



POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

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“The purpose of doing research is to solve problems that limit the growth and development of society, communities, businesses, and individuals. At the NWU, we constantly remind ourselves that we are here to make a difference in people’s lives and to nurture nature. By addressing the challenges humanity faces today and producing graduates ready to reshape the world, we are building a better university and a better South Africa.”

- Prof Bismark Tyobeka, Vice-Chancellor, NWU Research Dynamics

At the **North-West University (NWU)**, our goal is to **educate and empower postgraduate students** by offering quality programmes that nurture critical and creative thinkers.

When you enrol for a **Master’s or Doctoral degree**, one of the most important considerations is the availability of academic expertise. You can rest assured that NWU prides itself on **research excellence**, with a wide range of postgraduate programmes supported by **highly qualified supervisors**.

Pursuing postgraduate studies at NWU is an opportunity to **build your confidence, expand your career, and make a lasting impact**.

NWU is a **top-ranked research institution** with strong international partnerships. This means that as a postgraduate student, you’ll have the opportunity to **collaborate globally**, learn from leading academics, and contribute to projects that have a meaningful impact on the world.

#MyNWU in a Nutshell

- **Global reputation:** One of Africa's top universities, with students from over 60 countries.
- **Excellence in specialisation:** Top-ranked in Accounting, Health Sciences (HART), and Indigenous Knowledge Studies.
- **Innovation and impact:** Home to C-rated NRF researchers and groundbreaking research groups such as HySA and MUST.
- **Cutting-edge qualifications:** New postgraduate diplomas in Mining and Nuclear Studies.

A Global University in the Heart of South Africa

NWU is one of South Africa's **largest public research universities**, serving over **56,000 students** across three vibrant campuses.

Our strength lies in being an **integrated, multi-campus institution** that delivers **equitable, innovative research and teaching** opportunities across all locations.

Postgraduate Research Support

The **Postgraduate Hub** supports you through every stage of your journey - from developing your proposal and obtaining ethical clearance, to submitting your thesis and celebrating your graduation.

You'll have access to:

- Workshops, writing camps, and research development programmes.
- One-on-one advising for academic and personal growth.
- Mentorship that empowers you to balance your studies with confidence.

Postgraduate Support that Fuels Success

Across all campuses, the **Postgraduate Hub** and **Higher Degrees Academic Support (HDAS)** systems provide:

- Structured workshops and writing retreats.
- Data analytics and ethics training.
- Personalised thesis and dissertation support.



Where is NWU located?

Mahikeng Campus

Cultural and Agricultural Innovation

Located in the North West Province, Mahikeng is known for its **rich cultural heritage** and commitment to excellence.

The campus welcomes students from more than 25 countries and offers a **dedicated International Office** to support your transition into South African life.



Potchefstroom Campus

City of Expertise

Known as the **City of Expertise**, Potchefstroom offers an ideal academic environment with clean air, a high-altitude climate, and a strong focus on research excellence.

It's home to the **High Performance Institute (HPI)**, where international researchers and athletes collaborate - a reflection of NWU's holistic approach to excellence.



Vanderbijlpark Campus

Technology & Economic Leadership

Situated in Gauteng, this campus specialises in economic sciences, **business innovation**, and **information technology**. Its close proximity to South Africa's economic heartland provides students with valuable **real-world industry connections**.



<https://studies.nwu.ac.za/visit>

But why enrol for a Masters or a Doctoral degree?

- It strengthens your competitiveness as a graduate in a specialised job market.
- It extends and deepens your knowledge and skills in an ever changing international market.
- It offers you research preparation that enhances your ability to access, make sense of, and deploy new knowledge in a complex society.
- It builds confidence and credibility as a highly skilled graduate.
- It provides immense personal satisfaction and reward.



Click here to find out more!



Postgraduate Pathways:

Master's and Doctoral Studies at NWU

Postgraduate studies at NWU offer a space to **specialise in your field**, contribute **new knowledge**, and prepare for **advanced professional or academic careers**.

Our programmes are **internationally recognised** and designed with flexibility to meet your personal and professional goals.

Your Pathway Options

- **Mini-Dissertation (Master's by Coursework):**
Combine structured coursework with a smaller research project. Ideal if you enjoy taught modules and wish to apply your research skills in practice.
- **Dissertation (Master's by Research):**
Focus entirely on independent research that makes a significant contribution to your discipline. This pathway is suited for students eager to engage deeply with their topic.
- **Coursework Master's:**
A structured programme that includes lectures, seminars, and coursework aligned with a central theme – often complemented by a mini-dissertation.
- **Doctoral Studies (PhD):**
The highest level of academic achievement. A PhD requires an original and substantial contribution to knowledge, positioning you as an **expert, innovator, and leader** in your field.

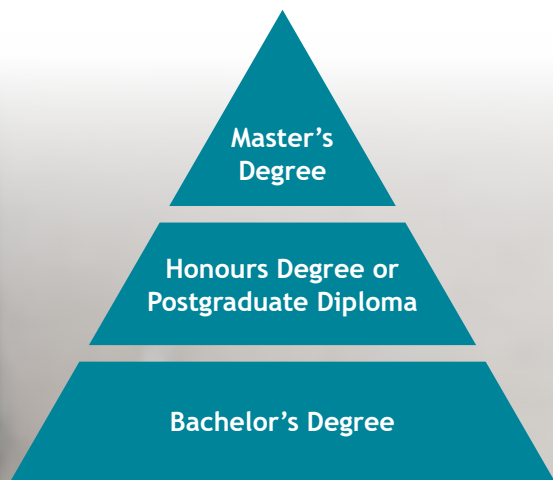
At NWU, Master's and Doctoral studies are designed to **empower ambitious students** through expert supervision, research training, and access to advanced facilities. Our aim is to prepare you for success on both national and international stages.



What You Need for a Master's Degree

To qualify for a Master's programme at NWU, you'll need:

- A **relevant Honours degree** (or equivalent qualification) at **NQF Level 8**.
- A minimum **average of 60-65%**, depending on the programme and faculty.
- To meet **faculty-specific admission requirements** for your chosen field.
- Demonstrated **research potential** and the ability to work independently.
- Full-time or part-time registration, depending on your programme choice.

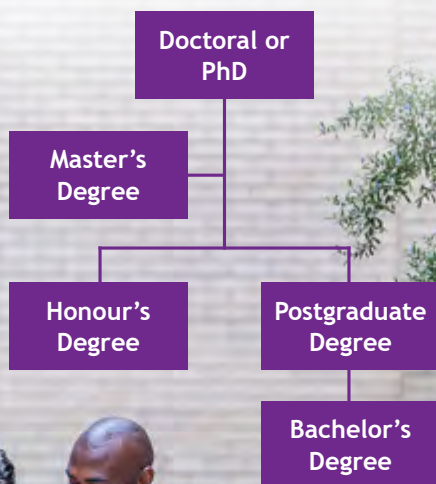


What You Need for a Doctoral (PhD) Degree

To be considered for a Doctoral programme, you'll need:

- A **Master's degree** (NQF Level 9) in a relevant field.
- Evidence of **independent research competence** (e.g. a Master's dissertation).
- To meet faculty admission requirements and identify a suitable supervisor.
- A well-developed **research proposal** or concept aligned with NWU's focus areas.
- Commitment to full-time study, research excellence, and ethical academic conduct.

