FAST FACTS
2016/2017

* These statistics are the 2015 audited figures.
Stellenbosch University is located in the town of Stellenbosch, about 50km from Cape Town, in the Winelands region of South Africa’s Western Cape Province.

GPS coordinates: 33°55′59.4″S 18°51′47.3″E
VISION & VALUES

Stellenbosch University is an inclusive, innovative and future-focused institution, a place of discovery and excellence where staff and students are thought leaders in advancing knowledge in service of all stakeholders.

Leadership in service of others
Shared accountability
Empathy
Innovation
Excellence

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Broadening access to the University to diversify our profile of students and staff and gain access to new knowledge markets

Sustaining our momentum of excellence to position the University as the leading research institution in Africa while maintaining our student success rate

Enhancing our societal impact by advancing committed, visionary leadership
1685
Stellenbosch University’s history goes back as far as 1685 when regular schooling began in Stellenbosch.

1859
In this year, higher education in Stellenbosch started with the establishment of the Theological Seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church.

1866
In December 1863, the foundation was laid for the establishment of the Stellenbosch Gymnasium, which became a reality in 1866.

1887
The Victoria College is established as part of Queen Victoria’s golden jubilee. From 1897 to 1900, the College was transformed with the building of several new facilities.

1918
On 2 April 1918 Victoria College became Stellenbosch University after a donation of £100 000 by a local benefactor, Jan Marais.
11 position on Times Higher Education BRICS ranking (out of 200 universities)

302 position on QS World University Rankings (out of 4,382 universities)

301 position on Times Higher Education World University Rankings (out of 800 universities)
TOTAL INCOME PER MAIN COMPONENT (R5 033m)

- Interests and dividends earned: 6.9% (R34.8m)
- Government grants: 31.3% (R1 574m)
- Private donations, grants, and contracts: 22.4% (R1 261m)
- Sales of services and products: 3.6% (R182m)
- Realised profit on disposal of investments: 10.8% (R54.6m)
- Other: 0.4% (R22m)
- Student, accommodation, and other fees: 24.5% (R1 233m)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE PER MAIN COMPONENT (R3 716m)

- Staff costs: 52.2% (R1 939m)
- Other operating expenditure: 24.0% (R893m)
- Rent, maintenance, and repairs: 5.7% (R212m)
- Bursaries (net): 10.8% (R405m)
- Finance cost: 0.5% (R17m)
- Depreciation: 6.8% (R252m)
Research

Weighted Research Output per Headcount
- 2012: 3.08 (first in SA)
- 2013: 2.97 (first in SA)
- 2014: 3.03 (first in SA)

Research Publication Output per Capita
- 2012: 1.36 (first in SA)
- 2013: 1.47 (first in SA)
- 2014: 1.50 (first in SA)

Research Income through Research Contracts and the National Research Foundation
- 2012: R531.5 million
- 2013: R703.4 million
- 2014: R878.9 million

More than 150 bilateral partner institutions in 44 countries in 6 continents
LERNING & TEACHING

3694 undergraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates

2531 postgraduate bachelor’s, honours, diplomas & certificates

1366 master’s degrees

266 doctoral degrees

7857 QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED

OUR FACULTIES

• AgriSciences
• Arts and Social Sciences
• Economic and Management Sciences
• Education
• Engineering
• Law
• Medicine and Health Sciences
• Military Science
• Science
• Theology

10 FACULTIES OFFERING CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREE PROGRAMMES
Stellenbosch University aims to reach the broader community, make a difference, and be relevant to societies, while acknowledging and embracing society’s impact on the University.

1,993 REGISTERED SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS
- Maties Community Service student volunteer programme
- SciMathUS grade 12 bridging programme
- Community-based research communities as active participants and collaborators in research
- Youth Sport Development Initiative school sport partnerships
- Service Learning academic credit for community work
- Periperi U African disaster risk reduction network
30,150 undergraduate, occasional and postgraduate students

11,386 black, coloured, Indian
18,764 white

240 students in international exchange programmes

More than 4,000 international students from more than 100 different countries

Home languages:
- English: 13,316
- Afrikaans: 12,754
- Other official SA languages: 1,595
- Other languages: 1,182
- IsiXhosa: 964
1016 Academic Staff
2205 Management & Non-Academic Staff
281 Postdoctoral Fellows

372 NRF-Rated Scientists of which 13 are A-rated
50 Staff Members in International Exchange Programmes
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