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- Subject & minimum percentage requirements per qualification.

All qualifications are colour-coded to indicate the faculty in which they are offered.

About Us

Nelson Mandela University is the only university in the world that carries the name of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The University embraces Nelson Mandela's challenge to be "caring, responsible and innovative", and recognises the importance of continuously growing and adapting in the pursuit of knowledge and lifelong learning.

We offer both general and professionally oriented university qualifications, as well as technologically and career oriented programmes. The success of our career-focused programmes lies in the hands-on involvement of industry and business. Undergraduate programmes include: higher certificates, diplomas and first degrees, i.e. bachelor's degrees. All diplomas and some degree programmes are career-focused, while others are more general and allow students to tailor their interests, aptitudes and career plans.

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.
- Please note** that the achievement of the minimum statutory requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission to any programme or field of study.

Qualification	Minimum 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.

Applying to Nelson Mandela University

- Your application for early admission should be submitted before the **August** closing date. Late applications will however only be considered after this date, based on academic merit, until the **September** closing date. Places for some qualifications are limited and it is therefore in your best interest to submit your application early.
- Prospective students must meet the minimum statutory entry requirements based on the **National Senior Certificate (NSC)** or equivalent school-leaving certificate for admission to a higher certificate, diploma or degree qualification, in order to be considered.
- Submission of a completed application form does not mean that you have been accepted as a student, or that you may register. All prospective students are selected in accordance with the admissions policy of the university, and applicants will be notified of the outcome by the Student Access & Enrollment Office.
- Provisional admission is based on your Applicant Score (AS) obtained in your **Grade 11 final**, or **Grade 12 June/September** examinations. However, the final decision is based on your final Grade 12 exam results.
- In addition to the general university admission requirements, each programme also has its own specific requirements.
- If a programme is full, you may be denied admission even though you meet the admission requirements.
- Applicants with international or foreign qualifications must satisfy the requirements laid down by the Matriculation Board to qualify for a certificate of exemption for a particular international or foreign school leaving qualification (refer to table below).

In the case of applications by candidates who have studied at other higher education institutions accredited by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), the results obtained at such institutions will be considered, together with their academic record and certificate of conduct.



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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

2022 GENERAL INFORMATION

International/Foreign/NCV level 4 equivalency conversion table												
<ul style="list-style-type: none">South African and International applicants with International, NCV level 4 or Foreign School-Leaving certificates, should use the table below to calculate an equivalent Applicant Score (AS) for admission, based on percentages obtained in such certificatesApplicants with international or foreign qualifications must also satisfy the requirements laid down by the Matriculation Board to qualify for a certificate of exemption for a particular international or foreign school-leaving qualification. Applications for such certificates must be made to the Matriculation board directly: https://mb.usaf.ac.za/Applicants who wish to comply with the minimum Applicant Score (AS) set for the UG qualification they wish to apply for, as well as meet any other additional subject requirements directly.To calculate your Applicant Score (AS) use the symbols/achievement rating/percentages obtained in your school-leaving examinations in order to convert them to an equivalent achievement standard on the National Senior Certificate (NSC).												
Subject % to use when calculating the Applicant Score*	Senior Cert HG	Senior Cert SG	HIGCSE NSSC HL	IGCSE NSSC OL	O-LEVEL	AS	A-LEVEL	IB HL	IB SL	KCSE	NC(V)** Fundamental	NC(V)4 Vocational
115							A*, A	7			Use your actual percentage(s) listed on your statement of result / final certificate	
105							B	6				
95	A		1			A	C	5	7	A+ A		
85	B		2			B	D	4	6	A-		
75	C	A	3	A	A	C	E	3	5	B+		
65	D	B		B	B	D		2	4	B, B-		5 (90-100%)
55	E	C	4	C	C	E		1	3	C+		5 (80-89%)
45	F	D		D	D				2	D		4 (70-79%)
35	FF	E		E	E							3 (50-69%)
25	G, GG, H	F, FF, G, GG, H		F, G					1	E		2 (40-49%)
												1 (0-39%)
*Your AS is calculated using six subjects, which must include the language(s) and subjects required for admission, but excluding Life Orientation (LO).												
NSC – National Senior Certificate												
Level – Ordinary level												
Senior Cert HG – Senior Certificate Higher Grade												
AS – Advanced Subsidiary												
Senior Cert SG – Senior Certificate Standard Grade												
A-Level – Advanced level												
HIGCSE – Higher International Graduate Certificate of Secondary Education												
IB HL – International Baccalaureate Schools (Higher Levels)												
IGCSE – International Graduate Certificate of Secondary Education												
IB SL – International Baccalaureate Schools (Standard Levels)												
NSSC HL – Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Higher Levels												
KCSE – Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education												
NSSC OL – Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Levels												
NC(V) 4 – National Certificate Vocational Level 4												