NWU Doctoral graduates are recognised for their ability to conduct **original research**, drive **innovation**, and **make a measurable contribution** to their disciplines and communities.



NWU Masters Bursaries

- This bursary is available exclusively to postgraduate students registered for a full prescribed master's degree.
- Applicants must have achieved a minimum average of **60% for all modules/subjects** in their preceding, completed Honours degree.
- Students with a completed **four-year B-degree** (e.g., BEng, LLB, BPharm, MMus, or BA in Town and Regional Planning) also qualify.
- Part-time and working students (those employed, earning a salary, and for whom work is their primary activity) may qualify for a 50% allocation of the NWU Postgraduate Bursary.
- Full-time students are eligible for R31,400 per year, with a total value of R62,800 over two years.
- Students completing their dissertation in the third year of uninterrupted studies may qualify for a 1-Year Extra Grant of R31,400. This additional bursary is available only to students who previously received the NWU Postgraduate Bursary without interruption.
- Master's students may receive funding from multiple sources, but the total bursary amount may not exceed R261,900 per annum. The University reserves the right to cancel or adjust the Master's Bursary if this limit is exceeded. Note that the limit is subject to change.
- The bursary amount must be repaid if a student:
 - Terminates their studies.
 - Fails to complete the degree within the prescribed period.
- Bursary holders must complete the **master's degree** within a minimum grace period of **three (3) years**.



[Click here to find out more!](#)



What will your Postgraduate Journey look like?

1 Explore Your Department

Before applying, make sure you have a thorough understanding of your field of interest.

For more information, visit the NWU homepage and select [Research](#).

NWU offers fully accredited Master's and Doctoral programmes across eight faculties. [Explore here](#).



2 Start and Submit Your Application

Postgraduate applications at NWU are completed online. If you are applying for the first time, you will be issued a student number.

Apply online at: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/higher-degree-admissions>

TIP

Applicants for Master's and Doctoral studies should indicate no more than two choices of study. Don't forget to download the fillable application form available on the same page.

For a quick guide watch the step-by-step video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVrarqv0WBw&source_ve_path=OTY3MTQ&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fstudies.nwu.ac.za%2F

Familiarise yourself with the **admission requirements** for your chosen programme. Download the various **faculty yearbooks**: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/yearbooks>

When applying, ensure you include the following **certified documents**:

- Completed application form
- Copy of your ID or passport

- **Application Fee:** A R600 non-refundable fee applies to international applicants.

Applications cannot be processed without all required documentation. Additional requirements may apply - please consult your Global Engagement representative.

- **Closing Dates:**

- Most postgraduate programmes close on **30 November**.
- Some programmes may have different deadlines - check with your Faculty.



TIP

The documents to submit may differ per programme and faculty. Please familiarise yourself with the applicable documents. Additional information may be required by the relevant Faculty.

For International Students

If you are an international applicant (not a South African citizen), please visit the International Student Compliance Office (ISCO) on campus or the webpage for international students: <https://www.nwu.ac.za/international-students>

3 Supervisor Selection or Appointment

A **supervisor** (or promoter) is an academic staff member who guides you through your research, helping you plan, refine, and present your work to its best potential.

Supervisor appointments are handled by each **faculty**, and you will be contacted directly regarding your allocation.

TIP

You may recommend a supervisor you wish to work with for faculty consideration. If approved, this person may be appointed to supervise your research. Contact details for supervisors are available on your faculty's website.

4 Application Confirmation

Once all your documents have been submitted, your faculty will evaluate your application.

Your faculty advisor from the **Higher Degrees Administration Office** will communicate the outcome of your application via email.

TIP

You can track your application status on the application portal: <https://applynow.nwu.ac.za/OnlineApplication/>

5 Need Funding? Discover Our Financial Support

The **NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme** provides financial support to academically deserving students and those who may face financial constraints.

The academic year at NWU runs from January to December, with one annual intake for higher degree students. There is no second-semester intake.

For full details and application forms, visit: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/financial-support-services/nwupostgraduate-bursary-scheme>

You can also visit the **Finance Office** on any campus for assistance.

TIP

Download the **Payable Fees and Financial Rules** booklet:

<http://services.nwu.ac.za/student-accounts-andbursaries/payable-fees>

6 Registration

Once accepted, you will receive an official invitation from the **Higher Degrees Administration Office** to register.

During registration, you must submit all **signed documents** along with **proof of payment**.

If you register online, note that **web registration is provisional** until your funding is confirmed.

TIP

All relevant documents and agreements between you and your supervisor will be shared by your faculty. Visit your faculty web pages regularly for updates and communication.

Postgraduate registration closes at the end of March each year.

Please note that payment of fees does **not automatically complete** your registration - follow the full process as directed by your Faculty and the HDA.

Selecting a Postgraduate Supervisor

To complete your research and make a meaningful contribution to your field, you'll need guidance from someone with expertise in your research area. At the North-West University (NWU), all postgraduate research takes place under the supervision of an academic staff member - your **supervisor**.

A supervisor provides mentorship, advice, and academic guidance throughout your research journey, helping you refine your ideas, stay on track, and present your findings in the best possible way. The relationship between a student and supervisor is a key factor in ensuring postgraduate success.

1

Identify a Research Topic

Start by identifying a clear research topic. This helps narrow your focus and makes it easier to find a suitable supervisor.

Begin this process **six to eight months before applying** for your postgraduate degree.

Each faculty lists its researchers and their areas of expertise on its website. In some research entities, specific research interest groups may suggest or assign topics based on current capacity and focus areas. Take the time to familiarise yourself with these research areas before approaching a potential supervisor.

2

Supervisor Assignment

The **research or school director** is responsible for recommending suitable supervisors or promoters. However, you're encouraged to reach out to a potential supervisor whose expertise aligns with your topic to discuss whether they are available and willing to supervise your research.

Many faculties indicate supervisor capacity on their websites, along with each supervisor's specialisation areas. Always include the **NWU Higher Degree Admissions Office** in your correspondence with potential supervisors so they remain informed about your progress.

3

It's About Teamwork

Choosing a supervisor is not just an academic decision - it's also about building a productive and respectful working relationship. You'll be collaborating closely for the duration of your studies, so it's important that your working styles and communication preferences are compatible.

Be self-aware and identify your potential blind spots early in the process. Discuss these openly with your supervisor so that you can establish a strong and effective partnership.

Remember, a prospective supervisor may decline to work with you based on workload or research alignment - respect their decision and explore other suitable options.

Tip:

Stay in regular contact with your supervisor. Don't hesitate to reach out when you encounter challenges in your research or writing - communication is key to a successful postgraduate experience.



4

Have a Research Proposal Ready

All faculties require a research proposal before you can begin your project. While your supervisor will help refine it for submission to the relevant committee, having a draft proposal ready demonstrates your initiative and helps potential supervisors understand your ideas.

A strong proposal typically includes:

- A background and literature overview
- A clear problem statement
- A central research question (and sub-questions, if needed)
- A description of your proposed methodology
- Expected or potential outcomes

This document forms the foundation of your research journey and shows that you are prepared to engage with your topic in depth.

