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- **How does the University rank internationally?**

Stellenbosch University (SU) is among South Africa's leading tertiary institutions based on 1) research output, 2) rated scientists and 3) student pass rates. SU boasts the highest weighted research output per full-time academic staff member of all South African universities. Moreover, it produces the second-highest number of scientists in South Africa who have been rated by the *National Research Foundation* (NRF). It also has the highest student success rate in the country.

SU is cementing its reputation as a world-class institution of academic excellence. According to the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*, SU is one of the top 300 universities globally, and among the top 20 in *BRICS* countries. It also features among the world's elite institutions in 10 of the 36 subjects featured in the *QS World University Rankings by Subject*.

- **What is the Admission Points Score (APS) OR minimum requirements to gain entry to the University?**

SU uses minimum admission requirements to consider students for entry into a programme. While our programmes have different minimum requirements, it is important to note that meeting the minimum requirement will not necessarily guarantee you automatic entry into a programme. Our faculties only have a certain number of spaces available and provisional acceptance will be given to the best candidates. Some programmes are also selection programmes, which means other factors will be considered as well.

- For more information on programme requirements, visit: www.maties.com > What can I study > Undergraduates (select your relevant faculty)
- Our minimum requirements booklet can also be downloaded at: http://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc={ADE90E-FB-F0E8-45E9-B117-A358AC4694CB}&file=2020%20Minimumvereistesboekie_Eng.pdf&action=default

- **How many first-year students are accepted at SU?**

When taking note of the number of accepted first-year students per year (refer to the following table), please note the following important context. Faculties have an overbooking system that ensures that they meet the targeted number of students each year; that being said, faculties must still apply rigorous quality control to ensure that they accept the best students into their programmes.

For 2020, SU received 42 000 applications and roughly 10 000 students will be accepted provisionally; as in previous years, SU finally hopes to register 5 500 first-year students.

Faculty	Number of students accepted
AgriSciences	460
Science	700
Engineering	715
Medicine and Health Sciences	434
Economic and Management Sciences	1560
Arts and Social Sciences	1050
Education	235
Law	120
Theology	67
Military Sciences	100

- **How does applying to SU work?**

Prospective students apply to SU in their grade 12 year using their final grade 11 results. Applications open from 1 March 2021 and close on 30 June 2021. Please note that we can only consider a COMPLETE application, which means you must follow ALL the steps to complete the application and upload ALL the necessary documents as requested. Take note of the important resources below.

- **How to apply** - including which documents to submit and how many programmes you can apply for:

www.maties.com > Apply > How to apply

www.maties.com > Apply > Application documents

- **Can you apply for a programme in the same faculty?**

www.maties.com > Apply > Select your programme

- **National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)**

Usually all students applying to SU need to write the NBTs prior to registering.

Students interested in programmes in the Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences and Law must write the NBTs by 30 June 2021, as this forms part of their selection.

Important note: Due to COVID-19, students wanting to register in 2021 do **not** have to write the NBTs. The website will still be updated for students wanting to study in 2022

www.maties.com > Apply > National Benchmark Test

- **What is the difference between provisional and final acceptance?**

Students are provisionally accepted to the University based on their final grade 11 results. This provisional acceptance process takes place during your grade 12 year. Your final admission will be subject to your performance in the final grade 12 examination. Final admission will only be granted once the results of the final examination have been released in January of your first study year.

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the timeline for the 2021 first-year students will look different to the one we usually follow.

- **What are the various funding opportunities available to me?**

There is a wide variety of funding opportunities available to students. It is VERY important to do your research on this topic well in advance, since all the application processes and closing dates differ and you don't want to miss out. Take note that application for these bursaries takes place during your grade 12 year.

- Our website offers a summary of various opportunities:
www.maties.com > Bursaries & Loans
- Also, refer to the bursaries resource page on the GoStudy website:
<https://www.gostudy.net/bursaries>
- All major banks have loan schemes. Furthermore, many private companies specialise in student loans, like FUNDI:
<https://www.fundi.co.za/educational-services/bursary-fund-administration>
- Lastly, take note of the NSFAS bursary scheme for students from households where the joint gross annual income is below R350 000:
<https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/bursary-scheme.html>

- **What about residence and private accommodation options?**

Important note: The following figures refer to former circumstances when COVID-19 did not demand social distancing protocols. To place living on campus or in town into perspective, it is important to mention that our undergraduate residences take in 2 000 first year students annually (1 000 men and 1 000 women). The remainder of the first-year students (3 500) choose to either live privately or commute to campus.

