

# STUDY ABROAD @ UJ



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"I owe my being to the hills and the valleys, the mountains and the glades, the rivers, the deserts, the trees, the flowers, the seas and the ever-changing seasons that define the face of our native land.

My body has frozen in our frosts and in our latter day snows. It has thawed in the warmth of our sunshine and melted in the heat of the midday sun. The crack and the rumble of the summer thunders, lashed by startling lightening, have been a cause both of trembling and of hope.

The fragrances of nature have been as pleasant to us as the sight of the wild blooms of the citizens of the veld.

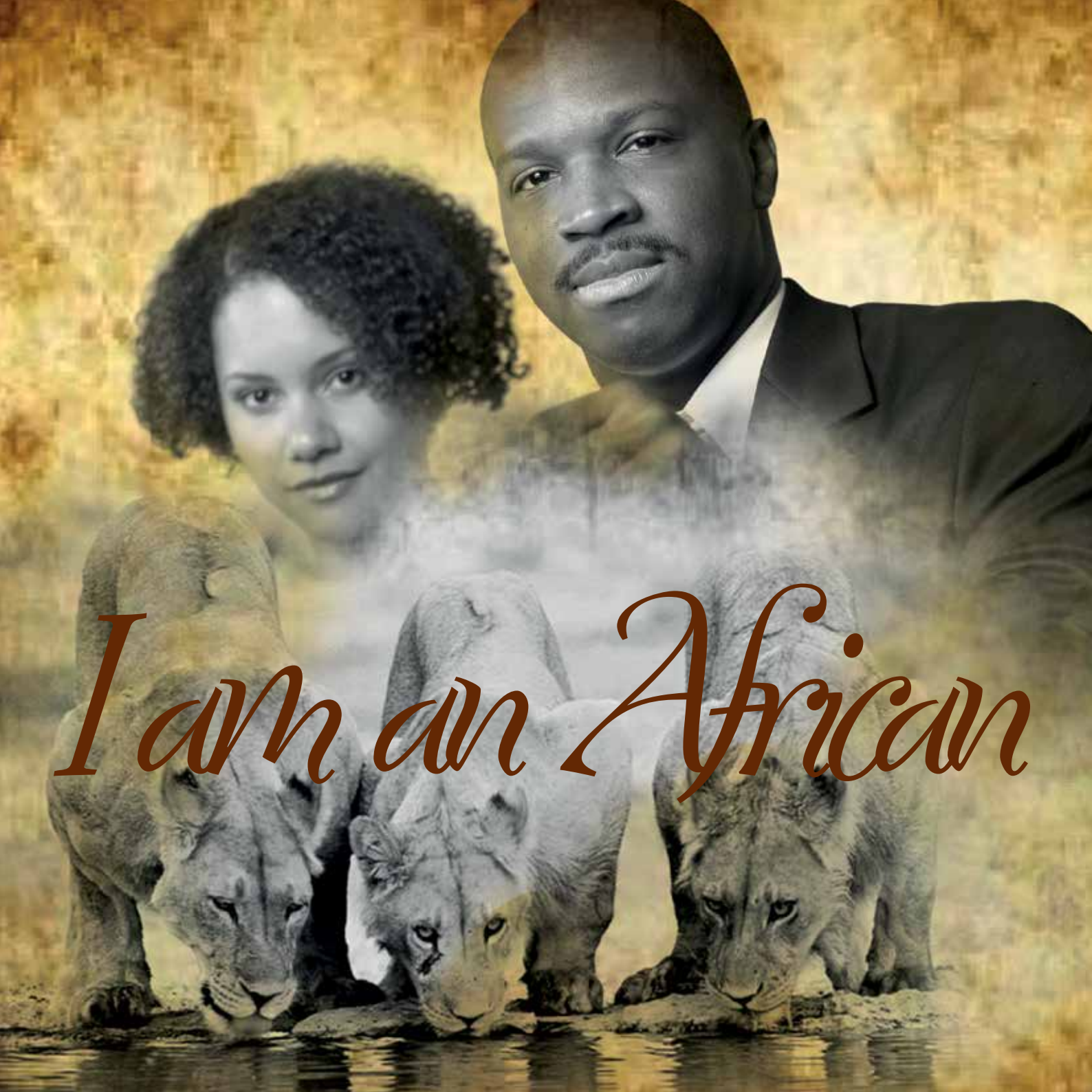
The dramatic shapes of the Drakensberg, the soil-coloured waters of the Lekoa, iGqili noThukela, and the sands of the Kgalagadi, have all been panels of the set on the natural stage on which we act out the foolish deeds of the theatre of our day.

At times, and in fear, I have wondered whether I should concede equal citizenship of our country to the leopard and the lion, the elephant and the springbok, the hyena, the black mamba and the pestilential mosquito.

A human presence among all these, a feature on the face of our native land thus defined, I know that none dare challenge me when I say –

I am an African!..."