5

Discuss Work Approaches

Before signing the supervision agreement, have an open and honest discussion with your supervisor about how you'll work together.

This should include:

- Availability and communication frequency
- Record-keeping of supervisory meetings
- Feedback timelines and procedures
- Progress reporting and monitoring expectations
- Steps to follow if any issues arise

You should also agree on the structure of your study, submission timelines, milestones, and how progress will be reviewed.

6

Sign the Supervision Agreement

The **NWU Supervision Agreement** sets out the framework for your relationship with your supervisor. It clearly outlines the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of both parties.

This agreement should be signed shortly after your supervisor is appointed to ensure that both of you understand and commit to the process.

Library

Exceptional Library and Research Support

Your research journey is fully supported by NWU's exceptional library services and research environment:

- Expert advice on **publishing strategies**, **journal selection**, and **research visibility**.
- **Research Commons** on each campus - quiet, collaborative spaces for postgraduate study.
- Skilled **faculty librarians** to guide you in literature searches and reference management.
- Open access publishing options to maximise the visibility of your work.
- Global archiving through **Boloka**, ensuring your thesis and publications are accessible worldwide.
- Dedicated support from **ROSS (Research Office Support Services)** to help you publish confidently and navigate data tools effectively.

Please visit:



<http://library.nwu.ac.za/>



Writing Centre

The NWU Writing Centre addresses the following:

- **planning and organisation** - guiding students in planning out the writing task and writing process, dividing the writing task into manageable chunks, ordering ideas, and building arguments;
- **revision** - guiding students to reconsider main arguments and ideas where and if necessary and as appropriate; and
- **source integration** - guiding students on how to properly use in-text referencing, and create reference lists and bibliographies, using the appropriate referencing styles.
- **Clarity and academic tone** - helping students write in a formal, precise, and objective academic style that matches postgraduate expectations;
- **Individualised feedback** - offering one-on-one consultations tailored to each student's writing level and project stage, with specific, actionable advice on how to improve structure, coherence, and flow.

Please visit:



<http://humanities.nwu.ac.za/centre-academic-and-professional-practice/nwu-writing-centre>

International students

The NWU is an African university which boasts students of some **66 different nationalities** and which is **recognised internationally** for its **high standards of excellence**, in teaching, learning and research. Here, some of the NWU's key characteristics include its **global competitiveness** as regards the very wide range of academic programmes it has on offer, as well as its strategic collaboration with various global academic institutions. Accordingly, the NWU takes pride in the quality of its comprehensive undergraduate and

postgraduate programmes and its excellent research track record. Indeed, because of its focus on quality teaching and learning, research excellence with developmental relevancy and the implementation of expertise, **NWU graduates are highly regarded by employers the world over.**

If you are an international student with the wish to engage in postgraduate study at the NWU, or if you are a current NWU-student with hopes of studying abroad, please visit:



<https://www.nwu.ac.za/international-students>

Contact the International Student Compliance Office (ISCO)

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Faculty highlights

The NWU Business School was the first business school on the African continent to receive **international accreditation** from the **Business Graduates Association (BGA)**.

Recently, our school has also been awarded a five-year accreditation by the **Association of African Business Schools (AABS)**. This is the maximum term of accreditation offered by the AABS. What makes this achievement exceptional is the fact that the NWU Business School is one of only three business schools in South Africa to have received this prestigious accolade.

In 2025, the NWU Business School established a **PhD Hub for Africa** aimed at advancing doctoral studies in Africa. The pilot cohort includes candidates from South Africa, Rwanda, Kenya, Lesotho, Uganda and Botswana.

Our formal programmes include an MBA qualification, a postgraduate diploma in management, and a PhD qualification, while the list of executive education short learning programmes is extensive and in great demand.

At the NWU Business School, our aim is to cultivate and nurture strategic thought leaders who possess the necessary skills and ethical values to navigate the dynamic world of management and leadership with a focus on excellence. Through **innovative solutions** and **pioneering research**, we strive to equip modern manager-leaders with the **expertise to shape leadership minds** across Africa.

Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **833**
Postgraduate students

 **1**
NRF-rated researchers

 **44**
Academic staff

 **34**
Support staff

 **51**
International students

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.

Campus	School / Entity
 Mahikeng	 Business School
 Potchefstroom	
 Vanderbijlpark	

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme code: 5BEQ02 : E801M/P	Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	
Postgraduate Diploma in Management Programme code: 5HA D05 : E502P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P	
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Administration Programme code: 5BE Q02 : E701P	Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	

Admission Rules and Requirements: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/yearbooks>
Choose *Postgraduate (Honours, Masters, PhD) under Economic and Management Sciences*



Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Faculty highlights

In 2026, Accounting Sciences achieved a **99% SAICA IAC pass rate**, well above the 73% national rate.

Risk Management offers a **distinctive qualitative and behavioural approach** to understanding risk.

TELIT-SA has received international recognition for its innovative work in **AI-enabled assessment**.

Industrial and Organisational Psychology has a **strong practical focus**, preparing graduates for the workplace.

Prof. Mabutho Sibanda, Executive Dean, holds an **NRF C2 rating** for research on financial challenges in African economies.

Tourism research has a strong international presence, with students participating in conferences and researchers receiving **Best Paper Awards**.

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



School of Accounting Sciences



School of Applied Business Analytics and Decision Making



School of Economic Sciences



School of Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Management



School of Management Sciences



School of Tourism Management

Research

Research chair



World Trade Organisation Chair (WTO)

Research entities

Tourism Research in Economics, Environments and Society (TREES)

Workwell: Research Unit for Economic & Management Sciences

Trade and Development (TRADE)

Technology-Enhanced Learning and Innovative Education and Training, South Africa (TELIT-SA)

Applied Management Cybernetics

Bhive EDC

Centre for Applied Risk Management (UARM)

StudyWell



Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Campus	School / Entity
 Mahikeng	 School of Accounting Sciences
 Potchefstroom	 School of Applied Business Analytics and Decision Making
 Vanderbijlpark	 School of Economic Sciences
	 School of Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Management
	 School of Management Sciences
	 Tourism Management

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Commerce in Management Accountancy (Dissertation) Programme code: 5CLN01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Commerce in Management Accountancy (Lectured) Programme code: 5DJP01 : E802P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P	
Master of Commerce in Accountancy (Dissertation) Programme code: 5CMN01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	
Master of Commerce in Accountancy (Lectured) Programme code: 5HBP01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P	
Master of Commerce in Taxation (Dissertation) Programme code: 5CNN01 : E801P/V	Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Commerce in Taxation (Lectured) Programme code: 5DKP01 : E801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P	
Master of Commerce in Forensic Accountancy (Dissertation) Programme code: 5CPN01 : E801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P	
Master of Commerce in Economics Programme code: 5CGN01 : E801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	
Master of Commerce in International Trade Programme code: 5CHN01 : E801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P	
Master of Commerce in Risk Management Programme code: 5CJN01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Commerce in Applied Risk Management Programme code: 5ARN01 : E810V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	V	
Masters of Commerce in Operations Research Programme code: 5GWN01 : E801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M	
Master of Commerce in Statistics Programme code: 5GHN01 : E810M	Full-time: 1-3 years	M	
Master of Commerce in Informatics with Information Systems Programme code: 5GXP01 : E810M	Full-time: 1-3 years	M	
Master of Commerce in Business Management Programme code: 5CQN01 : E801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	
Master of Commerce in Marketing Management Programme code: 5CKN01 : E801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	
Master of Administration in Human Resource Management Programme code: 5CSN01 : E801M	Full-time: 1-3 years	M	

