


NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY

IN BRIEF





Dynamic and forward-thinking,
Nelson Mandela University
is a leader in generating
cutting-edge knowledge for a
sustainable future. **We strive
to change the world.**



WHO WE ARE

AS A SOCIALLY EMBEDDED AFRICAN UNIVERSITY IN THE SERVICE OF SOCIETY, WE OFFER A RANGE OF **LIFE-CHANGING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES, IMPACTFUL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, AND TRANSFORMATIVE ENGAGEMENT.**

These academic core missions are rooted in and informed by recent milestones in the University's history, such as the 2017 name change to Nelson Mandela University, the Vice-Chancellor's listening campaign, inaugural and Advancing Mandela addresses, and a transversal organisational redesign process.

Founded on more than a century of quality higher education, Nelson Mandela University nurtures innovation, fosters creativity, embraces technological advancement, and develops people to add value in an evolving world.

We offer quality higher education to nearly 32 000 students across seven campuses, making us the largest university in the Eastern and Southern Cape.

Vision

To be a dynamic African university, recognised for its leadership in generating cutting-edge knowledge for a sustainable future.

Mission

To offer a diverse range of life-changing educational experiences for a better world.

Values

Diversity Excellence Ubuntu Social justice and equality
Integrity Sustainable stewardship

OUR IDENTITY

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY EMBRACES THE RESPONSIBILITY, AND HONOUR, OF BEING THE ONLY UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD TO BEAR THE NAME OF THE LATE NELSON MANDELA. **THIS BRINGS WITH IT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO EMBODY HIS LEGACY AND ETHOS.**

Nelson Mandela's lifelong struggle for a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic society, where all citizens are treated with respect and dignity, resonates with the attributes we strive to instil in our graduates. Transformation and the need to build cohesion in promoting social justice and equality are integral to this.

Whether they step on to one of our campuses in person or meet us online, we want all stakeholders to experience Mandela's presence intellectually as well as visually through the values-driven conduct of our students and staff, our built environment and artworks, and our inclusive institutional culture.

This includes the commitment to developing emergent African scholars and academics who bring a diversity of thought to conventional knowledge systems and paradigms.





WHAT WE OFFER

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY IS A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS BOTH GENERAL FORMATIVE AND PROFESSIONALLY ORIENTATED ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES **FROM CERTIFICATE THROUGH TO DOCTORAL LEVEL.**

We have a strong track record in both fundamental and applied research, working extensively in partnership with business, industry, government, and civil society.

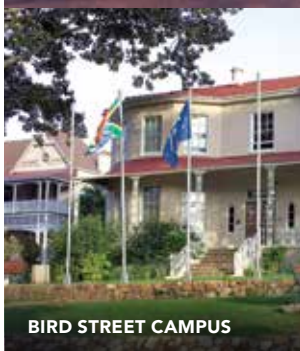
The institution has approximately 500 study programmes across seven faculties that are internationally recognised and accredited by the relevant professional bodies.

State-of-the-art information technology services include WiFi connectivity across all campuses and in numerous off-campus facilities, as well as advanced technological resources and digital aids geared to effective in-person and blended modes of learning and teaching.

Along with a first-class education, Nelson Mandela University provides students with a vibrant student life beyond the classroom.



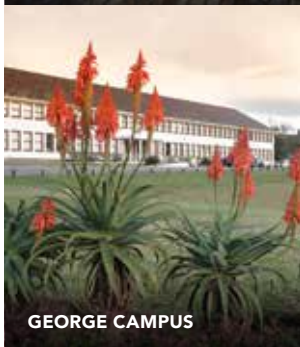
NORTH CAMPUS



BIRD STREET CAMPUS



OCEAN SCIENCES CAMPUS



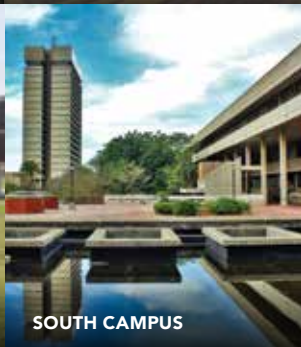
GEORGE CAMPUS



SECOND AVENUE CAMPUS



MISSIONVALE CAMPUS



SOUTH CAMPUS

OUR CAMPUSES

OUR **SEVEN CAMPUSES** HAVE A LARGE, EVER-INCREASING FOOTPRINT, WITH SIX IN GQEBERHA IN THE EASTERN CAPE.

