

# Faculty of Humanities

## Faculty facts

The faculty **collaborates** with the Royal College of Music in Stockholm, Sweden, as well as the Justus Liebig University of Giessen in Germany, on **two student and staff exchange programmes**. We have similar initiatives with the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia and the Johannes Gutenberg University in Germany.

Our South African Sign Language subject group organises various activities during **Deaf Awareness Month**, focusing on the Deaf community, language and culture.

The **Byderhand project** is an interdisciplinary digital literature project that provides interactive, multisensory reading experiences for visually impaired learners using digital devices and various media, content and settings.

The **Language Practice** subject group on the Mahikeng Campus is partnering with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in a Terminology Development Project.

The **Musikhane programme** is a work-integrated community music engagement programme where students of the different Community Music modules get to apply this newly learned academic knowledge in practice. It creates opportunities for learners, teachers and the community to have meaningful musical experiences by exploring music education, staff development and community music participation.

The School of Philosophy has hosted the **NWU Forum**, focusing on academic integrity, especially from the point of view of students.

## Faculty in numbers

*(Staff and student figures as on 25 April 2024)*

 **686**  
Postgraduate students

 **60**  
International students

 **453**  
Academic staff

 **264**  
Support staff

 **46**  
NRF-rated researchers

## Internationally Recognised

 The NWU continues to shine in global rankings. In its 2023/24 edition of the Global 2000 list, the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) placed the NWU in the **top 4,2%** of universities. This was even better than the previous year, when the university was in the top 4,7%. In addition, the NWU is ranked tenth in Africa and seventh in South Africa.

 In addition to the overall rankings, encompassing 20 966 universities worldwide, the NWU was also ranked according to academic performance. Our score improved from 77,1 to **71,3**, and we were ranked **880th globally** (up from 924th in the previous year). The NWU was ranked 869th (887th last year) for research.

The faculty offers a wide array of learning opportunities through our **six schools**:



School of Communication



School of Government Studies



School of Languages



School of Music and Conservatory



School of Philosophy



School of Social Sciences

## Research

### Research entities

Afrocentric Governance of Public Affairs (AGoPA)

Language and Literature in the South African Context

Population and Health

Social Transformation

Understanding and Processing Language in Complex Settings (UPSET)

Indigenous Language Media in Africa (ILMA)

Musical Arts in South Africa: Resources and Applications (MASARA)

Visual Narratives and Creative Outputs through Interdisciplinary and Practice-based Research (ViNCO)

Optimal Expression of Individual, Social and Institutional Potential (OPTENTIA)



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| Campus                  | School / Entity                                                                                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>M</b> Mahikeng       | <b>CTPLS</b> Centre of Translation and Professional Language Services                                   |
| <b>P</b> Potchefstroom  | <b>MASARA</b> MASARA Research Entity                                                                    |
| <b>V</b> Vanderbijlpark | <b>OPTENTIA</b> Optentia Research Programme                                                             |
|                         | <b>SC</b> School of Communication                                                                       |
|                         | <b>SGS</b> School of Government Studies                                                                 |
|                         | <b>SL</b> School of Languages                                                                           |
|                         | <b>SM</b> School of Music                                                                               |
|                         | <b>SP</b> School of Philosophy                                                                          |
|                         | <b>SPH</b> School of Population and Health                                                              |
|                         | <b>SSS</b> School of Social Sciences                                                                    |
|                         | <b>UL</b> Unit for Language                                                                             |
|                         | <b>ULL</b> Unit for Languages and Literature                                                            |
|                         | <b>VINCO</b> Visual Narratives and Creative Outputs through Interdisciplinary and Practice-Led Research |

| Qualification                                                                                      | Delivery and Duration             | Campus | School/ Entity |
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| <b>Masters Degree</b>                                                                              |                                   |        |                |
| Master of Arts in Afrikaans and Dutch<br>Programme code: 1CL N01 : L801P/V                         | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P V    | ULL/UL/<br>SL  |
| Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literary Theory<br>Programme code: 1CV N01 : L801P/V             | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P V    | ULL/UL/<br>SL  |
| Master of Arts in Applied Language Studies<br>Programme code: 1CM N01 : L801P/V                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P V    | ULL/UL/<br>SL  |
| Master of Arts in English<br>Programme code: 1CP N01 : L801M/P/V                                   | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | M P V  | ULL/UL/<br>SL  |
| Master of Arts in Setswana<br>Programme code: 1DE N01 : L801M/P                                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | M P    | ULL/UL/<br>SL  |
| Master of Arts in Comparative African Languages and Literatures<br>Programme code: 1GT N01 : L801V | Full-time: 1-3 years              | V      | ULL/UL/<br>SL  |
| Master of Arts in Language Practice<br>Programme code: 1CU N01 : L801V                             | Full-time: 1-3 years              | V      | UL/SL          |
| Master of Arts in Industrial Sociology<br>Programme code: 1CT N01 : L801P                          | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in History<br>Programme code: 1EM N01 : L801M/P/V                                   | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | M P V  | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in History with Cultural History<br>Programme code: 1EM N02 : L801P                 | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in History with Heritage and Cultural Tourism<br>Programme code: 1EM N03 : L801P    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in Communication<br>Programme code: 1CN N01 : L801M/P                               | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | M P    | UL/SC          |
| Master of Arts in Public Management and Governance<br>Programme code: 1DB N01 : L801P/V            | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time | P V    | CTPLS/<br>SGS  |