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Administration in Industrial Psychology (Dissertation) Programme code: 550102	Full-time: 1-2 years		
Master of Administration in Labour Relations Management Programme code: 5CUN01 : E801M	Full-time: 1-3 years	M	
Master of Commerce in Industrial and Organisational Psychology Programme code: 5EDQ02 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1 years Part-time: 2 years	P V	
Master of Commerce in Human Resource Management Programme code: 5CEN01 : E801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M	
Master of Commerce in Human Resource Management Programme code: 5HDP01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Commerce in Labour Relations Management Programme code: 5CFN01 : E801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	
Master of Arts in Human Resource Management Programme code: 5CTP01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Arts in Industrial and Organisational Psychology Programme code: 5EFQ02 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Arts in Labour Relations Management Programme code: 5FRP01 : E801P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P V	
Master of Commerce in Tourism Management Programme code: 5FTN01 : E801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	P	
Master of Arts in Tourism Management Programme code: 5FSN01 : E801M/P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P	
Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme code: 5BEQ02 : E801M/P	Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	



Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Accountancy Programme code: 5CAR01 : E901P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Management Accountancy Programme code: 5CAR06 : E901P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Taxation Programme code: 5CAR09 : E901P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Accountancy Programme code: 5CDR01 : E901P	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Economics Programme code: 5CAR03 : E901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with International Trade Programme code: 5CAR04 : E901P	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Risk Management Programme code: 5CAR08 : E901P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Statistics Programme code: 5CAR14 : E901M	Full-time: 2-4 years	M	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Operations Research Programme code: 5CAR15 : E901M	Full-time: 2-4 years	M	
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer and Information Sciences with Computer Science and Information Systems Programme code: 2CBR03 : E901M	Full-time: 2-4 years	M	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Management Programme code: 5CAR02 : E901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Marketing Management Programme code: 5CAR07 : E901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Psychology Programme code: 5CCR01 : E901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Labour Relations Management Programme code: 5CAR05 : E901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Human Resource Development Programme code: 5CAR11 : E901P	Part-time: 2-5 years	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Human Resource Management Programme code: 5CAR13 : E901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Tourism Management Programme code: 5CAR10 E901M/P	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Administration Programme code: 5CAR12 : E901M/P	Part-time: 2-5 years	M P	

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Faculty of Education

Faculty highlights

The NWU is rated among the **top 4,2%** of universities in the world (CWUR World University Rankings)

Integrated community engagement is a strategic priority for the Faculty of Education. Staff and students participate in various **educational community projects** across South Africa.

Through the NWU's distance learning initiative, lecturers and facilitators use interactive technologies such as whiteboards to reach students at **26 learning support centres**, some as far afield as Namibia. Students have access to **105 examination centres**, making it easy to write tests and exams.

Teacher training at the NWU has a proud history that dates back to **1919**. Today, the Faculty of Education is the largest provider of contact and distance learning in South Africa.

Demand for entrance to the BEd professional teaching qualifications is high and many students are qualified teachers who choose to upgrade their skills through the faculty's postgraduate offerings. This reflects the **excellence** of and **level of trust in the NWU**.

Graduates with an NWU qualification find themselves at the **forefront, educating the next generation** of teachers, politicians, business leaders, artists, scientists, entrepreneurs and doctors.

In terms of **research**, the faculty is held in high regard for its **longstanding contribution** towards expanding the knowledge base of human rights education on diversity, literacy theory practice, self-directed learning, working environments and community-based research

Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **1 254**
Postgraduate students

 **21**
NRF-rated researchers

 **312**
Academic staff

 **118**
Support staff

 **82**
International students

Internationally Recognised



The NWU proudly represents the African continent on the global stage as one of the largest and most respected universities in the world. Well known for its excellence in teaching-learning and research, the university has a student population that is representative of **50 nationalities**, demonstrating the NWU's global competitive advantage. Adding to the NWU's high-quality global footprint are its **strategic international collaborations** with experts and other institutions of higher learning. The NWU takes pride in the quality of its **comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes**, as well as its proven research track record.

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



Mathematics, Science and Technology Education



Commerce and Social Studies in Education



Professional Studies in Education



Languages in Education



Psycho-Social Education

Research

Research chairs



UNESCO Chair on Multimodal Learning and Open Educational Resources (OER)



ETDP SETA Early Childhood Development Research Chair

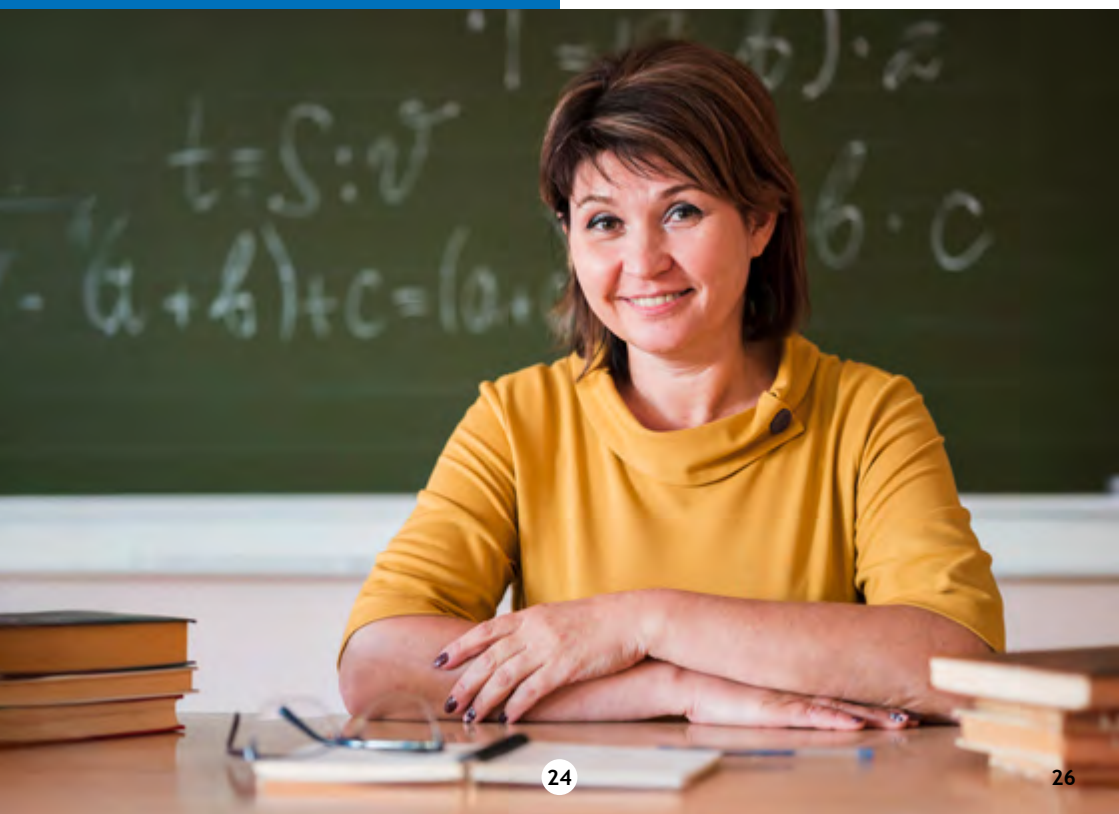
Research entities

Research Unit Education and Human Rights in Diversity (Edu-HRight)