Of these four are in Summerstrand, one in Bird Street in Central, and one in Missionvale. Our North and South campuses in Summerstrand are located on an 840-hectare private nature reserve.

Our George Campus is on the Garden Route, midway between Nelson Mandela Bay and Cape Town. Set at the foot of the Outeniqua Mountains, our “sustainability” campus is where our ecological footprint meets business acumen for a sustainable future.



VISION 2030

THE UNIVERSITY'S VISION 2030 STRATEGY IS A PLANNING ROADMAP FOR THE CURRENT DECADE. **IT HIGHLIGHTS STRATEGIC TRAJECTORIES THAT DIFFERENTIATE OUR UNIQUE ACADEMIC OFFERINGS.**

Medical School

Our Medical School is intentionally anchored in Missionvale to engender urban renewal. The MBChB programme sets out to train competent and committed primary healthcare oriented medical doctors. They learn how to work collaboratively as members of inter-professional teams, and practice in holistic and culturally sensitive ways.

Ocean Sciences

The only ocean sciences campus in South Africa offers a range of inter- and transdisciplinary marine and maritime education and training, research, innovation, and engagement programmes to support Africa's blue economy.





Revitalising the Humanities

Our critical engagement with what it means to revitalise the humanities includes a focus on decoloniality and indigenous knowledges. This is part of our quest to reimagine the transformative potential of all disciplines in awakening African scholarship and systems of thought.

Engagement and Repositioning

The University is on a journey of transformative engagement, which fosters equalising partnerships with stakeholders. In co-creating a socially embedded and responsive university, in part through our Hubs of Convergence and humanising practices, we strive to make a tangible difference in our communities.

Virtual Academy and Inclusive Digitalisation

Advancing digitalisation in pursuit of inclusive excellence includes addressing the digital divide, broadening access to mobile devices and data connectivity, and upskilling students and staff for flexible modes of learning and work. University funding has been invested in expanding networking and connectivity infrastructure, e-readiness and cybersecurity.

Sustainability

The University approaches sustainability in a holistic manner, recognising the need to advance the ecological, social and economic dimensions. Sustainability science is a fundamental facet of all disciplines, and academic sustainability principles, are transversally embedded in our academic programmes, research, partnerships and support services to promote a fair, liveable and viable world.

Student Entrepreneurship and Youth Employability

Building on the successes of our Student Employability and Entrepreneurship Development project and Madibaz Youth Entrepreneurship Lab, the University is gearing up to create a youth entrepreneurship incubator in partnership with key external stakeholders.

Food Security and Food Sovereignty

The challenge of food security is interconnected with those relating to safe, reliable sources of water and energy. In response, Nelson Mandela University has established a Food Systems Working Group and various other interventions to address the challenge of hunger in the context of climate change.

Women and Gender Studies

With gender-based violence one of the most intractable challenges confronting South Africa, Nelson Mandela University established the Centre for Women and Gender Studies to promote social transformation through women empowerment and gender equality. This drive has been significantly bolstered by the launch of the DSI-NRF SARCHI Chair in African Feminist Imagination, held by Professor Pumla Gqola. The Chair studies the creative arts, popular culture, and other expressions of African feminist energies, while expanding theory and scholarship, and training future generations of scholars.



RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY HAS **SIX** **TRANSVERSAL INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH THEMES:**

Ocean and Coastal Sciences

Nelson Mandela University encourages research from inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives to contribute to addressing a broad range of complex issues related to oceans and coasts. Areas of study include estuaries, shallow water coastal systems and wetlands, maritime management, ocean governance and law of the seas, ocean cultures and heritage, and pelagic systems.

Social Justice and Democracy

Connected to the values underlying South Africa's Constitution, this theme embodies the ethos of Nelson Mandela University. Research in this area is aimed at creating an inclusive and equitable society through education, research, and community engagement.

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainable Livelihoods

Building on the key research strengths in our natural sciences, this theme has expanded across multiple disciplines. Research on this theme contributes to our commitment to make a positive impact on the world for a sustainable future.

Innovation and the Digital Economy

This theme recognises the imperative to prepare students, staff and stakeholders for rapid digital transformation, not only in information and communication technology, but across all spheres of society.

Origins, Culture, Heritage, and Memory

With South Africa one of the earliest recorded homes of humankind, this theme allows for research on tangible and intangible heritages nationally and internationally. It seeks to establish alternative narratives of the past and uncover silenced knowledge.



Our research and engagement entities are flagship structures, critical in the university's pursuit of impactful research, innovation, internationalisation, and transformative engagement to promote sustainable futures.



