



INFORMATION SHEET FOR THE SCIMATHUS UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAMME IN 2026

Stellenbosch University

Thank you for your interest in the SciMathUS year-long university preparation programme. Before you complete the application form, please familiarise yourself with the entry requirements.

SciMathUS is a selection programme.

To be selected for the programme in 2026 you need to comply with the following entry requirements:

- Prospective students should be in Grade 12 in 2025 or have matriculated in 2024 **(Those who matriculated before 2024 do not qualify for consideration)**.
- You should have passed at least four subjects from the group of subjects designated for university studies.
- have a Grade 12 average of **at least** 60% (excluding Life Orientation); and,
- have obtained a **minimum** of 50% in Afrikaans or English (Home Language or First Additional Language).
- For the Science stream, you should have obtained a **minimum** of 45% in Mathematics and a **minimum** of 45% in Physical Sciences. **NO STUDENTS WITH MATHEMATICAL LITERACY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- You should also submit evidence that you have been educationally disadvantaged (either financially, by your school and/or home circumstances).

What does the programme offer?

SciMathUS offers you an opportunity to improve your Grade 12 marks if you are willing to work hard. With your new results you may then re-apply for admission to Stellenbosch University or any other higher education institution. SciMathUS however, cannot guarantee placement in any institution.

SciMathUS allows you to do Mathematics and Physical Sciences. In addition, complementary subjects such as Computer Literacy and Academic Literacy are also offered. Students re-write the National Senior Certificate Examination in Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

Classes will be offered in Afrikaans and English, depending on the number of students in the class. The offering will be in English if most students are English speaking.

Funding of the programme?

SciMathUS is mostly funded by the private sector. Successful students will be asked to make an admission fee towards the cost of the programme in 2025. **Please note that this is only a contribution and does not cover the cost to offer this programme.**

The SciMathUS programme offers accommodation to 90 of the selected students. Priority is given to those students who come from other provinces or distances where it's difficult to travel from home to campus every day.

Applications in 2026

We prefer and recommend that you complete the online application form. The programme needs to comply with Covid-19 regulations hence the recommendation for online applications being a preferred method of applying.

The web address for the online application is:

http://www.suncep.sun.ac.za/UPP/SciMathUS/scimathus_Applications.html

Hard copy and online applications will be opened from **1 December 2025**. The closing date for ALL applications is on the **30 January 2026 at 16h00**. The final selection will take place immediately after all the final NSC results are available and all applicants have submitted their end of the year results. Successful candidates will be informed about their selection and placement to the programme the week of **2 February 2026. The decision of the selection committee is final**. The opening ceremony is on the **9 February 2026** and classes start on **11 February 2026**.

Supporting documentation

It is recommended that applicants submit all supporting documents as requested on the application form. **Your application and supporting documents can either be:**

- **Sent via ordinary mail to:** The SciMathUS programme manager, Private Bag X1, Education Building, Room 3043, Matieland, 7602
- **E-mailed to:** bridging@sun.ac.za.

Only complete applications with **certified copies** of the supporting documents mentioned below will be considered:

1. certified copies of applicant's identity documents/birth certificates as proof of SA citizenship; and
2. certified copies of **only salary and payslips** stating the financial position of the parent(s)/guardian(s). **Please write the applicant's name & surname on these certified copies as we receive hundreds of documents.**

The following supporting documentation, explaining the financial situation of your family is required. Only attach what is applicable to you.

1. Latest salary advice of parent(s)/guardian(s) (not older than 3 months).
2. Proof of pension income (slip/bank statement not older than 3 months).
3. Affidavit pertaining to an adult family member financially dependent on the family.
4. If unemployed, an affidavit pertaining to unemployment / also where the mother is a housewife.
5. Affidavit pertaining to income derived from temporary/part time work.
6. Affidavit pertaining to maintenance (divorced or single parents).
7. Affidavit in respect of informal income (house café, stall, etc.).
8. In case of guardianship, a certified copy of death certificate of parent(s).
9. In case of divorce, a copy of the divorce settlement.
10. In case of farming, own business or CC, the audited financial statements.
11. Copy of tax assessment (IT 34) which indicates the yearly income.
12. Affidavit from any third party with regard to funding of this applicant.

The University reserves the right to cancel this application if false or incorrect information is supplied.