Research Unit Self-Directed Learning (SDL)

Research Focus Area Community-Based Educational Research (COMBER)

Research Incubation Hub



Faculty of Education

Campus	School / Entity
M Mahikeng	COMBER Research Focus Area COMBER
P Potchefstroom	Edu-HRight Research Unit Edu-HRight
V Vanderbijlpark	RIH Research Incubation Hub
	SDL Research Unit SDL

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	Entity
Structured Master's Degree			
MEd in Higher Education Studies Programme code: 4PC P02 : O801M/PV	Part-time: 2-3 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
Research Master's Degree			
MEd Education Law Programme code: 4CG N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Educational Psychology Programme code: 4CH N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd International and Comparative Education Programme code: 4CJ N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Language Education Programme code: 4CQ N01 : O801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Mathematics Education Programme code: 4CK N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Special Needs Education Programme code: 4CL N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Philosophy of Education Programme code: 4CM N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Physical Education Programme code: 4CN N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Computer Science Education Programme code: 4CP N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Educational Management and Leadership Programme code: 4CB N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Curriculum Studies Programme code: 4CC N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
MEd Physical Science Education with Natural Science Education Programme code: 4CE N01 : O801M/PV	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 1-4 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	Entity
Doctoral Degree			
PhD Comparative Education Programme code: 4CA R01 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Computer Science Education Programme code: 4CA R02 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Curriculum Studies Programme code: 4CA R03 : O901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Education Law Programme code: 4CA R05 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Education Management Programme code: 4CA R06 : O901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Educational Psychology Programme code: 4CA R07 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Higher Education Studies Programme code: 4CAR16 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Language Education Programme code: 4CA R15 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Mathematics Education Programme code: 4CA R09 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Physical Science Education Programme code: 4CA R10 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Philosophy in Education Programme code: 4CA R11: O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD Physical Education Programme code: 4CA R12 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH
PhD in Special Needs Education Programme code: 4CA R14 : O901M/PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-5 years	M P V	Edu-HRight/ SDL/ COMBER/RIH

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Faculty of Engineering

Faculty highlights

We won an **international award** from the Covid-19 Innovation Challenge of the United Nations Africa Innovation and Investment Forum 2020 for our TjopTjop app, developed to speed up Covid-19 screening at schools.

The **NWU's solar car, Naledi**, has competed in seven Sasol Solar Challenges to date. The last was in 2022, where Naledi 2.0 managed to secure an impressive fourth place in the #SasolSolarChallenge.

The NWU Faculty of Engineering is a **dynamic training hub** for world-class, versatile and innovative engineers able to develop engineering solutions in fields such as integrated energy and Industry 4.0 (smart factories equipped for digital manufacturing).



Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **384**
Postgraduate students

 **25**
NRF-rated researchers

 **137**
Academic staff

 **64**
Support staff

 **67**
International students

Internationally Recognised

 Our BEng programmes meet the requirements of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), as well as international standards through the **Washington Accord**.

South Africa is a member of the accord, along with Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Ireland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Russian, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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



Chemical Engineering



Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering



Industrial Engineering



Mechanical Engineering

Research

Research chairs



DSI/NRF Chair in Coal Research (SARChi)



DSI/NRF Chair in Biofuels and Other Clean Alternative Fuels (SARChi)



ESKOM EPPEI Specialisation Centre for Emission Control

Research entities

Centre of Excellence in Carbon-based Fuels

Unit for Energy and Technology Systems

Multilingual Speech Technologies (MuST)

Hosted entities, platforms and institutes

- DSI HySA Infrastructure Centre of Competence in hydrogen production, storage, reticulation and safety codes and standards



Faculty of Engineering

Campus	School / Entity
 Mahikeng	 School of Chemical Engineering
 Potchefstroom	 SCEE School of Computer and Electronic Engineering
 Vanderbijlpark	 School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
	 School of Industrial Engineering
	 School of Mechanical Engineering
	 UETS Unit for Energy and Technology Systems

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Engineering in Chemical Engineering Programme code: 7CE N01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	
Master of Engineering in Computer and Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CD N01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	
Master of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CC N01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	
Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering Programme code: 7CP N01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	
Master of Engineering in Nuclear Engineering Programme code: 7DAP01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	
Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering Programme code: 7CB N01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UETS
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Chemical Engineering Programme code: 7CM N02 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UETS
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Computer and Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CM N04 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UETS
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Electrical and Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CM N03 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UETS
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Industrial Engineering Programme code: 7CM N01 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UETS
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Mechanical Engineering Programme code: 7CM-N07 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UETS
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Nuclear Engineering Programme code: 7CM N05 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	
Master of Science in Engineering Sciences with Nuclear Engineering and Nuclear Technology Management Programme code: 7CM N06 : I801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Chemical Engineering Programme code: 7CA R01 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Computer Engineering Programme code: 7CA R03 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Computer and Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CA R02 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Development and Management Engineering Programme code: 7CA R04 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Electrical Engineering Programme code: 7CA R06 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	UETS
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CA R07 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	UETS
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Electrical and Electronic Engineering Programme code: 7CA R05 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	UETS
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Industrial Engineering Programme code: 7CA R11 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Mechanical Engineering Programme code: 7CA R09 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering with Nuclear Engineering Programme code: 7CA R10 : I901P	Full-time: 2-5 years Part-time	P	

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Faculty of Health Sciences

Faculty highlights

Several members of the faculty staff are **affiliated with acclaimed organisations** such as the Academy of Science in South Africa, the National Health Research Ethics Council, the National Health Research Committee, the International Organisation of Women in Science, and the International Society of Hypertension.

Olympic athlete and gold medallist **Caster Semenya** is a proud graduate of the faculty.

In December 2023, the faculty received ministerial **approval to establish a medical school**. The first intake of students is planned for 2028.

The Minister of Health has appointed two of the faculty's experts as members of the **National Health Research Committee** to identify priorities and offer input into health research.



Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **982**
Postgraduate students

 **59**
NRF-rated researchers

 **373**
Academic staff

 **522**
Support staff

 **157**
International students

Internationally Recognised



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School of Human Movement Sciences



School of Pharmacy



School of Applied Health Sciences



School of Psychosocial Health



School of Nursing

Research

Research chair



DSI/NRF Albertina Sisulu Research Chair in Nursing Science (SARChi)

Research entities

Centre of Excellence for Nutrition (CEN)

Centre of Excellence for Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmacén)

Centre of Excellence: Hypertension in Africa Research Team (HART)

Africa Unit for Trans-disciplinary Health Research (AUTHeR)

Community Psychosocial Research (COMPRES)

Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation (PhASRec)

Quality in Nursing and Midwifery (NuMiQ)

Lifestyle Diseases

Medicine Usage in South Africa (MUSA)

Occupational Hygiene and Health Research Initiative (OHHRI)



Faculty of Health Sciences

Campus	School / Entity
M Mahikeng	AUTHeR Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research
P Potchefstroom	CHPE Centre for Health Professions Education
V Vanderbijlpark	CEN Centre of Excellence for Nutrition
	Pharmacen Centre of Excellence for Pharmaceutical Sciences
	Compres Community Psychosocial Research
	DSI/PCDDP DSI/NWU Preclinical Drug Development Platform
	HART Hypertension in Africa Research Team
	MUSA Medicine Usage in South Africa
	OHHRI Occupational Hygiene and Health Research Initiative
	PhasRec Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation
	Numiq Quality in Nursing and Midwifery

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Arts in Positive Psychology Programme code: 8EY P01 : G802P/V <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P V	AUTHeR
Master of Consumer Sciences Programme code: 8CM N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	AUTHeR
Master of Health Sciences in Clinical Psychology Programme code: 8FL P01 : G801P/M	Full-time: 1-2 years	M P	Compres
Master of Health Sciences in Counselling Psychology Programme code: 8FM P01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	Compres
Master of Health Sciences in Research Psychology Programme code: 8FP P01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	Compres
Master of Health Sciences in Human Movement Sciences Programme code: 8DH N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	PhasRec
Master of Health Sciences in Health Professions Education Programme code: 8FH N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	PhasRec
Master of Health Sciences in Psychology Programme code: 8DM N01 : G801M/V <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	M V	Compres
Master of Health Sciences in Recreation Science Programme code: 8CN N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	PhasRec
Master of Health Sciences in Transdisciplinary Health Promotion Programme code: 8CN N01: G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	PhasRec
Master of Health Sciences in Research Psychology Programme code: 8FP P01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	AUTHeR
Master of Health Sciences in Cardiovascular Physiology Programme code: 8DD N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	HART
Master of Health Sciences in Occupational Hygiene Programme code: 8FG N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	OHHRI
Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry Programme code: 8DE N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	Pharmacen

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Science in Pharmacology Programme code: 8DF N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	Pharmacen
Master of Science in Pharmaceutics Programme code: 8DG N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	Pharmacen
Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Programme code: 8BP N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years	P	DSI/ PCDDP
Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacy Practice with Pharmacovigilance and Pharmacoepidemiology Programme code: 8ED P01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	MUSA
Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacy Practice with Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy Programme code: 8ED P02 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	MUSA
Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacy Practice with Pharmaceutical Public Healthcare Governance Programme code: 8ED P03 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	MUSA
Master of Science in Nutrition with Therapeutic Nutrition Programme code: 8CW P02 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	CEN
Master of Science in Nutrition with Nutrition Science Programme code: 8CW P03 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	CEN
Master of Science in Nutrition with Nuclear Techniques Programme code: 8CW P04 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	CEN
Master of Science in Nutrition with Public Health Nutrition Programme code: 8CW P05 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	CEN
Master of Science in Nutrition (Research) Programme code: 8DA N01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	CEN
Master of Social Work Programme code: 8CS N01 : G801P/M/V <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	M P V	Compres
Master of Social Work in Child Protection Programme code: 8EU P01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	Compres
Master of Social Work in Forensic Practice Programme code: 8EV P01 : G801P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	Compres
Master of Social Work in School Social Work Programme code: 8FR P01 : G801D-DI <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	P	Compres
Master of Nursing Science Programme code: 8FQ N01 : G801M/P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 1-2 years Part-time	M P	Numiq



Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Consumer Sciences Programme code: 8CA R01 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	AUTHeR
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Human Movement Sciences Programme code: 8CB R05 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	PhasRec
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Health Professions Education Programme code: 8CB R12 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	CHPE
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Nursing Science Programme code: 8CB R07 : G901P/M <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	M P	Numiq
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Occupational Hygiene Programme code: 8CB R08 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	OHHRI
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Positive Psychology Programme code: 8CB R09 : G901P/V <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P V	AUTHeR
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Psychology Programme code: 8CB R10 : G901P/M/V <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	M P V	Compres
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences with Recreation Science Programme code: 8CB R11 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	PhasRec
Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy with Pharmaceutical Chemistry Programme code: 8CC R01 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years	P	Pharmacén
Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy with Pharmaceutics Programme code: 8CC R02 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years	P	Pharmacén
Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy with Pharmacology Programme code: 8CC R03 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years	P	Pharmacén
Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy with Pharmacy Practice Programme code: 8CC R04 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	MUSA
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Dietetics Programme code: 8CD R01 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	CEN
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Nutrition Programme code: 8CD R02 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	CEN
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Physiology Programme code: 8CD R03 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years	P	HART
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Pharmaceutical Sciences Programme code: 8CD R04 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years	P	DSI/ PCDDP
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work Programme code: 8CE R01 : G901P/M/V <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	M P V	Compres
Doctor of Philosophy in Transdisciplinary Health Sciences Programme code: 8CF R01 : G901P <i>Note: Programme closing date</i>	Full-time: 2-3 years Part-time	P	AUTHeR

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Faculty of Humanities

Faculty highlights

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

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Postgraduate students

 **43**
NRF-rated researchers

 **373**
Academic staff

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Support staff

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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)



Faculty of Humanities

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

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

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

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

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

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Faculty of Law

Faculty highlights

50% of academic staff members of the faculty hold **doctoral degrees** and their fields of expertise cover a wide spectrum of legal disciplines.

Prof Christa Rautenbach has recently been appointed by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services as advisory committee members of the **South African Law Reform Commission**.

Prof Louis Kotzé is the recipient of the prestigious **European Commission Marie Curie fellowship grant**. Prof Brews Soyapi and Prof Oliver Fuo were awarded the prestigious **Alexander Von Humboldt Georg Forster Fellowship**.

LLD candidate Biandri Joubert received a research fellowship from the **United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning**.

The faculty partners with the Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany to conduct research on the **globalisation of urban governance** and its relationship with international and domestic legal systems.

The faculty annually hosts the **Juta Mock Trial competition** and participates in numerous other moot court competitions.



Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **421**
Postgraduate students

 **8**
NRF-rated researchers

 **112**
Academic staff

 **49**
Support staff

 **68**
International students

Internationally Recognised

The NWU proudly represents the African continent on the global stage as one of the **largest and most sought-after universities** in the world. Known for its excellence in teaching and learning and research, the university boasts a student population representative of 65 different nationalities, bearing testimony to the NWU's global competitive advantage.

Through strategic international collaborations with experts and other institutions of higher learning, the NWU further ensures a global footprint of distinction and quality. Consequently, the NWU takes great pride in the worth of its comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as its proven research track record.

