



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - FEE INFORMATION 2026

(STELLENBOSCH CAMPUS)

1. MINIMUM COMPULSORY INITIAL FEE PAYABLE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION (TUITION, IRF, ITF)

- International degree-seeking students are required to make a **minimum compulsory initial payment** towards the Tuition fees, International registration fee (IRF) and Academic Service Fee **prior to or on registration**.
- The **International Tuition fee (ITF)** (*where applicable*) is payable in **full** before registration.
- A minimum compulsory initial payment is required for Residence fees and Meal quota (*where applicable*).
- **The total payable before registration is not the full cost.**
- Final payment is due by **31 May 2026** for 1st semester enrolments and **30 September 2026** for 2nd semester enrolments.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SADC [incl Namibia, Rwanda]</u> <u>(1st year of registration only)</u>			<u>SADC [incl Namibia, Rwanda]</u> <u>(2nd and continuing years of registration)</u>		
	<u>PAYMENT TOWARDS TUITION FEES</u>	<u>ITF</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYABLE BEFORE REGISTRATION</u>	<u>PAYMENT TOWARDS TUITION FEES</u>	<u>ITF</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYABLE BEFORE REGISTRATION</u>
BACHELORS	R45,000	R0	R45,000	R33,750	R0	R33,750
UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE: CERTIFICATES & DIPLOMAS	R45,000	R0	R45,000	R33,750	R0	R33,750
HONOURS	R45,000	R0	R45,000	R33,750	R0	R33,750
MASTERS	R30,000	R0	R30,000	R22,500	R0	R22,500
DOCTORAL	R25,000	R0	R25,000	R18,750	R0	R18,750
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AFRICA [Beyond SADC]</u> <u>(All years of registration)</u>			<u>REST OF WORLD [Outside of Africa]</u> <u>(All years of registration)</u>		
	<u>PAYMENT TOWARDS TUITION FEES</u>	<u>ITF</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYABLE BEFORE REGISTRATION</u>	<u>PAYMENT TOWARDS TUITION FEES</u>	<u>ITF</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYABLE BEFORE REGISTRATION</u>
BACHELORS	R45,000	R38,260	R83,260	R45,000	R76,520	R121,520
UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE: CERTIFICATES & DIPLOMAS	R45,000	R38,260	R83,260	R45,000	R76,520	R121,520
HONOURS	R45,000	R38,260	R83,260	R45,000	R76,520	R121,520
MASTERS	R30,000	R0	R30,000	R30,000	R38,260	R68,260
DOCTORAL	R25,000	R0	R25,000	R25,000	R0	R25,000

2. ACCOMMODATION & MEAL QUOTA: COMPULSORY FIRST INSTALMENT FOR STUDENTS RESIDING IN UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE:

Plus: Compulsory 1st Instalment for Residence Fees = R25,000	The acceptance amount of R5,100 forms part of the compulsory 1 st instalment of R25,000 The difference of R19,900 must be paid on or before registration.
Plus: Compulsory 1st Instalment: Meal Quota = R15,000	R15,000 (if residence with catering) Package for 3 standard meals per day, 7 days a week amounts to approximately R36,225 - NB: Only meals taken will be deducted and more expensive meal options can deplete the quota prematurely. - To ensure continued use of the meal quota after 31 May, you need to ensure that you have a credit available on your account or pay in cash at the cashiers.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) MODES OF STUDY

There are three possible modes of study:

- Residential: a candidate who is in South Africa *on a study visa*
- Non-residential: a postgraduate student who attends modular sessions/meetings as required with their supervisor and who is in South Africa for a period shorter than three months
- Telematic: a candidate is enrolled on a Telematic platform (ITE) programme.

(b) CLASSIFICATION OF FEES

- Tuition fees, IRF and ITF *if applicable* will automatically be charged, usually by the month-end after registration has taken place. If you notice that these fees were not charged to your student account, please do not hesitate to contact the SU International finance office.
- As you use academic services, the associated fees will load onto your student account.
- A student card fee of **R80** is a compulsory fee.