(excerpt from the statement of the Deputy President Thabo Mbeki  
on the occasion of the adoption of the  
Republic of South Africa's Constitution Bill 1996, 8 May 1996)



*I am an African*



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# Study Abroad

## Why the University of Johannesburg?

**Johannesburg in South Africa** is the second largest city in Africa, with more than 3 million people calling this bustling metropolis home. Joburg, or Jozi as some prefer to call it, offers visitors an experience as unique and diverse as the city itself.

Johannesburg is undoubtedly the premier metropolis of Africa and the University of Johannesburg (UJ) is one of its leading institutions. Johannesburg and UJ share much more than just

a name, for both grapples with the technological, scientific, economic, social and political challenges that occur in this unique environment founded on the gold mining industry. With gold so central to the city's fast-paced economy, mining became a metaphor for virtually every sphere of life, progress and the accumulation of wealth in Egoli (the City of Gold). Like miners of old, staff and students at UJ are continually honing their skill

to mine seams of knowledge found below the surface of the wide range of disciplines. The UJ community identifies closely with the city in which it works and studies.

The Study Abroad programme at UJ will give you an opportunity to continue your academic studies while living and travelling in our beautiful country, allowing you to explore a rich environment where experiential education meets global awareness.

## Economic Diversity

South Africa's economy is supported by a diverse variety of business. From big conglomerates and international companies to small, family

businesses and street vendors, South Africa's workforce is indeed as diverse as the country. As the economic powerhouse of Africa, South Africa is the

leading country on the continent in industrial output, mineral production and generating most of Africa's electricity.



## Natural Diversity

South Africa is famous for its breath taking scenery and abundance of wildlife. Wildlife does not roam free in cosmopolitan areas, but is confined to farms, uninhabited fields, private game lodges and national parks.

Five famous inhabitants on the wild are especially popular, not only with tourists, but also with the locals. The 'Big Five', as they are known, are found mostly

in the bigger national parks, however, in the last five years these animals can also be seen at some of the private game lodges. The Big Five includes: elephant, lion, rhino, leopard and buffalo. Other African icons like hippo, giraffe, cheetah and whales can also be seen.

With over 200 mammal species it is hard to identify those that stand out, but the samango monkeys, baboons, dassies

and meerkats are the most entertaining and interesting.

As a country that is bounded by the Indian Ocean in the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the west, it is no surprise that eight whale species can be viewed in South African waters. Another interesting fact about our waters is that 2000 other fish species, 16% of the world's total swim around in these waters.