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IB HL – International Baccalaureate Schools (Higher Levels)

IGCSE – International Graduate Certificate of Secondary Education

IB SL – International Baccalaureate Schools (Standard Levels)

NSSC HL – Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Higher Levels

KCSE – Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education

NSSC OL – Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Levels

NC(V) 4 – National Certificate Vocational Level 4

- Sports equipment (if applicable);
- Transport;
- Meals;
- On-or-off campus-accommodation and general living expenses.

The University offers various forms of bursaries and loans to both new and current students, including our scholar and student merit awards which reward top academic performance. Funds are also administered from corporate donors and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to assist students in financing their studies. More information on these options can be obtained from the **Financial Aid Office** on T: 041 504 1111 / E: financialaid@mandela.ac.za

Accommodation

On-campus:

The university provides comfortable on-campus accommodation options. These include the residences on the Summerstrand, Second Avenue and George campuses and the Student Village in Summerstrand, which consists of self-catering units. As accommodation is limited, early application is essential. T: (041) 504 1416 / E: resadmissions@mandela.ac.za

Off-campus:

Some students prefer living off campus. Off-campus accommodation options include renting flats and houses or boarding at nearby private residences. The Student Housing office offers a service to assist students in finding suitable off-campus accommodation. T: (041) 504 4735 or E: offcampus.accommodation@mandela.ac.za

Students who are differently abled

The university strives to ensure that all campus facilities are accessible to students who are differently abled. Every reasonable attempt will be made to provide students with the assistance they require. Your disability status is confidential, however if we are not aware of your disability, we will not be in a position to offer reasonable support. If the disability is not self-evident, the university may require the applicant to disclose sufficient information to confirm higher disability, or to ensure that reasonable consideration may be granted. For more information on accessibility and how your particular disability may be accommodated, you are advised to contact the **Universal Accessibility & Disability Services (UADS)** unit, on 041-504 2313 or e-mail: disability@mandela.ac.za as early as possible. Early enquiries during the year preceding application are encouraged, so that requests may be considered prior to admission.

Madibaz Sport

Various sport codes ranging from athletics to surfing are on offer at various levels. The impressive sport facilities include an athletics stadium with an Olympic-standard tartan track, an AstroTurf and grass hockey fields, an indoor heated swimming pool, squash courts, a nine-hole golf course on George Campus, rugby, soccer, cricket fields and tennis courts. Well-equipped health and fitness centres offer professional gym facilities at student prices, and provide assistance with sport performance testing, sport specific training and injury rehabilitation.

Sport Codes include:

- Athletics • Adventure Sports • Basketball • Chess • Cricket • Cycling
- Football • Golf • Hockey • Judo • Karate • Netball • Rugby • Rowing
- Squash • Surfing • Swimming • Table Tennis • Tennis • Underwater-hockey
- Volleyball • Water polo.

Important contact numbers	
Contact Centre	041 – 504 1111
Student Access & Enrollment Office	041 – 504 1111 041 – 504 2945 041 – 504 2593
Madibaz Sport	041 – 504 2165 044 – 801 5111 (George Campus)
George Campus	044 – 801 5111
E-mail	info@mandela.ac.za george-info@mandela.ac.za admissions@mandela.ac.za financialaid@mandela.ac.za

Faculty Key	
Faculty of Business & Economic Sciences	Plum
Faculty of Education	Orange
Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment & Technology	Light Blue
Faculty of Health Sciences	Light Green
Faculty of Humanities	Yellow
Faculty of Law	Lilac
Faculty of Science	Dark Green

