



RHODES UNIVERSITY
Where leaders learn

A scenic view of the Rhodes University campus, featuring a prominent white tower with a brown roof, surrounded by lush green trees and rolling hills in the background. The image is partially framed by a tree branch in the foreground.

Rhodes University Open Day

#MyRhodes# RhodesOpenDay

Welcome to Rhodes University

**- Dr. Sizwe Mabizela,
Vice Chancellor**



Welcome to Rhodes University, founded in 1904, the University has a well-established reputation for academic excellence.

With just over 8200 students, Rhodes is a small University which enjoys the distinction of having among the best undergraduate pass and graduation rates in South Africa, outstanding postgraduate success rates, and the best research output per academic staff member. This is a testimony to the quality of students that Rhodes attracts and of academic provision, and to the commitment of Rhodes staff to student development and success.

Of our more than 8000 students, 30% are postgraduates and over 18% are international students from 54 countries around the world, making Rhodes a dynamic and cosmopolitan knowledge institution. Students are able to undertake an extensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the faculties of Humanities, Science, Commerce, Pharmacy, Law, and Education. With the most favourable academic staff to student ratio among South African universities, Rhodes students are guaranteed easy access to academics and close supervision.

The University takes pride in its motto, Where Leaders Learn, and producing graduates who are knowledgeable intellectuals, skilled professionals, and critical, caring and compassionate citizens who can contribute to economic and social development and an equitable, just and democratic society.

Almost 50% of Rhodes students and the majority of undergraduates live in the University residences, while there also special residences for postgraduates. Through a well-established structure of wardens, sub-wardens and residence committees, the residences play an important role in overall student development, including developing leadership skills.

Numerous clubs and societies provide extensive opportunities for students to participate in a variety of intellectual, social, cultural, and sports activities and further develop valuable skills.

Rhodes University looks to the future with confidence, secure that as indawo yolwazi (a place of knowledge) and through the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and community engagement it produces outstanding graduates that are sought after and makes a vital contribution to human and social development.

At our Open Day, you can find out more about the wide range of attractive and flexible programmes we offer in our six faculties – Commerce, Law Education, Pharmacy, Humanities, and Science. At Rhodes, you will have an opportunity to participate in programmes across all faculties.

Our graduates perform well in an increasingly competitive job market and are highly regarded by employers around the world. During your time here, we will help you prepare for your chosen career. The employability of our graduates continues to increase and rates up there with the very best the world has to offer. Our degree offering prepares students for the job market by ensuring they develop the skills employers want, whether through work experience, volunteering or social activities.

On behalf of our students and staff, welcome to Rhodes University. You can rest assured that you are making the right choice for your studies. You have selected a quality institution and have taken an essential step towards achieving your personal aspirations.

Dr Sizwe Mabizela

Registration

Once you have arrived on campus, you will be required to register at Eden Grove. At registration, you will be given a copy of the programme, your Wi-Fi login in details. Please use the Wi-Fi responsibly. You may take selfies of yourself and your friends to load on social media. Please share your memories of Rhodes with us by tagging us on **#MyRhodes** **#RhodesOpenDay** on all your posts!

Ask Our Ambassadors

Our Student Ambassadors will be present on campus throughout the day to direct you to where you need to be and answer questions about life and study at Rhodes University. You can spot them in their purple Open Day t-shirts.

Programme

TIME

ACTIVITY

Venue - Barratt Lecture Theatre

09h00 – 09h15

Welcome by Rhodes University Vice-Chancellor,
Dr Sizwe Mabizela

09h20 – 09h30

Marketing Video

09h30 – 10h15 - Dean's Talks - Barratt Lecture Theatres 1 & 2

09h30 – 09h45

Humanities

Science

09h45 – 10h00

Law

Pharmacy

10h00 – 10h15

Commerce

Education

10h15 – 10h25

Rhodes University Sports by Siya Magopeni

10h25- 10h50

Tea

11h00 – 13h00

Faculties and Departmental visits

13h00 – 14h00

Lunch - Oppidan Dining Hall

14h00– 14h30

Residence Tour

14h35 – 14h55

Presentations by GradStar Students

14h55 – 15h00

Closing

Our Faculties

Rhodes University owes its unique character to a combination of factors. One of these is our unique degree offering where our students are able to choose any combination of subjects from our six faculties to create unique qualifications that make them highly marketable. Our students are grabbed up by prospective employers almost immediately upon graduating.