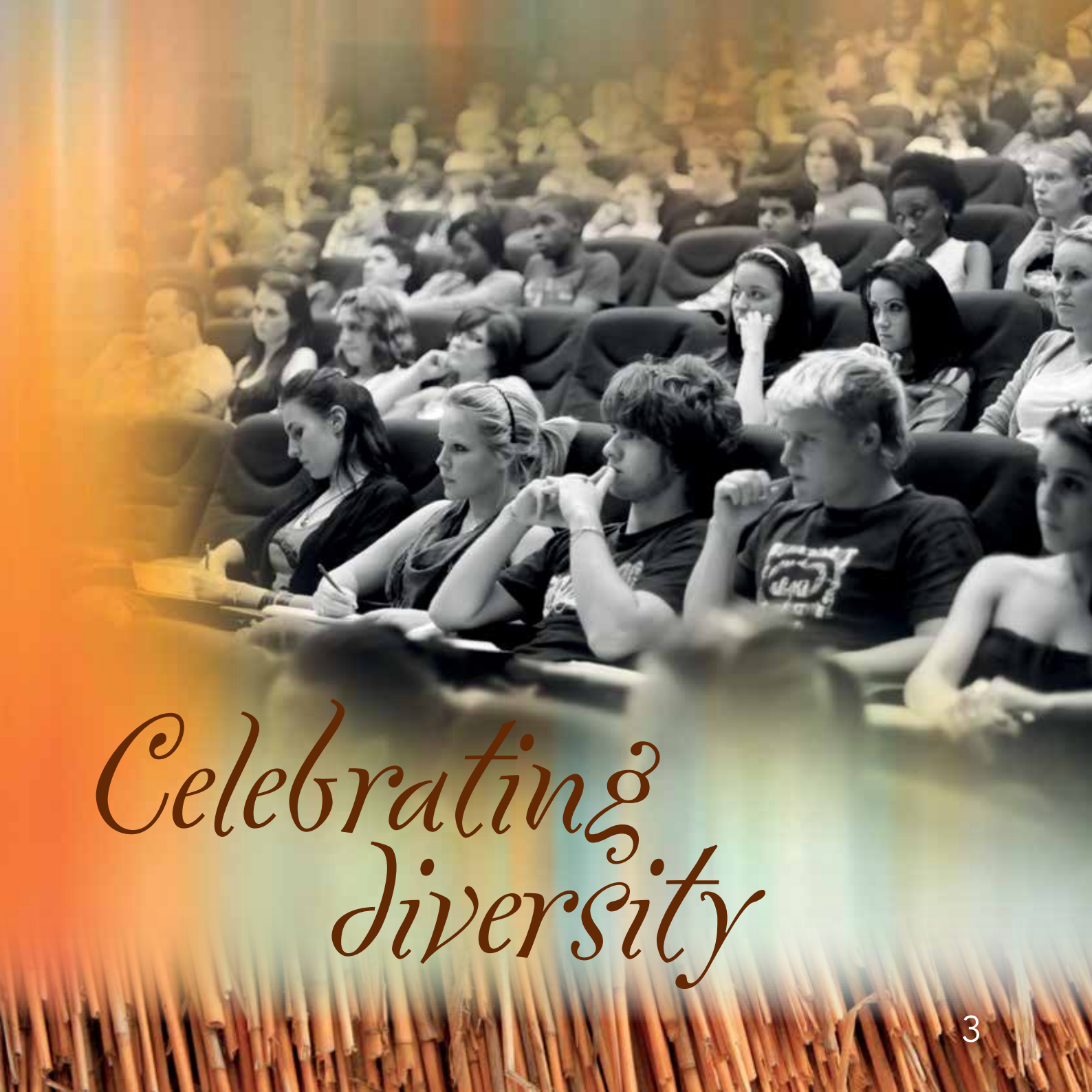
## Cultural Diversity

Probably the most diverse element in South African is its people and their cultures. As a country with 11 official languages, namely Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga, you can just imagine how vibrant, colourful and interesting life in South African can be.

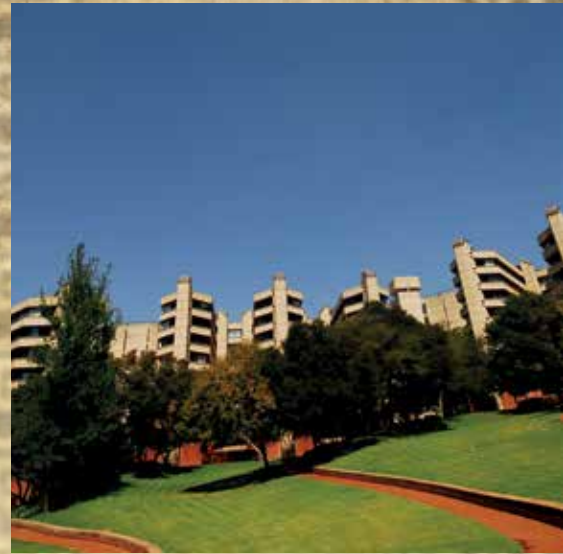
South African cuisine has unusual variety derived from the culinary traditions of its diverse population. Traditional food include: bunny chow (curry in a half-loaf of bread), samp (corn

and beans, bobotie (a curried mince dish of Malay origin), milk tart, koeksusters (sweet syrupy deep-fried twisted pastries) and biltong (salty dried meat). South Africans are very fond of meat and enjoy a 'braai' (a barbecue) which can include steak, chicken, sosaties (marinated meat on a skewer), and boerewors (spicy sausage), Potjiekos (meat & vegetable stew) and pot brood (baked bread), both cooked over coal in cast-iron pots, are also local favourites. South African wines are among the best in the world, and there are also good local beers.

As a popular tourist destination, one can find a little piece of Africa across the globe. People who visit the country however, do not only take home curio but also a little of the spirit of Africa. This spirit of Africa gets into your bones, into your soul and makes you remember this country of sweet sorrow, and amazement, which can leave you breathless at times.



*Celebrating  
Diversity*





## Why study abroad?

### **Cultural exchange and awareness:**

Culture influences how you think and reason. Immersion into in another culture influences your own customs and norms. Consequently, immersion into a different culture provides you with the perspective and the competence to function in many cultural settings. Experience the

rich multi-cultural diversity our country has to offer.

### **Enhancement of employment opportunities:**

As the world continues to become more globalized, a student who has studied abroad is perceived to be self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace

challenges, and able to cope with diverse problems and situations.

UJ will offer you more than just an internationally recognised qualification. There are a myriad of opportunities for personal growth through participating in volunteer programmes, student clubs, sporting codes, recreational programmes, and cultural and social events.

## More about UJ

The University of Johannesburg is an international university of choice, anchored in Africa, dynamically shaping the future. It shares the pace and energy of cosmopolitan Johannesburg. Noted for its strength in Science Technology, Engineering and Maths, UJ offers a comprehensive menu of programmes, based on a bedrock of distinguished

scholarship, excellence in teaching, reputable research and innovation. It is committed to delivering outstanding higher education to students of exceptional calibre and potential. UJ focuses on the identification of research niche areas, community engagement, and a commitment to internationalisation.