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Career/study field	Qualification	Faculty	Delivery mode & Duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements			
				Applicant Score (AS) with:			Subject(s) and % Required
				Maths	Maths Lit	Tech Maths	
Accounting / Accountancy <small>(Also see: Chartered Accounting, Cost & Management Accounting, Internal Auditing)</small> <i>*also offered on George Campus</i>	BCom (Accounting)*		Full-time 3 years Part-time 3 years	410	-	-	Mathematics – 60%
	BCom: General (Accounting & Related subjects)*		Full-time 3 years Part-time 3 years	390	-	-	Mathematics – 50%
	or						
	BCom: General (Accounting & Related subjects) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	370	-	-	Mathematics – 45%
	AdvDip: Accountancy (Professional Accounting) or AdvDip: Accountancy (Internal Auditing)		Full-time 1 year Part-time 2 years	-	-	-	A relevant 360-credit Diploma in Accountancy, or an equivalent NQF Exit Level 6 qualification in a cognate field.
	Dip (Accountancy)		Full-time 3 years Part-time 3 years	350	365	350	Mathematics - 45%, or Maths Literacy - 65%, or Technical Maths - 35%
	HCert (Accountancy)		Full-time 1 year or 2 years	290	305	290	Mathematics - 35%, or Maths Literacy - 60%, or Technical Maths - 35%
Accounting Science <small>(Chartered Accounting plus one of the following majors: Business Management/ Economics, or Computer Science & Information Systems, or Law)</small>	BCom: Accounting Science (Economics & Business Management)		Full-time 4 years	410	-	-	Mathematics – 65%
	or						
	BCom: Accounting Science (Law)		Full-time 4 years	410	-	-	English (Home Lang) – 65% or English (1st Add Lang) – 70% and Mathematics – 65%
	or						
	BCom: Accounting Science (Computer Science & Information Systems)		Full-time 4 years	410	-	-	Mathematics – 65%
Advertising (Communication) <i>* (also offered on George Campus)</i>	AdvDip (Public Relations Management)		Full-time 1 year (block release)	-	-	-	See Public Relations Management
	Dip (Public Relations Management)		Full-time 3 years (including 1 year in-service training)	330	345	330	Mathematics - 30%, or Maths Literacy - 50%, or Technical Maths - 30%
	AdvDip: Business Studies (Marketing Management)*		Full-time 1 year Part-time 2 years	-	-	-	A relevant 360-credit Diploma in Marketing, or an equivalent qualification, with a mark of at least 60% obtained in the relevant majors of the previous qualification.
	Dip (Marketing)*		Full-time 3 years	330	345	330	Mathematics - 40%, or Maths Literacy - 60%, or Technical Maths - 40%
	or						
	Dip (Marketing) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	310	325	310	Mathematics - 35%, or Maths Literacy - 55%, or Technical Maths - 35%
	BA (Media, Communication & Culture)		Full-time 3 years	350	365	350	Any one NSC (Home or 1st Add Lang) – 60%, Mathematics - 35%, or Maths Literacy - 55%, or Technical Maths - 35%
	BCom (Marketing & Business Management)		Full-time 3 years	390	-	-	Mathematics - 50%
Advertising (Design)	Bachelor of Visual Art (BVA)		Full-time 3 years	350	365	350	See Art and Design
Agricultural Management <small><i>*only offered on George Campus</i></small>	AdvDip (Agricultural Management)**		Full-time 1 year or block release 2 year	-	-	-	Dip (Agricultural Management) or equivalent qualification. Candidates will only be considered if their average pass mark for the diploma is at least 60%.
	Dip (Agricultural Management)**		Full-time 3 years (including 1 year in-service training)	330	345	330	Mathematics - 40%, or Maths Literacy - 60%, or Technical Maths - 40%, or Life Sciences - 50%, or Physical Science - 40%, or Agricultural Science - 55%, or Technical Science - 40%
	or						
	Dip (Agricultural Management) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years (including 1 year in-service training)	310	325	310	Mathematics - 35%, or Maths Literacy - 55%, or Technical Maths - 35%, or Life Sciences - 45%, or Physical Science - 35%, or Agricultural Science - 55%, or Technical Science - 35%