Academic Programmes and Legal Assistance:



Mahikeng Law Clinic



Potchefstroom Law Clinic



Short learning programme

Research

Research chair



DSI/NRF South African Research
Chair in Cities, Law and
Environmental Sustainability
(CLES)

Research entity

Research Unit for Law, Justice and
Sustainability



Faculty of Law

Campus	School / Entity
M Mahikeng	LJS Law, Justice and Sustainability
P Potchefstroom	
V Vanderbijlpark	

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Structured Masters Degree			
LLM in International Trade Law Programme code: 6CN P01 : R801P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	P	LJS
LLM in Public Law and Legal Philosophy Programme code: 6CH P02 : R801M	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M	LJS
LLM in Mercantile Law Programme code: 6CH P04 R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in International Child Law Programme code: 6CK P01 : R801P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	P	LJS
LLM Environmental Law and Governance Programme code: 6CL P01 : R801P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	P	LJS
LLM in Estate Law Programme code: 6CM P01 : R801P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	P	LJS
LLM in Labour Law Programme code: 6CP P01 : R801P/M	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Master of Philosophy in Environmental Law and Governance Programme code: 6CJ P01 : R801P	Full-time 1-2 years Part-time	P	LJS
Professional LLM in Criminal and Procedure Programme code: 6CT Q01 : R801P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	P	LJS
LLM in Criminal and Procedural Law Programme code: 6CB N01 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Mercantile Law Programme code: 6CB N02 R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Research Masters Degree			
LLM in Public Law and Legal Philosophy Programme code: 6CB N03 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Private and Customary Law Programme code: 6CB N04 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in International Aspects of Law Programme code: 6CB N05 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Perspectives on Law Programme code: 6CB N06 R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Trade and Business Law Programme code: 6CB N07 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Private Law Programme code: 6CB N08 R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Constitutional Law Programme code: 6CB N09 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Research Masters Degree			
LLM in Formal Law Programme code: 6CB N010 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS
LLM in Legal Profession Programme code: 6CB N011 : R801M/P	Full-time 1-3 years Part-time	M P	LJS



Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Laws Constitutional Law Programme code: 6CA R01 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Criminal and Procedural Law Programme code: 6CA R02 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Formal Law Programme code: 6CA R03 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws International Aspects of Law Programme code: 6CA R04 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Legal Profession Programme code: 6CA R05 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Mercantile Law Programme code: 6CA R06 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Perspectives on Law Programme code: 6CA R07 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Private and Customary Law Programme code: 6CA R08 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Private Law Programme code: 6CA R09 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Public Law and Legal Philosophy Programme code: 6CA R10 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Laws Trade and Business Law Programme code: 6CA R011 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS
Doctor of Philosophy in Laws Law and Development Programme code: 6CS R01 : R901M/P	Full-time 1-5 years Part-time	M P	LJS

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Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Faculty highlights

Our facilities include a **state-of-the-art weather radar** on the Lekwena Wildlife Estate in Potchefstroom with an additional weather station at our Vanderbijlpark Campus.

We have **three astronomy sites** with top-of-the-range equipment: one at the Mahikeng Astronomical Observatory, one at the Nooitgedacht farm near Potchefstroom and a new one at Molewane Farm. We also have a **sun telescope** on the Potchefstroom Campus that is used for research and recruitment activities.

Staff from our Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management are **world-leading researchers** in their fields, with 27 organisms named after some of these scientists.

Our Centre for Radiation Science and Technology works closely with nuclear industry bodies such as the **National Nuclear Regulator** and the **International Atomic Energy Agency**.

We offer **services to the public** such as water quality testing, eco-analytic tests, statistical consultation services, instrument making, screening for rare metabolic diseases, and genetic testing.

Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **1 510**
Postgraduate students

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NRF-rated researchers

 **632**
Academic staff

 **664**
Support staff

 **306**
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Adding to the NWU's high-quality global footprint are its strategic international collaborations with experts and other institutions of higher learning.

The NWU takes great pride in the quality of its comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as its proven research track record. It is therefore no surprise that employers the world over hold NWU graduates in high regard.

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



School of Physical and Chemical Sciences



School of Biological Sciences



School of Geo- and Spatial Sciences



School of Agricultural Sciences



School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences



School of Computer Science and Information Systems

Research

Research entities

Unit for Data Science and Computing

Biomedical and Molecular Metabolism Research (BioMMet)

Centre for Space Research

Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management (UESM)

Chemical Resource Beneficiation (CRB)

Material Science Innovation and Modelling (MaSIM)

Centre for Applied Radiation Science and Technology (CARST)

Niche Area for Food Security and Safety (FFS)

Africa Centre for Disaster Studies



Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Campus	School / Entity
M Mahikeng	ACDS Africa Centre for Disaster Studies
P Potchefstroom	BioMMet Biomedical and Molecular Metabolism Research
V Vanderbijlpark	CARST Centre for Applied Radiation Science and Technology
	CRB Chemical Resource Beneficiation
	CSR Centre for Space Research
	FFS Niche Area for Food Security and Safety
	MaSIM Material Science Innovation and Modelling
	UDSC Unit for Data Science and Computing
	UESM Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management
	SAS School of Agricultural Sciences
	SBS School of Biological Sciences
	SCSIS School of Computer Science and Information Systems
	SGSS School of Geo- and Spatial Sciences
	SMSS School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
	SPCS School of Physical and Chemical Sciences

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Science in Agriculture with Agricultural Economics Programme code: ZHF N03 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	SAS
Master of Science in Agriculture with Agronomy Programme code: ZHF N02 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	SAS
Master of Science in Agricultural Economics Programme code: ZCG N01 : N801P/M <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M P	SAS
Master of Science in Agricultural Extension Programme code: ZCJ N01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	SAS
Master of Science in Agriculture with Soil Science Programme code: ZHF N01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	F/PT
Master of Science in Animal Health Programme code: ZCE N01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	SAS
Master of Science in Animal Science Programme code: ZCK N01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	SAS
Master of Science in Applied Radiation Science Coursework and Research Programme code: ZCM N01 : N801M/P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M P	CARST
Master of Science in Biochemistry Coursework and Research Programme code: ZEF P01 : N801M/P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M P	SPCS
Master of Science in Botany Programme code: ZDF N01 : N801M/P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	M P	UESM/ SBS
Master of Science in Business Mathematics and Informatics Programme code: ZBP P04 : N801P	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	?
Master of Science in Crop Science Programme code: ZCF N01 : N801M <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	SGSS/SAS

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Science in Computer Science (Coursework) Programme code: 2GK P01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	SCSIS/CSR
Master of Science in Computer Science (Research) Programme code: 2DB N01 : N801P/M/V <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M P V	SCSIS/ UDSC
Master of Science in Applied Mathematics (Coursework) Programme code: 2FK P01 : N802P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P V	UDSC/CSR
Master of Science in Applied Mathematics (Research) Programme code: 2FL N01 : N801M/V	Full-time: 1-3 years	M V	UDSC/CSR
Master of Science in Mathematics (Coursework) Programme code: 2GA P01 : N802P/V <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P V	UDSC/CSR
Master of Science in Mathematics (Research) Programme code: 2CV N01 : N801M/V	Full-time: 1-3 years	M V	UDSC/CSR
Master of Science in Natural Science Teaching Programme code: 2CU N01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	UDSC
Master of Science in Physics Programme code: 2CW N01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	SPCS/ MaSIM
Master of Science in Risk Analytics Programme code: 2ED P01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years	M	CBMI
Master of Science in Astrophysical Sciences Programme code: 2CQ P01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	CSR
Master of Science in Applied Radiation Science Programme code: 2HE P01 : N801M	Part-time: 1-3 years	M	SB
Master of Science in Biochemistry Programme code: 2EF P01 : N801P/M <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Part-time: 1-3 years	M P	SB
Master of Science in Chemistry Programme code: 2CM N01 : N805M/P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M P	SPCS
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences Programme code: 2CT N01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	SGSS
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences Programme code: 2CT N02 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	SESM
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences with Atmospheric Chemistry Programme code: 2CT N03 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	SESM UESM
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences with Disaster Risk Sciences Programme code: 2CT N07 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	ACDS/ SESM
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences with Integrated Pest Management Programme code: 2CT N05 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UESM
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences with Mining Hydrology Programme code: 2CT N06 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	UESM
Master of Science in Environmental Sciences with Hydrology and Geohydrology Programme code: 2CT N04 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	UESM