The University of Johannesburg has four campuses all located in the metropolitan area of the city of Johannesburg, namely the Auckland Park Bunting Road Campus (APB), Auckland Park Kingsway Campus (APK), Doornfontein Campus (DFC) and the Soweto Campus (SWC).

**The University has nine (9) Faculties across all the four campuses, namely:**

Faculty of Management  
Law  
Humanities  
Sciences  
Art, Design and Architecture  
Engineering and the Built Environment  
Education  
Health Sciences and Economic and Financial Sciences

For more info visit  
<http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/Pages/default.aspx>

The University has thirteen (13) research centres, A-rated researchers who are unequivocally recognised by their peers as leading international scholars in their field for the quality and impact of their recent research outputs and

has identified seven (7) niche areas, namely: Aquatic Ecotoxicology, Sociological Research, economic Geometallurgy, Energy and Sustainable Development, Neotechnology, Telecommunications and Water and Health.


The institution has further collaborated with a large number of universities in numerous countries around the world as a way of investigating problems that especially, developing countries have in common, such as water and energy, poverty and housing and is furthermore involved in community engagements such as the Law Clinic, Operation Bright Sight and HIV/Aids.

The University of Johannesburg is continuing a rich legacy of internationalisation, enhancing

its scholarly engagement and impact on the national, regional and continental transformation agenda. Internationalisation at UJ entails:

- the cultivation of an international environment on campus, where students and staff from around the globe are fully integrated into UJ life
- the promotion of the academic curriculum, including dialogue with the international community about issues of national and global importance
- the development of international partnerships
- the implementation of international collaborations, involving research and student and staff mobility, that lead towards the enrichment of our research and teaching, in pursuit of excellence in scholarship





*UJ life*



## Academic Programmes

We offer programmes for direct enrolment in all nine faculties. In order to view all the programmes, courses and modules with course descriptions, offered per Faculty, please visit:

- **Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/fada>
- **Faculty of Economic and Financial Sciences** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/ecofin>
- **Faculty of Education** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/edu>
- **Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/engineering>
- **Faculty of Health Sciences** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/health>
- **Faculty of Humanities** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/humanities>
- **Faculty of Law** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/law>
- **Faculty of Management** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/management>
- **Faculty of Science** - <http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/science>

### Semester Programmes

Students can choose any combination of a maximum of four semester courses from any of the nine Faculties at the UJ. Once accepted, students register with the University and attend their selected courses with the general UJ student population.

### Short Programmes

The Division for Internationalisation, in collaboration with different academic departments, offers a suite of short courses during the winter (July) and summer (November) holiday breaks. These are largely two-week

long, credit-bearing courses. They comprise ten lectures over one week, an industry-related immersion and an assessment.

#### The current course offerings are:

##### **Social Entrepreneurship:**

Rethinking the role of government, the private sector and civil society;

**Re-fashioning Africa:** South African Fashion in the spotlight;

**Re-imagining Africa:** Media and the African Continent;

**20 Days of Social Engagement Cultural Tours**

An official University transcript or a certificate of attendance will be issued to the student on the successful completion of the course and its assessment.

Please contact Mrs Lisle du Plessis (Lduplessis@uj.ac.za) at the Division for Internationalisation for further information on these courses.

## Application Procedures

For an application to be considered, students are required to submit the following documentation:

- A completed original application form for studying abroad. Students, under the age of 21, should have their application forms countersigned by a parent or legal guardian
- Application letter/ curriculum vitae
- Certified copy of your official academic transcripts (please attach a notarised English translation if the original documents are not in English)
- Certified copy of the identification pages in your passport
- Proof that a minimum GPA of 2.6 has been obtained by students coming from the USA. Students from countries other than the USA will be assessed on the basis of their transcripts and need not provide a GPA
- A Test of English as Foreign Language proficiency, i.e. TOEFL or IELTS, for students whose first language is not English, and/or who have studied in a language other than English
- **A South African registered medical aid as required by legislation**
- Passport sized photograph

## Languages Requirements

IELTS is the University's preferred Language Proficiency test accepted for studying purposes at UJ for students coming from countries or institutions where the language of instruction is not English. However, due to the inaccessibility of IELTS in the majority of countries that feed the Study Abroad programme at UJ and in South Africa, in general, a student who has passed TOEFL at the required IELTS level will be considered for study.