Faculty of Commerce

This is a three-year degree aimed at providing you with good academic grounding in the major subject areas of Commerce. The curricula provide for specialisation in two or more of any of the following fields: Accounting, Economics, Information Systems, Law, Management Science, Social Science and Statistics.

Faculty of Education

There are two ways to qualify as a professional teacher. The first option is to complete a four year undergraduate Bachelor of Education degree. Rhodes offers the foundation phase only. The second option offered at Rhodes is that of first completing a three year Bachelor's degree in another faculty, e.g. Humanities, Commerce or Science and then capping it off with one year ins PGCE (Post-graduate Certification in Education). PGCE is a one year full time course which prepare you to teach in the Foundation Phase, Intermediate Phase and Senior Phase.

The Bachelor of Education Foundation Phase (BEd) is a four-year full time programme which prepares students to teach in Grade R to three (3). The programme aims to prepare you to teach in a diversity of contexts, but especially in schools in the Eastern Cape where isiXhosa is the language of learning and teaching.

Faculty of Science

Over 80% of the faculties' academic staff have PhDs; suffice to say that it is the best science qualification you can get in the continent. The Faculty of Science is about creating the next generation of critical thinking researchers and innovative scientists.

Faculty of Law

The Faculty boasts some of the leading legal minds in the Eastern Cape, nationally and internationally as alumni. It has kept to its mission of producing high-quality graduates who are capable of becoming leaders in legal practice, commerce, industry, politics or academia.

The Faculty is committed to the values entrenched in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and aims to promote a sense of justice, tolerance and equity.

Faculty of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Pharmacy was the only Faculty of Pharmacy in South Africa for decades following the decision by Pharmacy South Africa in 1929 to have Rhodes University as the first institution to pilot courses of training and study for the Preliminary Scientific Examination for Pharmacy.

Faculty of Humanities

This is by far the largest Faculty at Rhodes University comprising eleven academic departments, two Schools and three Institutes that contribute to the thought-leadership of the province and country. The faculty provides you with an education and not a training. In this faculty you will be provided with critical skills and characteristics which are important for your individual and national development.

Admissions Requirements

To qualify for degree studies at Rhodes University, students are required to take seven subjects, four of which are compulsory (two languages, Life Orientation and either Mathematics or Mathematical Literary) and three of the learner's own choice from the subjects on offer at the school.

At least four of the seven subjects must be from the list of “designated subjects” set out below and the student must have obtained an achievement rating of 4 (adequate achievement – 50- 59%) or above in the four subjects.

Minimum Faculty Requirements

Degree	Subject Required	Points
Bachelor of Commerce and Economics	Mathematics – 50%	45
Bachelor of Business Science	Mathematics 70%	45
Bachelor of Education	-	40
Bachelor of Science	Maths 60%, Life Sciences/Physical Science 70%	
Bachelor of Information Systems and Software Development	Mathematics 70%	45
Law	First year candidates are not accepted directly into Law. They are required to obtain 3 non-law credits through either Commerce, Humanities or Science Faculties. A minimum of Maths level 4 or Maths Literary level 5 is required for Law studies.	
Bachelor of Pharmacy	Maths 60%, Life and Physical Sciences 50%	45
Humanities: Bachelor of Arts, Journalism & Media Studies, Music and Social Science	-	45
Bachelor of Fine Arts	Submit portfolio	
Bachelor of Music	Audition and Music theory test	

Careers and Employability

Through the office of Student Affairs, Rhodes is geared towards providing assistance to students. This ranges from free and confidential support from the Counselling Centre, professional and comprehensive healthcare from the Health Care Centre and the caring wardening staff who look after students in residences including those that do not live in residence. Through the Career Centre students get a wide variety exposure to study and career options. The Career Centre also runs a Graduate Recruitment Programme for students.

Student Wellness Services

Our Student Wellness Services team are here to support students throughout their time at Rhodes University, whether that is with the health care, counselling, careers, disabilities, finance or accommodation.

Our ambassadors at information points and throughout campus will be able to provide information and answer any questions you may have around student wellness issues.

Academic Talks and Tours

At Rhodes, we have over 40 departments, which offer courses for undergraduates across our six faculties. Academic staff will be delivering talks during the Open Day designed to provide you with information about course content and admissions arrangements.

Get involved!

Rhodes offers more than 90 different sports and societies, covering a huge range of sports and interests affiliated with the Student Representative Council. This will give you ample opportunity for all to develop leadership experience and contribute to campus life. Whether you play a sport, have a particular hobby, or want to try something new, there's something for everyone: there are political organisations, a campus radio station, a student newspaper, a chamber choir, a debating society, religious groups, cultural groups, etc.