Humanising Pedagogies

This theme aims to liberate the full human potential of all staff and students through the pedagogical encounter. Humanising pedagogies advance teaching and learning approaches that enable agency, a sense of coming not only to know, but also to own the knowledge and be empowered by it.

Our 17 research chairs, 92 National Research Foundation-rated researchers, and various institutional and faculty-based entities champion these institutional research themes within and across disciplines.

OUR FACULTIES



Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences

- ▶ Business School
- ▶ School for Industrial Psychology and Human Resources
- ▶ School of Accounting
- ▶ School of Economics, Development & Tourism
- ▶ School of Management Sciences



Faculty of Education

- ▶ Primary School Education: Foundation Phase
- ▶ Primary School Education: Intermediate Phase
- ▶ Secondary School Education
- ▶ Post Schooling
- ▶ Postgraduate Education



Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment and Technology

- ▶ School of Architecture
- ▶ School of Engineering
- ▶ School of Information Technology
- ▶ School of the Built Environment and Civil Engineering



Faculty of Health Sciences

- ▶ Behavioural and Lifestyle Sciences
- ▶ Clinical Care and Medicinal Sciences
- ▶ Medical School



Faculty of Humanities

- ▶ School of Governmental and Social Sciences
- ▶ School of Language, Media and Communication
- ▶ School of Visual and Performing Arts

Faculty of Law

- ▶ Public Law
- ▶ Mercantile Law
- ▶ Private Law
- ▶ Criminal and Procedural Law



Faculty of Science

- ▶ Life, Earth, Environmental and Agricultural Sciences (LEEAS)
- ▶ Physical Sciences
- ▶ Mathematical and Computational Sciences
- ▶ Biosciences and Biotechnology
- ▶ Natural Resource Science and Management (George Campus)
- ▶ X-Stream (where X refers to cross-, multi-, inter- or transdisciplinary)

FACILITIES & VENUES

WE AIM TO PROVIDE NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE **BEST LEARNING, TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND WORK FACILITIES.**

Residences

The skyline of Summerstrand has changed with the construction of much-needed student accommodation in the Sanlam Student Village next to our South Campus. Together with new residences on North Campus, this will provide on-campus accommodation for close to 6 000 students. Nearly 15 000 students stay in accredited off-campus accommodation.

South Campus also has a dedicated postgraduate student village, while international students have access to on-campus residences as well as University houses and accommodation off-campus.

Infrastructure

Recent infrastructure projects include flagship buildings such as:

- Business School: the first building in the educational or public sector to achieve a Four Green Star design rating from the Green Building Council of South Africa.
- Masakhane (BEd Foundation Phase Building), Library and Resource Centre and advanced Medical School facilities on our Missionvale Campus.
- High Performance Complex: a state-of-the-art indoor track-and-field facility and biokinetics gym that assist top athletes to reach their full potential. There is also a new astroturf, and a fitness and aquatic centre, on South Campus, and a gym on George Campus.
- On Ocean Sciences Campus, a Science Centre and Digital Dome is due for completion in 2023.
- Growth in science and engineering has been accommodated through the Inkanyezi (Science building), Mapungubwe and Newtonian buildings (Engineering buildings).

Students have access to well-equipped libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, cafeterias, food courts and coffee shops. Our Madibaz compete actively at all levels using sports facilities that are among the best of any university in the country.

In line with our digital-first approach, ICT infrastructure continues to expand to keep pace with rapid technological advancement and digitalisation.

Upgrading and expansion of disability facilities and assistive technologies is ongoing across all campuses to foster an inclusive and affirming experience for all students, staff, and external stakeholders.





ALUMNI

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENGAGES WITH **MORE THAN 127 757 GRADUATES** SPREAD AROUND SOUTH AFRICA AND INTERNATIONALLY, FROM ALL OUR FOUNDING INSTITUTIONS.

By the end of April 2023, the University had awarded a total of 178 551 qualifications, highlighting how many of our graduates have more than one qualification.

The Alumni Association is an important role player in promoting the interests, image and reputation of the University, with alumni representing the global footprint of the University through their individual and collective efforts.

Past students are encouraged to stay in touch and regular alumni events are hosted throughout South Africa and internationally as part of the University's goal to share in the lifelong learning journey of its graduates.

The Alumni Association has chapters in Nelson Mandela Bay, East London and the Southern Cape as well as in the UK and East Africa. There is also a University Shop, which retails University-branded items on site and online.

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