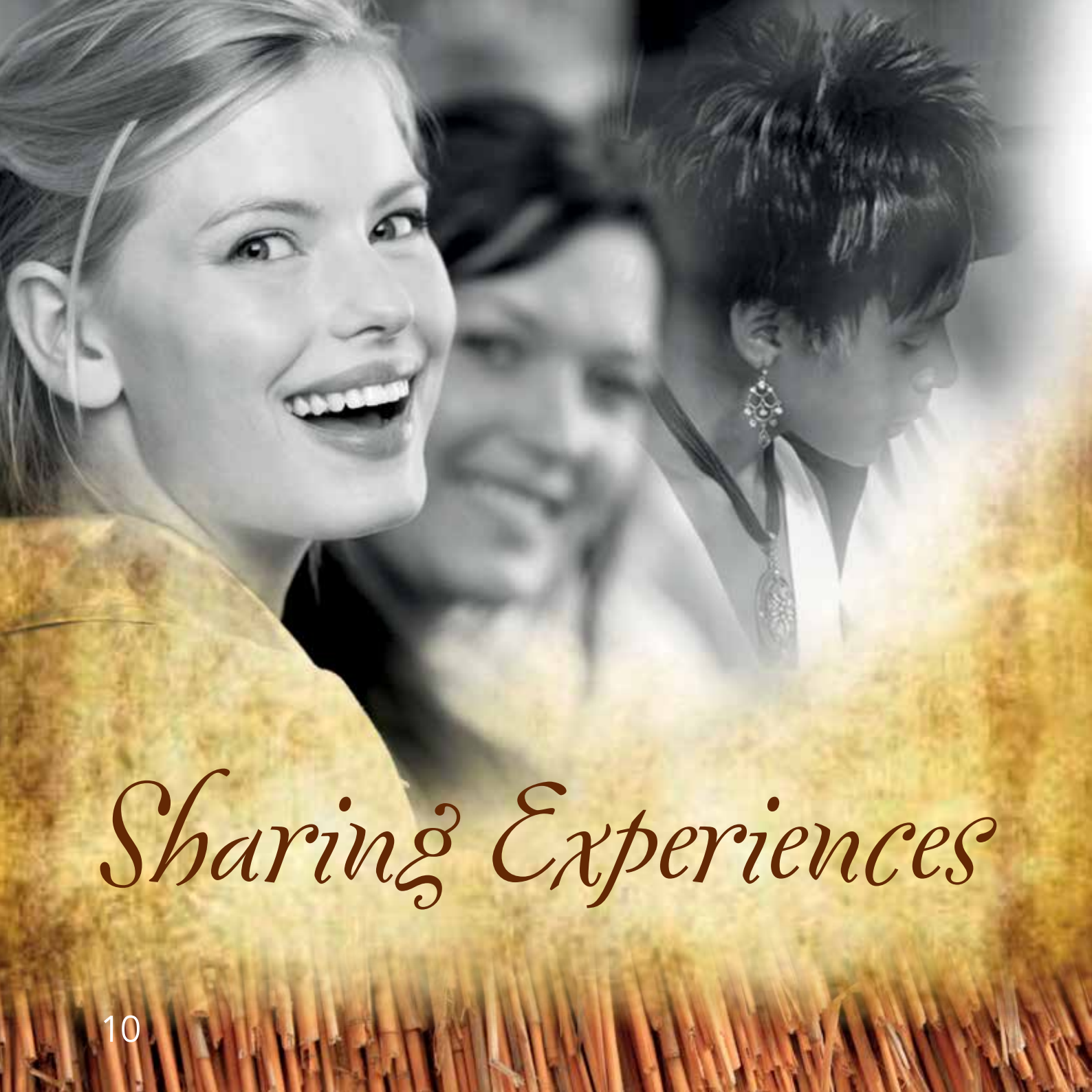
## How to Apply for a Study Permit

The University is not permitted to register you until you have produced your VALID study permit. A study permit application must be processed prior to entry into RSA.

You are required to apply for a study permit at the South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission in your country of residence. If there is no South African representative in that country, you must apply to the nearest South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission.

The following are the current requirements to be submitted to the South African Visa issuing authority in your country to obtain your Study Permit:

- A passport valid for not less than 30 days after intended studies
- Administrative fee of R425 (as at December 2006)
- Confirmation and proof of payment of a South African Medical Aid Cover with a medical scheme registered with the SA Medical Schemes Council. Cover must remain valid for the duration of stay in South Africa
- Letter of Offer from the University stating the duration of degree, confirming that the student is not taking the place of a local student and undertaking to inform the Department of Home Affairs should the student discontinue studies for any reason
- A Medical and Radiological reports (less than six months old)
- Yellow Fever vaccination certificate, if relevant
- Relevant certificates if married, widowed, divorced or separated
- Details regarding arranged accommodation while in South Africa
- Proof of sufficient funds to cover tuition fees and maintenance
- A police clearance certificate for the past 12 months or longer since the age of 18
- Repatriation guaranteed in the form of a cash deposit or a return ticket to country of origin



# *Sharing Experiences*



Nationals of some African countries are not required to pay the repatriations deposit if their Government undertakes, in writing, to cover all costs relating to any repatriation action that may become necessary. You are advised to submit the documentation as soon as possible to the South African Visa issuing authority near you. - DO NOT send the documentation to the University. We, however advise that you keep a copy of your submission and all receipts safely.