4. TUITION FEES

- Tuition Fees are determined per degree/module enrolled for and as set per Faculty.
- Quotations of the estimated fees for the academic year can be obtained online until the student fees accounts are available.
- After **15 December 2025**, a fee quotation can be compiled by signing in at this [FEE QUOTATION LINK](#)

5. IRF (INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION FEE):

- The IRF is payable annually by all **international students**, according to their citizenship.
- **Permanent residence holders, Refugee status, Asylum Seekers and Diplomatic status** students **do not pay** IRF.

If a permanent residence and refugee status application is successful by the last date for registration (as determined by the University Calendar, Part 1) for the current academic year, then the student will be allowed to register on this status. However, if the status becomes effective after this date, it will be taken into consideration during the next registration period of the following academic year.

- For non-SA students with **permanent residence in a SADC country or in another country in Africa**, the IRF is charged according to the region where a non-SA student has permanent residence.
- Students who register in the 2nd semester of a specific academic year will be charged the IRF for each academic year of registration. The academic year runs from January to December.

5.1 IRF: RESIDENTIAL Degree-seeking International Students from:

*SADC & Africa	Undergraduate		R5,600
	Postgraduate		
The Rest of the World (Outside of Africa)	Undergraduate: Bachelors, Certificate, Diploma	Applicable to 1 st registrations from the 2023 academic year onwards. Students who were registered before 2023 pay the lower IRF fee as indicated below	R59,375
	Undergraduate	Applicable to international undergraduate students who registered before 2023 academic year	R11,875
	Postgraduate	Postgraduate	

5.2 IRF FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL Degree-seeking Postgraduate International Students from:

SADC, Africa & The Rest of the World Outside of Africa (All)	Postgraduate	R1,965
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6. ITF (INTERNATIONAL TUITION FEE)

- The ITF represents an additional fixed amount charged **annually** and is fully payable before registration.
- This amount applies to all students, whether enrolling as a residential or non-residential student.
- Students who register in the 2nd semester of a specific academic year will still be charged the ITF which is payable for **each** academic year of registration. The academic year runs from Jan-Dec.

SADC STUDENTS	Bachelors, Certificates, Diplomas, Honours, Masters, PhD	No ITF
AFRICA (Beyond SADC)	Bachelors, Certificates, Diplomas, Honours,	R38,260
	Master's, PhD	No ITF
THE REST OF THE WORLD (Outside of Africa)	Bachelors, Certificates, Diplomas, Honours	R76,520
	Masters	R38,260
	PhD	No ITF

STUDENTS EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE INTERNATIONAL TUITION FEE (ITF):

- The ITF is not charged to students **from SADC** including **Rwanda**
- The ITF is not charged to students with **Permanent residence in SA, Refugee status, Asylum Seekers or Diplomatic status** in South Africa.
- For non-SA students with **Permanent residence in a SADC country or another country in Africa**, the ITF is charged according to the region where a non-SA student has permanent residence.
- Masters students from the Rest of the World**, who registers in the 2nd semester of an academic year will be billed the full ITF for the 1st year of registration, in the 2nd year of registration only 50% ITF are billed. Should the student register again for a 3rd year, the full ITF will be applicable.
- No ITF charged to **Doctoral students**.

7. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN SA, REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND STUDENTS WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS VISAS:

- International students with Permanent residence in SA, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and students with Diplomatic status visas, pay as SA students as indicated below.
- All amounts in arrears on student fees account for a specific year must be paid in full before a student will be allowed to register for the following year.

PAYMENT DATES OF STUDY AND ACCOMMODATION FEES FOR 2026

Please note the first compulsory payment for fees has been replaced by the following:

DATE	% OF TOTAL FEES PAYABLE	% PAYABLE FOR DEBIT ORDERS
28 February 2026	20%	10%
31 March 2026	20%	10%
30 April 2026	20%	10%
31 May 2026	20%	10%
30 June 2026	5%	10%
31 July 2026	5%	10%
31 August 2026	5%	10%
30 September 2026	5%	10%
October 2026	-	10%
November 2026	-	10%

- No separate student account will be distributed during registration.
- The amounts payable per month will be displayed on the Student Fees account and will be distributed before the end of each month.
- The first Student Fees account will only be available after the student registers and will be sent within a week of registration closing.

