

Self-guided tour fact sheet

Fast facts



35 538
students



21 258
undergraduates



10 381
postgraduates



10
faculties

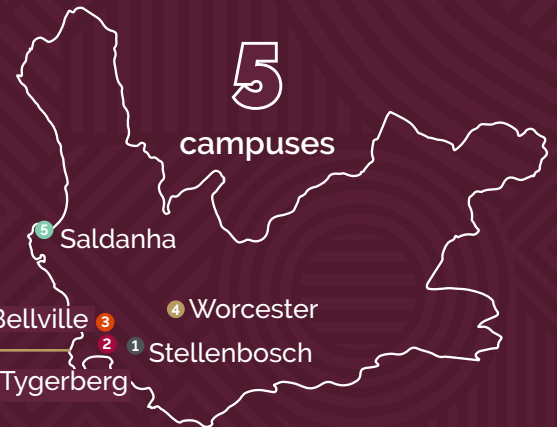
AgriSciences, Arts and Social Sciences, Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Health Sciences, Science, Theology, and Military Science



University housing
7 756
students



Private housing/commuting
24 779
students



Who is Stellenbosch University?

Focused on excellence and world-class academic performance, Stellenbosch University (SU) has gained a stellar reputation over the past 100 years. We are globally recognised as a premier institution of higher learning.

We aspire to be Africa's leading research-intensive university and are grounded in our culture of academic excellence, integrity and inclusivity. As a university, we would like to see local, continental and global communities advance and transform. To this end, we partner with stakeholders and encourage constant innovation in our pursuit to deliver relevant research and build knowledge with a significant real-world impact.

Our well-equipped and sustainable central campus is set against the beautiful and historic backdrop of Stellenbosch, while our specialised satellite campuses at Tygerberg, Bellville, Saldanha and Worcester ensure a wider footprint. We are also home to more centres of excellence than any other university in South Africa.

We acknowledge our country's difficult past and our role in it. At the same time, we are focused on moving forward together, and our mission is to create a better, thriving future for all.

Our value lies in our academic excellence, cutting-edge research and social impact. Our strength lies in our compassion and inclusivity. And our proud legacy lies in the future that we are busy building together.



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Over the past few years, Stellenbosch University has consistently appeared among the best tertiary institutions globally on the subject-specific world university rankings of **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**, **Times Higher Education** and **ShanghaiRanking**. These rankings use different methods and indicators to assess universities' performance.

SOME interesting stops on your way

Centre for Student Counselling and Development (CSCD)

The CSCD provides psychological, development and career planning services to existing and prospective students in order to promote a well-informed, psychologically healthy SU community. The functions of the CSCD can be broadly divided into the seven categories of (i) academic counselling, (ii) occupational guidance and development, (iii) individual and/or group therapy, (iv) contemporary developmental workshops, (v) assistance for students with special learning needs, (vi) consultations and training, and (vii) supervision of intern psychologists.

The service offering, including group and individual therapy, is generally free of charge for all registered SU students. Fees will be levied for psychiatric consultations as well as for some workshops and occupational guidance.

Neelsie and Rooiplein

The Neelsie, or the Langenhoven Student Centre, is named after Afrikaans author CJ Langenhoven, who was an SU alumnus. Here you will find several coffee shops and fast-food outlets (including halaal options), adventure and travel shops, health and beauty shops, bookstores, a convenience store, a laundry, clothing boutiques, plenty gift shops and several academic and business services. Standard Bank, Absa, Nedbank and FNB also have branches in the Neelsie.

The **Rooiplein** is the social gathering place for students. It also features The Circle, a bronze art installation that depicts eight female figures that symbolise the future of South Africa and leadership in the past, present and future.



SU Library

One of the world's biggest subterranean libraries, SU Library boasts some 17 000 m² in floor space, which is equivalent to three rugby fields.

In the 1980s when the library was built, a lack of central land resulted in the decision to situate the facility below ground level. This also ensured that the history and aesthetic of the buildings bordering the Rooiplein remained uncompromised.

SU Library offers close to 1,2 million physical volumes, brand-new study and reading areas, 1 600 study booths, nine seminar rooms, a Learning Commons specifically for undergraduate students, the Carnegie Research Commons and an auditorium.

Faculty of Education

Our Faculty of Education strives to play a leading role in education both locally and globally, and to help tackle educational challenges, particularly in the South African context. Our research includes education both within and beyond the school environment, and seeks to create synergy between teaching, research and community engagement.

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences hosts 18 departments. These represent the three broad disciplinary groups of Arts (including Drama, Music and Visual Arts), Languages, and Social Sciences (such as Psychology, Geography, History, Journalism, Political Science, and Sociology and Social Anthropology).

Academic Administration (Admin A)

The services located in Admin A are Bursaries and Loans, Examinations, Courses, Timetables, Secretariat of Council and Senate, Student Information System Support (SISS), Admissions, and the Contact and Client Services Centre.

Faculty of Law

Our Faculty of Law is housed in the Old Main Building, situated in the centre of Stellenbosch, on the corner of Victoria and Ryneveld streets. The building was inaugurated in 1886 to mark the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the town.

Closely cooperating with the Faculty of Law is the Law Clinic situated in Crozier Street. This full-fledged attorneys' office provides legal services to marginalised members of the community, while final-year law students and candidate attorneys receive valuable exposure to the practical application of the law.

Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Our Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences offers a range of degrees, from Accountancy and Industrial Psychology, to Statistics and Actuarial Science.

The South African business sector desperately needs professionals with both the skills and innovative ideas to compete in local and international markets. With its strong financial and management approach, this is exactly the type of graduate the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences delivers.

Faculty of AgriSciences

Our Faculty of AgriSciences is rated as the best agriculture faculty in Africa and among the top 50 internationally. It helps meet the need for young minds to solve real-world problems such as food insecurity, poverty, environmental sustainability challenges and climate change in our country, on our continent and beyond.

AgriSciences' programmes are offered both on campus and at the Welgevallen experimental farm, which provides the perfect combination for those interested in science and loving the outdoors.

Faculty of Science

Step into the fascinating world of science at our Faculty of Science, boasting more than 100 years' teaching experience. Choose from a wide variety of degree programmes – from Botany and Zoology to Computer Science, Earth Sciences, or Chemistry and Physics.

Did you know? SU is the only university in South Africa offering a BSc degree that focuses on materials technology from a chemistry and polymer perspective.

Faculty of Engineering

Established in 1944, our Faculty of Engineering is one of our flagship faculties. It offers modern, cutting-edge teaching and learning facilities, its own faculty library, and a cafeteria.

Among others, Engineering has a 3 000 m² hydraulic laboratory – the largest in South Africa. It is also the only faculty of its kind in the southern hemisphere to have designed and built microsatellites that were launched into space.

SU Botanical Garden

Our very own Botanical Garden, located in the historical centre of Stellenbosch, is the oldest university botanical garden in South Africa. The compact garden houses an enormous diversity of plants, both indigenous and exotic. The Katjeepering restaurant also offers a tranquil spot to enjoy a light meal in lush surrounds.

Thank you for joining us. For the very latest information on studying at SU and both online and face-to-face events, visit www.maties.com.

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences was established in 1956 and is one of Africa's leading faculties for medical studies. Departments and divisions include Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy, and Nursing and Midwifery.

It is situated next to the Tygerberg Academic Hospital on SU's Tygerberg campus.