#### PLEASE NOTE

The holder of a study permit for studies at a higher education institution may conduct part-time work for a period not exceeding 20 hours per week during

## Important Semester Dates

### SECOND SEMESTER (July to November 2014)

ACTIVITY	DATES
Application Closing Dates	31 Mar 2014
Student Arrival Dates	8 Jul 2014
Orientation Dates	9 Jul – 11 Jul 2014
Registration Dates	14 Jul 2014
Third Term	14 Jul 2014 – 29 Aug 2014
Spring Recess	30 Aug 2014 – 7 Sep 2014
Fourth Term	8 Sep 2014 – 24 Oct 2014
Study Break	25 Oct 2014 – 31 Oct 2014
Summer Examinations	1 Nov – 19 Nov 2014
Summer Holidays	20 Nov 2014

### FIRST SEMESTER (January to June 2014)

ACTIVITY	DATES
Application Closing Dates	30 Sep 2013
Student Arrival Dates	27 & 28 Jan 2014
Orientation Dates	29 Jan – 31 Jan 2014
Registration Dates	3 Feb 2014
First Term	3 Feb 2014 – 20 Mar 2014
Autumn Recess	21 Mar 2014 – 30 Mar 2014
Second Term	31 Mar 2014 – 23 May 2014
Study Break	24 May 2014 – 30 May 2014
Winter Holidays	19 Jun 2014 – 13 July 2014





## Accommodation

The dormitories are what we call residences, accommodating more than 5000 students where you will meet students from all walks of life, from all over the world and build life-long relationships. The University of Johannesburg has 22 residences spread across all campuses and 4 day houses.

Soweto Campus (SWC) has three residences - one mixed residence, one female residence and one male residence.

Doornfontein Campus (DFC) has eight residences – one senior residence and seven junior residences. The junior residences are divided into two ladies' residences and five men's residences. Auckland Park Bunting Road (APB) Campus has five residences – two senior residences and three junior residences. Both senior

residences are mixed-gender residences and the junior residences are divided into two ladies' residences and one men's residence. Auckland Park Kingsway (APK) Campus has ten residences and four day houses. These consist of one senior residence and thirteen junior residences. The senior residence is a mixed-gender residence. Junior residences are divided into five ladies' residences and four men's residences. Day houses are divided into two men's day houses and two ladies' day houses. Students have to cook by themselves thus giving an opportunity to showcase their culinary skills and also it helps them integrate easily. All the four campuses are equipped with meeting places, restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, recreational facilities and even shops for added convenience.

## Residence Facilities

- All UJ residences are self-catering. They have fully furnished rooms, fully equipped kitchens, and ablution and shower facilities
- Most residences have television rooms that are open 24 hours a day and have satellite television
- Most residences have laundry facilities available on their premises or nearby
- Braai (barbeque) facilities and recreation centres are available to encourage social integration among students
- All our residences are secured and access controlled. Security personnel patrol all our campuses and residences
- To keep our residences at acceptable hygienic standards, the University has a cleaning staff in all the residences to service the student rooms and the social and academic spaces

Students are provided with the following in their accommodation: fridge, stove, cutlery, crockery, bed, bedding, blankets, internet access and a study desk and chair.