8. ACADEMIC SERVICE FEES (ESTIMATED)

- The academic service fees component applies to sponsored students, to give sponsors an idea of how much to budget.
- An amount of **R4 250** is estimated for expenses such as Student cards, Photocopying Quota, Printing Credits, Washing Quota, Material Costs, Laboratory Fees, Societies, Sport societies, etc. per annum.
- For students residing in the university residence, to ensure continued use of meal quota after 31 May 2026, you need to ensure that you have a credit available on your account or pay in cash at the cashiers.
- No academic services can be charged to student accounts without a credit balance.
- Unused fees can be reimbursed at the end of the academic year or carried over to the next year.

9. GENERAL COMMENTS

- Fees and payment requirements differ for international students. A distinction is made between international students from the SADC region, international students from Africa (Beyond SADC), and international students from the Rest of the world.
- You will not be allowed to register if the minimum compulsory initial fee has not been received before or upon registration.
- A maximum of *14 working days* as a turnaround for the payment to reflect in Stellenbosch University's bank account will be applicable if the online payment method is not being used. You will not be able to register/activate your student card for academic services should the funds fail to reflect in your student account following the turnaround time and a late payment fee will be charged.
- The balance of the **outstanding fees is payable in full by no later than 31 May 2026** for 1st semester enrolments and **30 September 2026** for 2nd semester enrolments.
- Your student account will be **blocked**, *interest will be charged*, and no academic results will be available if the student account is not settled by this date.
- No letter of continuation for study visa purposes will be issued if you have outstanding fees.
- Students who are not residing in a residence with catering options, must pay in cash at the cashiers or have credit available to use the meal quota options. You will not be allowed to charge meal quota to your student account if you don't have credit available on your account.
- Since your fees account is based on your academic load and services used, it is your responsibility to check your student account regularly during the year.

10. BURSARY STUDENTS

- A written proof that a bursary has been awarded, which clearly indicates the amount of the bursary that will be covered, must be submitted before registration or otherwise during registration.
- This proof must be submitted on the official letterhead of the bursar and must include the e-mail address and contact number of the person administering the bursary.
- In cases where the bursary does not have an exact amount, they must clearly indicate if the following items will be covered by the bursary:
 - Tuition
 - ITF (*where applicable*)
 - IRF
 - Academic Services
 - Accommodation
 - Meals
- If you can provide the International Finance Office with written proof that you have already been granted a bursary to register for the programme in the particular year, you may be exempted from paying the compulsory first instalment before or on the date of registration if the bursary amount be sufficient to cover the compulsory first instalment for the year. If the bursary amount is less than the first instalment, you must pay the difference yourself by the date of registration.
- All bursary student accounts must be settled by no later than **31 May 2026**.

- Failure to settle the account by the deadline will result in students not being able to view their June 2026 academic results and interest will be applicable on the student account.
- Proof of bursaries can be sent via e-mail with the student number clearly reflecting the following email addresses:
 - Stellenbosch Campus : suifinance@sun.ac.za
 - Tygerberg Campus : mdamon@sun.ac.za
 - Stellenbosch Business School : sbs-studentfinance@sun.ac.za

11. METHODS OF PAYMENT

- Online card payments **are the best option for payment** since the fees will reflect immediately in the student account.
- Please click on the following link for **ONLINE CARD PAYMENTS** and choose the **Card (Visa or MasterCard)** option to pay.
- If you know your student number and password, please select the *Payment by Student* option, but if you don't know the password, select the *Payment by Third party (parent, sponsor, etc.)* option to process the payment.

For any finance enquiries, please contact the SU International Finance Officers at:

Stellenbosch Campus : suifinance@sun.ac.za
 Tygerberg Campus : mdamon@sun.ac.za
 Stellenbosch Business School : sbs-studentfinance@sun.ac.za

Please quote your student number in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,
 STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

*SADC-citizens: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, DRC, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland (Eswatini), Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, *incl Rwanda*

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Above figures are given for budgeting purposes only and therefore, not binding the University of Stellenbosch thereto.