The Student Representative Council can support you to set up your own group if what you want doesn't exist.

We offer so many more things to do, with a huge number of opportunities to volunteer through our Community Engagement initiatives, try new things, make new friends and get the most out of university life. Student life isn't all about studying!

The Library

Located at the heart of the campus our recently refurbished Library is an outstanding research and learning space. With study spaces open 24/7 during term time, the Library caters for all types of study with each of the six faculties having designated sections within the library with their own librarians.

Relevant information that is relevant in support of your studies include 220 300 books, over 11 000 e-books and 36 000 journals.

Rhodes University Library provides all users with a modern environment with dedicated spaces for research, study and learning, you will have access to diverse print and electronic library collections and resources. Wi-Fi is available throughout the building so that you can plug in and use your own device. Fixed computers are available for use. Friendly, knowledgeable staff are on hand to help and support for your studying needs.

Our Group Study Rooms offer a range of work pods with interactive technology. These can be booked for group project work, practising presentations or discussing your course work.

There is a popular reading section; games for your recreational purposes, and social spaces provided.

General Information

Safety Information

In the event of an emergency, please contact our Security team: dial **8999** on an internal line or 046-603.8146/7 on an outside line.

If the fire alarm sounds continuously, please leave the building by the nearest exit. Our staff will direct you to the nearest assembly point.

Lost and found

It can be easy to misplace a coat or drop a card out of your pocket/bag with such a busy day. Anything we find on the day will be taken to our registration area. If you find you have lost anything please get in touch with us on the contact details provided and we will let you know if it has been found.