## Safety

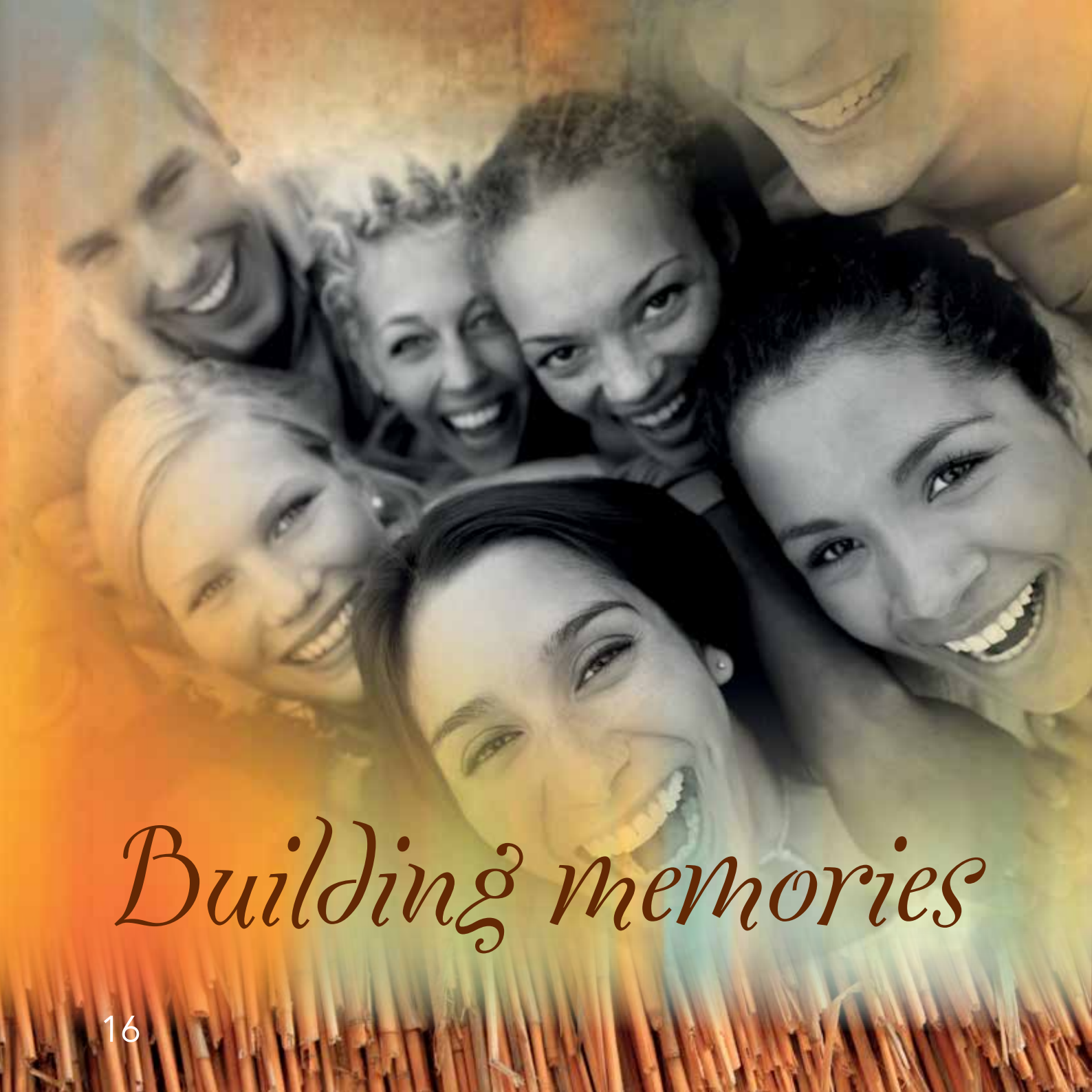
As with any large city anywhere in the world, security should not be taken for granted. Security concerns in Johannesburg are hugely overstated by sensationalist press but precautions should be taken as you would anywhere else.

Here are some tips to ensure a pleasant and safe stay in our beautiful country:

- Keep valuables such as jewellery and cameras out of sight – pickpockets and “smash and grab” thieves will find you a tempting target
- Don't walk around at night or venture into the seedier areas of Johannesburg on your own – you wouldn't do it at home, so don't do it here
- Respect other people's privacy – ask if it is ok to photograph them before you do so
- Don't give money to beggars – not all those you see begging are genuine and you are vulnerable if you open your wallet in plain sight
- Keep your windows closed and car doors locked when travelling and put all valuables such as handbags and shopping bags in the trunk, out of sight. Don't leave valuables on the seat where they can be seen
- Plan your route before you set off to a place you have not been before. If you do get lost, don't ask assistance from passing strangers, find a well-lit petrol station and ask there instead. Use a GPS as an added precaution
- Avoid casual sex. HIV infection is highest in Africa and not to be taken lightly
- Making friends is great but allowing a stranger to take you somewhere you don't know is dangerous
- Travel with your mobile/cell phone and have emergency numbers keyed in
- Be cautious and plan ahead. If something wouldn't be sensible in your home town, its certainly not a good idea in a strange place



*UJ Culture*



*Building memories*

## Medical Aid

In terms of the Immigration Act [No 19 of 2004], as amended any prospective student to the Republic of South Africa must be in possession of medical aid cover provided by a medical scheme registered and administered in the Republic in terms of the Medical Schemes Act [No 131 of 1998]. In order to be legally compliant, the University requires proof of full medical cover as described, paid upfront for the duration of your studies in a particular academic year.

You may contact Mr Neville Govender at Momentum Health (Neville.govender@momentum.co.za) or Ms Esther Oosthuizen at CompCare Medical Scheme (estero@live.co.za) to arrange for

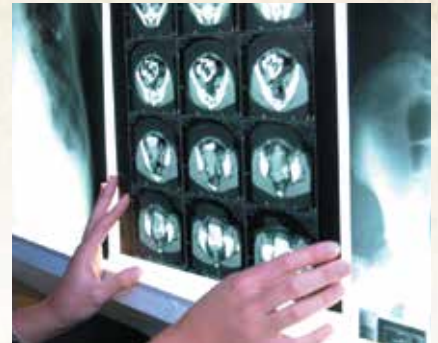
a South African medical aid cover prior to your arrival. Be sure to advise them you are an exchange student.