Anthropology	Bachelor of Arts (BA)		Full-time 3 years	350	365	350	Any one NSC (Home or 1st Add Lang) – 60%, Mathematics - 35%, or Maths Literacy - 55%, or Technical Maths - 35%
Applied Mathematics	BSc (Applied Mathematics, Computer Science, Mathematical Statistics and Physics)		Full-time 3 years	410	-	-	Mathematics - 65%
Art and Design <small>Please note: This generic first-year programme provides the first year of study for the BVA in the following fields: • Fashion & Textiles • Fine Art (incl. Ceramic Design) • Graphic Design • Photography</small>	Bachelor of Visual Art (BVA)		Full-time 3 years	350	365	350	Admission is subject to departmental section.
Architectural Technology	AdvDip (Architectural Design) or AdvDip (Architectural Technology)		Full-time 1 year Part-time 2 years	-	-	-	Dip (Architectural Technology) + module specific pass requirements
	Dip (Architectural Technology)		Full-time 3 years	330	345	330	Mathematics - 45%, or Maths Literacy - 60%, or Technical Maths - 45%. Admission is subject to departmental selection.
Architecture	BAS (Architecture)		Full-time 3 years	370	-	-	Mathematics - 55% Admission is subject to departmental selection.
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Biochemistry	BSc (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Microbiology & Physiology)		Full-time 3 years	410	-	-	Mathematics - 60%
	or						
	BSc (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Microbiology & Physiology) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	370	-	-	Mathematics - 50%
Biokinetics (Exercise Science)	Bachelor of Health Science (Biokinetics)		Full-time 4 years	370	385	370	Mathematics - 50%, or Maths Literacy – 65%, or Technical Maths – 50% / Life Sciences – 50% and Medical Report.
Botany <i>*only offered on George Campus</i>	BSc (Biological Sciences)		Full-time 3 years	410	-	-	Mathematics - 60%
	or						
	BSc (Biological Sciences) – Extended Curriculum		Full-time 4 years	370	-	-	Mathematics - 50%
	AdvDip (Nature Conservation)*		Full-time 1 year	-	-	-	See Nature Conservation
	Dip (Nature Conservation)*		Full-time 3 years	330	345	330	See Nature Conservation
	or						
	Dip (Nature Conservation) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	310	325	310	See Nature Conservation
	AdvDip (Forestry)*		Full-time 1 year Part-time 2 years	-	-	-	See Forestry
	Dip (Forestry)*		Full-time 3 years	330	345	330	See Forestry
	or						
	Dip (Forestry) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	310	325	310	See Forestry
Broadcasting	BA (Media, Communication & Culture)		Full-time 3 years	350	365	350	See Media, Communication & Culture
Building	Dip (Building)		Full-time 3 years	330	-	330	Mathematics – 45%, or Technical Maths – 45%.
	BSc: Construction Economics (Quantity Surveying with Financial & Business Management)		Full-time 3 years	370	-	-	See Construction Economics
	BSc (Construction Studies)		Full-time 3 years	370	-	-	See Construction Studies
	BAS (Architecture)		Full-time 3 years	370	-	-	See Architecture
	AdvDip (Architectural Design) or AdvDip (Architectural Technology)		Full-time 1 year Part-time 2 years	-	-	-	See Architectural Technology
	Dip (Architectural Technology)		Full-time 3 years	330	345	330	See Architectural Technology
Business Administration <i>* (also offered on George Campus)</i>	BCom: General (Business Management)*		Full-time 3 years Part-time 3 years	390	-	-	Mathematics – 50%
	or						
	BCom: General (Business Management) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	370	-	-	Mathematics – 45%
Business Management <i>*also offered on George Campus</i>	BCom: Accounting Science (Economics/ Business Management)		Full-time 4 years	410	-	-	Mathematics – 65%
	BCom: General (Business Management)*		Full-time 3 years Part-time 3 years	390	-	-	Mathematics - 50%
	or						
	BCom: General (Business Management) – Extended Curriculum*		Full-time 4 years	370	-	-	Mathematics – 45%

Career/study field	Qualification
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