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| Masters Degree                                                                                                             |                                    |        |                |
| Master of Arts in Political Studies<br>Programme code: 1DA N01 : L801M/P/V                                                 | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | M P V  | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in Medical Sociology<br>Programme code: 1EQ P01 : L801V                                                     | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: | V      | OPTENTIA /SSS  |
| Master of Arts in Graphic Design<br>Programme code: 1CQ P01 : L801P                                                        | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | VINCO/ UL/SC   |
| Master of Arts in History of Art<br>Programme code: 1CS N01 : L801P                                                        | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | VINCO/ UL/SC   |
| Master of Music in Musicology<br>Programme code: 1DL N01 : L801P                                                           | Full-time: 1-3 years               | P      | MASARA/ SM/UL  |
| Master of Music in Musicology with Applied Music Studies<br>Programme code: 1EV P01 : L801P                                | Full-time: 1-3 years               | P      | MASARA/ SM/UL  |
| Master of Music in Music Performance<br>Programme code: 1ET P01 : L801P                                                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | MASARA/ SM/UL  |
| Master of Music in Music Composition<br>Programme code: 1DM P01 : L801P                                                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | MASARA/ SM/UL  |
| Master of Arts in Sociology<br>Programme code: 1DF N01 : L801P                                                             | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in Development and Management with Transdisciplinary Water Studies<br>Programme code: 1EW P01 : L801V       | Part-time: 1-3 years               | V      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in Development and Management in Governance and Political Transformation<br>Programme code: 1EW P03 : L801P | Part-time: 1-3 years               | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in Development and Management in Security Studies and Management<br>Programme code: 1EW P04 : L801P         | Part-time:1-3 years                | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Arts in Development and Management with e-Science<br>Programme code: 1EW P06 : L801M/P/V                         | Full-time: 1-3 years               | M P V  | ?              |
| Master of Arts in Philosophy<br>Programme code: 1DG N01 : L801P                                                            | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | SP             |
| Master of Philosophy<br>Programme code: 1GP P01 : L801P                                                                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | SP             |
| Master of Social Anthropology<br>Programme code: 1EK N01 : L801P                                                           | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | P      | SSS            |
| Master of Social Science in Sociology<br>Programme code: 1JB N01 : L801M                                                   | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | M      | SSS            |
| Master of Social Science with Development Studies<br>Programme code: 1DR N01 : L801M                                       | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | M      | SSS            |
| Master of Social Science in International Relations<br>Programme code: 1DS N01 : L801M                                     | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | M      | SSS            |
| Master of Social Science in International Relations with Peace Studies<br>Programme code: 1DS N02 : L801M                  | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time  | M      | SSS            |
| Master of Social Science in Population Studies and Sustainable Development<br>Programme code: 1JC P01 : L801M              | Full-time: 1-3 years               | M      | SSS            |

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| Doctoral Degree                                                                                                            |                                   |        |                  |
| Doctor of Philosophy Afrikaans and Dutch<br>Programme code: 1CA R01 : L901P/V                                              | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P V    | ULL/UL/<br>SL    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with History<br>Programme code: 1CC R01 : L901M/P/V                                 | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M P V  | ULL/UL/<br>SL    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Languages and Literature with English<br>Programme code: 1CA R06 : L901M/P/V                       | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M P V  | ULL/UL/<br>SL    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Languages and Literature with Setswana<br>Programme code: 1CA R02 : L901M/P                        | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M P    | ULL/UL/<br>SL    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Languages and Literature with Language Practice<br>Programme code: 1CA R03 : L901V                 | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | V      | CTPLS/SL         |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Languages and Literature with Linguistics and Literary Theory<br>Programme code: 1CA R05 : L901P/V | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P V    | CTPLS/SL         |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences<br>Programme code: 1CD R01 : L901M/P                                        | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M P    | CTPLS/SL         |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Visual and Performing Arts with History of Art<br>Programme code: 1CE R01 : L901P                  | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | VINCO/<br>UL/SC  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Visual and Performing Arts with Music<br>Programme code: 1CE R02 : L901P                           | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | MASARA/<br>SM/UL |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Water Studies<br>Programme code: 1CC R02 : L901P/V                                | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Development Studies<br>Programme code: 1CC R15: L901M                          | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Inclusion and Development<br>Programme code: 1CC R20 : L901V                   | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | V      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Industrial Sociology<br>Programme code: 1CC R16 : L901P                        | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Public Management and Governance<br>Programme code: 1CC R04 : L901P/V             | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P V    | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Governance and Political Transformation<br>Programme code: 1CC R05 : L901P        | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Security Studies and Management<br>Programme code: 1CC R06 : L901P                | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Social Transformation and Management<br>Programme code: 1CC R07 : L901P           | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Political Studies<br>Programme code: 1CC R08 : L901M/P/V                          | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M P V  | SSS              |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Sociology<br>Programme code: 1CC R09 : L901M/P/V                                  | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M P V  | SSS              |

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| <b>Doctoral Degree</b>                                                                                              |                                   |        |                |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Population Studies<br>Programme code: 1CC R11 : L901M                      | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M      | SSS/SPH        |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Land Reform and Rural Development<br>Programme code: 1CC R12 : L901M       | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M      | SSS            |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with International Relations<br>Programme code: 1CC R14 : L901M                 | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M      | SSS            |
| Doctor of Philosophy Social Science with Peace Studies<br>Programme code: 1CC R17 : L901M                           | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | M      | SSS            |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy<br>Programme code: 1JD R01 : L901P                                               | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SP             |
| Doctor of Music in Music<br>Programme code: 1CK R03 : L901P                                                         | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | MASARA/ SM/UL  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Corporate Social Responsibility<br>Programme code: 1CC R03 : L901P      | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | P      | SSS            |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Ageing and Development<br>Programme code: 1CC R18 : L901V               | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | V      | OPTENTIA       |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Relational Dynamics and Development<br>Programme code: 11CC R19 : L901V | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time | V      | OPTENTIA       |

**Admission Rules and Requirements:** <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/yearbooks>