## Immunizations or Vaccinations

Travellers entering South Africa from countries where yellow fever is endemic are often required to present their yellow World Health Organization (WHO) vaccination record or other proof of inoculation, or they must be inoculated at the airport in order to be permitted entry. It is recommended that students planning to study nursing, social work or any other subject which involves working with the underprivileged community, have a course of Hepatitis B

inoculating starting, if possible, 9 months prior to arrival in South Africa. It is recommended that you consult your personal physician in your home country for further advice and information on inoculations.

Precautions should be taken if travelling to the Kruger National Park and other low altitude game parks and surrounding areas. Malaria prophylaxis should be taken before arriving in, during your stay in, and after departure from, these areas. Remember that to be effective these anti-malaria drugs must be taken regularly and in strict accordance with the doctor's instruction ([www.travelclinic.co.za](http://www.travelclinic.co.za)).



## Money Matters

Where a student exchange agreement exists between the UJ and another academic institution, tuition fees are waived upon registration of an exchange student. The cost of direct enrolment is R33 000.00 per semester in 2014.

All the students at the UJ are required to pay the following additional amounts:

ICT levy	R 385.00
Registration fee	R 550.00
International Management fee	R 17 000.00
Accommodation	± R 14000 for 6 months



## Credit Card and Travel Cards

Most international credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted, as well as travel cards. Foreign currency is accepted in South Africa, and may be converted into local currency. There is no restriction on the amount of foreign currency you may bring into the country; however it has to be declared at Customs and Excise when you arrive.

Please note: A commission fee is charged every time you exchange currency.

## Tipping

Tipping is common practice in South Africa for a range of services. In restaurant the accepted standard is around 10% of the bill, although sometimes a gratuity will be included (often in the case of large party). Service station attendants will expect a tip of two or three

Rand for filling up with petrol, checking oil, water and tire pressure and cleaning windscreens. It is also appropriate to tip taxi drivers and tour guides. Uniformed parking attendants will offer to safeguard your car for a tip from two Rand upwards.

Regarding living in South Africa, the average rate of exchange is around \$1 = R10.00 – R11.00. The figures below give a rough estimate of the cost of basic necessities:

## Food

- 1 loaf of bread R11.00
- 1 kg of potatoes R16.00
- 2 l of milk R18.00
- 1 dozen eggs R18.00
- Medium pizzas R30.00 – R50.00
- Monthly groceries for one person R1 200.00 – R1 500.00



## The UJ Writing Centre

Because of the differences in academic systems from country to country, assessment modes are also different and so is the required style of writing. We encourage students to visit the UJ Writing Centre for advice on writing styles for assignments, papers and examinations.

The Writing Centre is a free service for any UJ student who would like to write better. It is staffed by post-graduate students from a range of disciplines, who have been specially trained to help students with any aspect of academic writing, including:

- Understanding the focus of an assignment
- Structuring an essay
- Expressing ideas clearly and coherently
- Developing self-monitoring skills
- Avoiding plagiarism
- Referencing correctly

### How it Works

- To see a consultant, drop by or phone for an appointment
- Bring all available materials to the consultation – notes, rough draft, and assignment instructions
- Writing consultants will not revise or edit work. However, they will help to find solutions to your own writing problems
- Students are encouraged to come more than once







## Tourist Attractions

- The Lion Park where you can see the rare “white lions”, walk with cheetahs and experience a diversity of African wildlife
- Gold Reef City where the old mining past comes to life with shows, authentic costumes and buildings, fabulous restaurants and loads of entertainment
- Apartheid Museum gives a detailed look into the lives of South Africans during the Apartheid era
- Museum Africa - a journey back into the glory years of the African continent’s past, when the first civilizations were created and thrived
- The Market Theatre was made famous as the first fully integrated theatre and houses three theatres, restaurants, bar and museum
- Witwatersrand National Botanical Gardens is a great place to hike and admire South Africa’s diverse plant heritage. In addition, you can walk to the top of the falls and observe the nesting pair of highly endangered black eagles
- Johannesburg Zoological Gardens covers 81 hectares of land and was founded in 1904. Attractive animal exhibits and spacious indigenous gardens make it the perfect place for a picnic
- Kromdraai Hiking Trails for those who love the open air, spectacular views and exploring on foot
- Melville Koppies is the last conserved remnant of Johannesburg’s ridges as they were before the discovery of gold in 1886 and its geology goes back three billion years
- The Cradle of Humankind and the Sterkfontein Caves where some of the most valuable humanoid fossils have been found

For more information on South Africa visit the following websites:

[www.southafrica.info](http://www.southafrica.info) | [www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net)  
[www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com) | [www.southafrica-travel.net](http://www.southafrica-travel.net)  
[www.lordstravel.co.za](http://www.lordstravel.co.za)



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