The following question often arises: who gets placed in residence and what is the academic cut-off point? This differs every year, as the academic strength of the application pool of that year will determine the cut-off point. As a rule of thumb, applying with an A-average will give you a relative chance of getting placement, BUT it will not guarantee you placement. If you really want to get a place in residence, then study as hard as you can to increase your average.

- More information on University residences:
www.maties.com > Accommodation > University residences
www.maties.com > Accommodation > Placement for prospective students
- More information on private accommodation:
www.maties.com > Accommodation > Private accommodation

- **What is SU's language policy?**

SU's language policy offers support for multilingualism without excluding students who are not proficient in either Afrikaans or English. The policy is based on the principles that the University's languages of instruction must promote access and academic success. The policy explicitly makes provision for students who prefer to study in Afrikaans, while also improving access to education for students who are proficient in English only.

Download the Student FAQ document that explains the language policy in more detail:
<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/about-us/language>

- **Is the campus safe?**

It is important to keep in mind that SU is a town within South Africa and that vigilance is key. For this reason, Campus Security is a service division which assists all students, staff and visitors in creating a safe environment for the University community. Security officers patrol the University grounds and are trained to assist in case of emergencies.

Some services that are on offer:

- **Safety escort at night**

If you need to travel between campus buildings, or from a building to your car after dark (20:00 – 05:00), a security officer will escort you.

- **Safest routes**

Choose the safest route, even if it is not the shortest. Victoria and Bosman Streets must ideally form part of your route, as they are always patrolled vigilantly. At night, a security officer is on duty in the mobile security kiosk.

- **Which co-curricular opportunities are offered at SU?**

- **Maties Sport**

Maties Sport trains student athletes and offer exciting opportunities that include good results both on and off the sport field.

There are various options to consider:

- Pursuing sport in one of the 10 high performance or 20 other sport codes:
<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/sport/sport-clubs>
 - Pursuing sport as part of recreation and an active lifestyle, where the competition is inter-university (i.e. various residences and private student organisations compete against one another).
 - Joining the Maties Gymnasium, a fully equipped gym within walking distance from residences and central campus:
<https://matiesgym.co.za/>
 - **Other activities**
 - SU has more than 60 student societies to choose from:
<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/students/student-societies>
 - The SU Choir is currently ranked number one on the *Interkultur World Ranking List* of the top 1 000 international choirs:
<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/entities/choir/about-the-choir>
- If you have not yet heard this majestic group of young people, do yourself a favour and have a listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoOyilMefLw>

- **What other guidance and resources are on offer?**

- View useful, downloadable (SU-specific) resources including faculty brochures, residence placement brochures, and more.

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/Pages/Content/Teacher.aspx>

- Other **resource** pages:

EduConnect: <https://educonnect.co.za/useful-resources>

Pace Careers: <http://www.pacecareers.com/services.html>

- Free programme choice guidance (complete an online questionnaire to see the programme at SU that would be best suited to your profile):

<https://www.gostudy.net/maties>

- **Do you still have questions?**

1. Make an appointment with an advisor for a VIRTUAL ADVISORY SESSION.

Not able to visit campus? We've got you covered! An advisor will lead your online information session. This session will be structured to give you an overview of Stellenbosch University's application process, admission criteria, financial aid system and student life.

Platforms used for this session include Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp Video Call and Skype, or even a simple telephone call.

- **For bookings, please contact us:**

Email: csr@sun.ac.za

Telephone: 021 808 4709

2. Book a PSYCHOMETRIC ASSESSMENT.

- **Costs:**

Mondays to Fridays: R 2 350 per client

Saturdays: R2 900 per client

Costs are payable within 48 hours after booking. This fee applies to in-office as well as online assessments.

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<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/Pages/Career-CareerAdvice.aspx>

NOTE: WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO MAKE IN-OFFICE BOOKINGS DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

An announcement will be placed on this page as soon as office bookings open again.

Please note:

- We are open during school holidays.
- Assessments are done by appointment only.
- Other services (e.g. career counselling in schools, or special projects and/or workshops) can also be offered. Costs will be determined by the nature of the project.
- We assess students aged 15 to 21 years only.