

COURSE ADMISSION PROCEDURE AT STELLENBOSH UNIVERSITY

Your course selections are manually processed and evaluated to ensure you have a sufficient number of approved options to choose from when registering after arrival. The course admission process consists of three key phases:

1. APPLICATION PHASE

- All course applications are submitted **online** as part of your initial application.
- Be sure to list **all the courses** you are interested in during this first phase.
- A **second course application window** may be opened at a later stage, based on a date determined by the SU programme coordinator.



2. EVALUATION PHASE

This process happens in two steps:

- 1. Initial review by SU International**
 - » Courses are assessed for basic eligibility, such as semester availability and academic background.
- 2. Faculty evaluation**
 - » Your selected courses are sent to the relevant SU academic departments.
 - » Final approval or rejection is at the discretion of the department and **cannot be appealed**.

Once evaluations are complete, you will receive a list of **approved courses**.

3. REGISTRATION PHASE

Course registration takes place **after arrival**, during **compulsory orientation week**. You will:

- Submit a **Final Course Registration Form** listing your final course choices.
- **No course changes** may be made after the registration deadline, as set out by SU and University policy.
- Failure to deregister from a course by the deadline may result in a **Fail** on your academic transcript if the course is left incomplete.



Credit Guidelines

Students may register for a maximum of:

- 60 SU credits per semester
- Equivalent to 30 ECTS or 15 U.S. credits

Mainstream Courses at Stellenbosch University

Undergraduate Courses

Most undergraduate degree programmes at SU run over three years. Semester students can apply for:

- First-year level courses, which are open to all applicants
- Second- and third-year courses, provided relevant prerequisites are met

If no prerequisites are listed, students are encouraged to apply for both higher- and lower-level courses to increase their chances of admission.

Course Levels

Each course has a three-digit module code:

- 1XX = First year
- 2XX = Second year
- 3XX = Third (final) year

Where to Find Courses:

Undergraduate courses are listed in the Faculty Calendars. For guidance on semester course availability, please contact the Unit for Global Education, who will liaise with the relevant departments.

[Click here to view Faculty Calendars](#)

Postgraduate Courses

Postgraduate offerings include:

- Honours modules (coded 7XX): One-year programmes building on undergraduate majors.
- Master's modules (coded 8XX): Limited availability, as most master's programmes at SU are research- or thesis-based rather than coursework-based.

Where to Find Courses:

Postgraduate courses are listed in the Faculty Calendars or on departmental websites. Contact the Unit for Global Education for assistance in exploring course options or confirming availability.

[Click here to view Faculty Calendars](#)

Global Education Programmes (GEP)

The Global Education Programmes (GEP) at SU are a unique suite of academic modules specifically designed for international students. These courses complement SU's mainstream offerings and provide students with a deeper, more contextualised understanding of the South African and local landscape.

What Makes GEP Modules Unique?

GEP modules are:

- **Tailored for international students**
Offering content that supports cultural integration and local understanding, such as Introductory Afrikaans.
- **Built on SU's academic strengths beyond traditional faculties**
Featuring interdisciplinary courses like Equity and Leadership in the Global Classroom.
- **Anchored in global development priorities**
Courses such as Sustainable Agriculture: Community Gardening for Improved Living reflect SU's commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through experiential and transdisciplinary learning.

The Unit for Global Learning, part of the Centre for Global Engagement, believes higher education can help address global challenges like the SDGs. GEP modules support a transformative learning experience for international students, aligned with our Global Student Learning Outcomes.

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