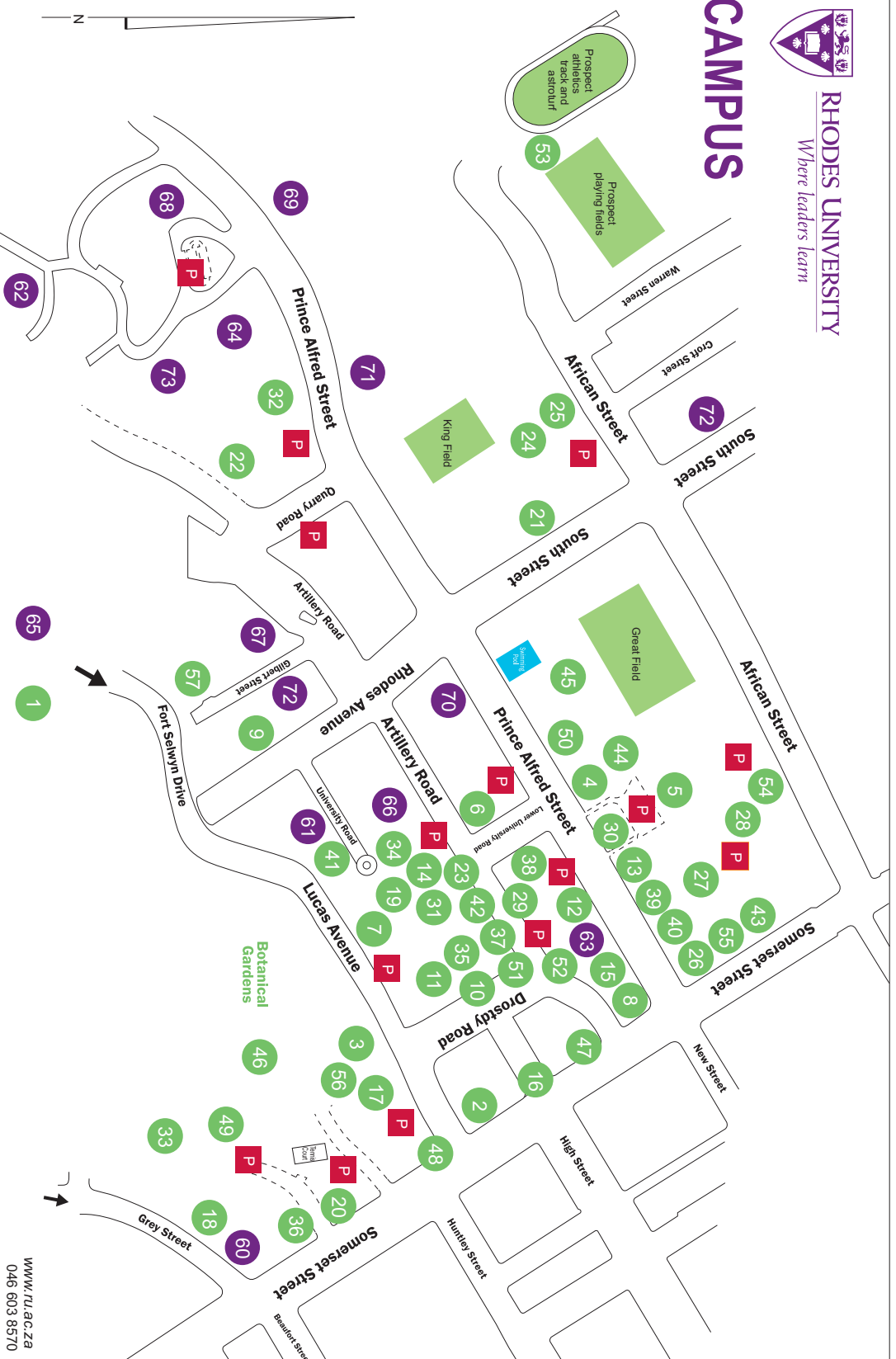
First Aid

While we hope you have a safe and enjoyable day, if you do require any first aid assistance, our student ambassadors and they will be able to direct you to your nearest first aid point or to the Health Centre.



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CAMPUS



- **GENERAL**
- 1. 1820 Settlers Monument
- 2. Albany Museum
- 3. Alumni House
- 4. Anthropology
- 5. Barrat Complex
- 6. Biological Sciences
- 7. Botany
- 8. Rhodes Business School
- 9. Campus Protection Unit
- 10. Clock Tower
- 11. Commerce – Accounting, Economics, Management
- 12. Computer Science
- 13. CSD & Community Engagement
- 14. Day Kaif
- 15. Drama Department and Theatre
- 16. Drostyd Gate / Arch
- 17. Eden Grove
- 18. Education
- 19. English
- 20. Environmental Sciences
- 21. Infrastructure and Operations
- 22. Fine Art: Sculpture
- 23. Geology
- 24. Health Suite
- 25. Human Kinetics and Ergonomics
- 26. Humanities
- 27. Ichthyology and Fisheries Studies
- 28. ILAM
- 29. Information Technology
- 30. ISER
- 31. IWR, CHERTL
- 32. Journalism and Media Studies
- 33. Law
- 34. Library
- 35. Main Admin building
- 36. Music & Musicology
- 37. New Artsblock
- 38. Pharmacy and Chemistry
- 39. Philosophy
- 40. Political & International Studies
- 41. Psychology
- 42. Physics
- 43. SAIAB
- 44. Sociology
- 45. Steven Biko Building
- 46. St Peters Building
- 47. Fine Art Department
- 48. Albany Museum History Building
- 49. Chapel
- 50. Great Hall
- 51. Linguistics
- 52. Maths
- 53. Old Mutual Sports Pavilion
- 54. Life Sciences
- 55. School of Languages
- 56. ELRC
- 57. 4 Gilbert Street B&B

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Winchester, Canterbury Annexe, Canterbury, Truro, Salisbury, Winchester
 - 61. **COURTNEY LATIMER HALL**
Beit, Jameson, Oriel, Oriel Annexe
 - 62. **DESMOND TUTU HALL**
Ellen Kuzwayo, Amma Cachalia, Calata, Margaret Smith, Sisulu
 - 63. **DROSTDY HALL**
Prince Alfred, Graham, Celeste, Allan Gray
 - 64. **FOUNDER'S HALL**
Cory House, Botha, Matthews, College
 - 65. **GAVIN RELLY POSTGRAD VILLAGE**
 - 66. **HOBSON HALL**
Dingemans, Milner, Hobson & Livingstone
 - 67. **JAN SMUTS HALL**
Jan Smuts, Adamson, New House, Aterstone
 - 68. **KIMBERLEY WEST HALL**
Gold Fields, Cullen Bowles, De Beers, Rosa Parks
 - 69. **LILIAN NGOYI HALL**
Ruth First, Joe Slovo, Victoria Mxenge, Centenary
 - 70. **MIRIAM MAKEBA HALL**
Piet Retief, Thomas Pringle, Chris Han, Walker
 - 71. **NELSON MANDELA HALL**
Adelaide Tambo, Helen Joseph, Stanley Kidd, Guy Butler
 - 72. **ST. MARY HALL**
John Kotze, Pieps, Olive Schreiner, Lilian Britten
 - 73. **Continuing Education Centre**
conference venue and accommodation
- P PARKING**





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