics, Anthropology, Economics, Management etc.
BFA	45+ (34 – 44 Dean's Discretion)	Fine Art Practice, Art History and Visual Culture
Bmus	45+ (34 – 44 Dean's Discretion)	Instrumental Music, Music Theory etc.
BJourn	45+ (34 – 44 Dean's Discretion)	Same as a BA or BSS with only Journalism in the 4th year
BA/BSS Extended Studies	30 – 34 points	Limited Curriculum (Journalism & Anthropology or Politics & Sociology in the first year)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

NSC AND IEB

The application will only be considered for admission to the University if the applicant qualifies for a bachelor's degree study and the applicant satisfies the University requirements.

To qualify for a bachelor's pass status, learners are required to take seven subjects, four of which are compulsory (two languages, Life Orientation and either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy) and three of the learner's own choice from the subjects on offer at the school.

To qualify for degree studies at Rhodes;



PLEASE NOTE: Obtaining the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance!

Recommended Subject List

Accounting, Agricultural Science, Business Studies, Consumer Studies, Dramatic Arts, Engineering Graphics & Design, Economics, Geography, History, Information, Technology, Languages, Life Sciences, Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy, Music, Physical Science, Religion Studies and Visual Arts.

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Calculate your Admission Point Score (APS)

Subject	Points	Percentage
Home Language: English	7,8	78%
Additional Language: Afrikaans/ IsiXhosa	7,3	73%
Mathematics	6,9	69%
Life Science	7,0	70%
Dramatic Arts	8,9	89%
Accounting	7,3	73%
Life Orientation	0	90%
Additional Mathematics	0	60%
Total Points	45,2	

Apply online visit: www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway

Dean's Decision

If the applicant does not meet the required APS of 45 points for automatic acceptance, you may still be considered for a place at the Dean's discretion. Such placements are usually offered to applicants with an APS of 38-44 with some special conditions (see extended studies programme). It is, therefore, essential to give full information when completing the application form as this information will form part of the decision-making process by the Dean.

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