

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY



INFORMATION

FOR GRADE 9s

What you need to know

You need to...

- **Know yourself** and your own abilities.
- **Understand the world of study.**
- **Understand the world of work** and the requirements of various jobs.
- By getting to grips with these three areas, you will be better equipped to choose the most suitable school subjects and qualification needed to get a job or run your own business one day.



How do you find the answers?

With so many study and career opportunities available, you may still feel unsure about your decision, so:

- **Discuss your plans** with your friends, parents and/or a guidance teacher.
- Go to **Open Days** and **career exhibitions**.
- Visit **workplaces** and talk to people.
- Consider **psychometric assessments**
- **Talk to current students** studying fields you are interested in, and
- **Search the web** and read up about your chosen field.

How do I choose my subjects to get into varsity?

The subjects you select now in Grade 9 will determine which higher education qualification(s) you can apply for. Therefore, the subjects you choose must tie in with a career/study field that you are really interested in.

National Senior Certificate (NSC)

The table below explains what the minimum statutory requirements for each qualification level are (Higher Certificate, Diploma or Degree). The University has also set its own additional minimum entry requirements.

Qualification	Minimum statutory entry requirement
Higher Certificate	Pass the NSC, with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution, together with any other university requirements.
Diploma	Pass the NSC with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution, coupled with an achievement rating of 3 (40–49%) or better in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects, together with any other university requirements.
Bachelor's degree	Pass the NSC with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution, coupled with an achievement rating of 4 (50–59%) or better in four NSC 20-credit subjects together with any other university requirements.

Please note that the achievement of the minimum NSC admission requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission to any programme or field of study at Nelson Mandela University.

Subject selection

Learners are required to select at least seven NSC/IEB subjects up to Grade 12 to obtain a National Senior Certificate (NSC). However, more can be taken in consultation with your school.

Compulsory Subjects:

- **Two official languages** (Home Language, First Additional Language, **or** Second Additional Language) – The language of learning and teaching at Mandela University is **English**. Another language from the provided list of official languages as offered by your school should then be selected.
- **Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy.**
- **Life Orientation (LO).**

Elective subjects:

- **Three** other **elective subjects**, depending on what your school offers should then be selected.

Link between school subject choices and University study fields

Faculties	Subjects to consider
Business and Economic Sciences	Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy* / Accounting / Business Studies / Economics / Consumer Studies/ Computer Applications Technology / Tourism / Hospitality Studies
Education	Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy* / Language(s): English, Afrikaans and/or isiXhosa / Accounting / Business Studies / Economics / Physical Sciences / Geography / Life Sciences / History / Computer Applications Technology
Engineering, the Built Environment & Technology	Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy* / Physical Sciences or Technical Science / Engineering Graphics and Design / Information Technology / Computer Applications Technology / Visual Arts / Design / Business Studies / Civil Technology / Electrical Technology / Marine Sciences / Mechanical Technology
Health Sciences	Mathematics / Physical Sciences / Life Sciences / Computer Applications Technology
Humanities	Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy*/ Business Studies / Computer Application Technology / Design / Dramatic Arts / Geography / History / Music / Religion Studies / Tourism / Visual Arts
Law	English (HL or FAL) / Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy* / Dramatic Arts / Computer Application Technology / Accounting / Business Studies
Science	Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy* / Physical Sciences / Life Sciences / Computer Application Technology / Information Technology / Agricultural Sciences / Engineering Graphics and Design / Agricultural Management Practices / Agricultural Technology / Economics / Geography

*(Please note that Technical Maths and Maths Literacy only provides access to a limited number of courses).

***(If you select Physical Sciences then you must also select Mathematics and not Mathematical Literacy or Technical Mathematics as your numeracy subject).*



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