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Science in Geography Programme code: 2CP N01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	SGSS
Master of Science in Geography and Environmental Management Programme code: 2DG N01 : N801P/V <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P V	SGSS/ UESM
Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences Programme code: 2CY P01 : N802P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P V	SMSS
Master of Science in Microbiology Programme code: 2DE N01 : N801M/P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	M P	SBS/ UESM
Master of Science in Risk Analytics Programme code: 2ED P01 : N802P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	CBMI
Master of Science in Zoology Programme code: 2DD N01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	SBS/ UESM
Master of Environmental Management Programme code: 2CD P01 : N801P	Part-time: 1-3 years	P	UESM
Master of Environmental Management with Air Quality and Climate Change Programme code: 2CD P05 : N801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UESM
Master of Science in Environmental Management with Atmospheric Chemistry Programme code: 2CT N03 : N801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	SPCS
Master of Environmental Management with Ecological Water Requirements Programme code: 2CD P02 : N801P	Part-time: 1-3 years	P	UESM
Master of Environmental Management with Waste Management Programme code: 2CD P03 : N801P	Part-time: 1-3 years	P	UESM
Master of Environmental Management with Conservation Leadership Programme code: 2CD P04 : N801P	Part-time: 1-3 years	P	UESM
Master of Indigenous Knowledge Systems Programme code: 2AA N01 : N801M	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	M	IKSC
Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning Programme code: 2DH N01 : N801P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P	UESM
Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences Programme code: 2CY P01 : N802P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time	P V	SMSS



Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture with Agricultural Economics <i>Programme code: 2EA R03 : N901P/M Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	SAS
Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture with Agricultural Extension <i>Programme code: 2EA R04 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	SAS
Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture with Animal Science <i>Programme code: 2EA R01 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	SAS
Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture with Agronomy <i>Programme code: 2EA R02 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	SAS
Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture with Soil Science <i>Programme code: 2EA R05 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	SAS
Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Health <i>Programme code: 2CA R01 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	SAEE
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer and Information Sciences with Computer Science and Informations Systems <i>Programme code: 2CB R02 : N901P/M Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	UDSC/ SCSIS
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer and Information Sciences with Information Technology <i>Programme code: 2CB R01 : N901V</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	V	UDSC/ SCSIS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Applied Mathematics <i>Programme code: 2CC R25 : N901P/M/V Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P V	SMSS/ PAA
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Mathematics <i>Programme code: 2CC R24 : N901 P/M/V Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P V	SMSS/ PAA
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Natural Science Education <i>Programme code: 2CC R09 : N901P Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years	P	UESM
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Business Mathematics <i>Programme code: 2CC R01 : N901P Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years	P	UDSC
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Risk Analysis <i>Programme code: 2CC R15 N901P Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years	P	UDSC
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Physics <i>Programme code: 2CC R23 : N901 P/M Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	CSR/ MaSIM
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Chemistry <i>Programme code: 2CC R11 : N901P/M Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	CRB/SPCS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Atmospheric Chemistry <i>Programme code: 2CC R05 : N901P Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P	CRB
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Environmental Sciences <i>Programme code: 2CC R04 : N901P Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P	UESM
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Transdisciplinary Environmental Sciences and Management <i>Programme code: 2CC R03 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	SGSS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Environmental Sciences and Management <i>Programme code: 2CC R26 : N901M</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	SGSS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Disaster Risk Science <i>Programme code: 2CC R14 : N901P</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P	UESM/ ACDS

Qualification	Delivery and Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Geography Programme code: 2CC R12 : N901M	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	SGSS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Geography and Environmental Management Programme code: 2CC R19 : N901P/V <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P V	SGSS/ UESM
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Microbiology Programme code: 2CC R17 : N901M/P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	UESM/ SBS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Botany Programme code: 2CC R16 : N901P/M <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	SBS/ UESM
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Biochemistry Programme code: 2CC R08 : N901P/M <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	SPCS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Biology Programme code: 2CC R10 : N901M	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M P	SBS
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Disaster Risk Science Programme code: 2CC R14 : N901P	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P	F/PT
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Hydrology and Geohydrology Programme code: 2CC R06 : N901P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years	P	UESM
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Operational Research Programme code: 2CC R21 : N901V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	V	PAA
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Radiation Science Programme code: 2CC R22 : N901M	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	CARST
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Statistics Programme code: 2CC R20 : N901PV	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P V	F/PT
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Zoology Programme code: 2CC R18 : N901P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P	UESM
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Indigenous Knowledge Systems Programme code: 1CC R13 : N901M <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	M	IKSC
Doctor of Philosophy in Science with Urban and Regional Planning Programme code: 2CC R07 : N901P <i>Offered in Eng & Afr</i>	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time	P	UESM

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Faculty of Theology

Faculty highlights

The Faculty of Theology of the North-West University practises the science of **Theology on Reformational foundation**. This implies recognition that the Word of God, the Bible, originated through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that the Bible is therefore inspired and authoritative.

Apart from this focus, the Faculty of Theology also accommodates the scholarly study of **Ancient Languages** and **Ancient Texts**, which, within the context of the Faculty, contributes to understanding the underlying logic and conceptual framework of the belief system.

In its practice of Theology, the aim of the Faculty, within the unique nature of Theology, is to **serve the church and society**, both nationally and internationally, through the enhancement of the Christian faith, the reformation of the church, and the moral renewal of society.

The School of Ancient Language and Text Studies is concerned with research relating to the **Ancient World, its languages and its material culture**.

The practice of Theology and the teaching-learning and research in the Faculty are **adaptable and open to criticism**, and pursue effective and positive changes and developments. This adaptability and receptiveness apply not only to methodological and epistemological aspects but also to the application of scientific methods and technology.

Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **169**
Postgraduate students

 **13**
NRF-rated researchers

 **110**
Academic staff

 **12**
Support staff

 **40**
International students

Internationally Recognised

The NWU proudly represents the African continent on the global stage as one of the largest and most soughtafter universities in the world. Known for its excellence in teaching and learning and research, the university boasts a student population representative of different nationalities, bearing testimony to the NWU's global competitive advantage.

Through strategic international collaborations with experts and other institutions of higher learning, the NWU further ensures a global footprint of distinction and quality. Consequently, the NWU takes great pride in the worth of its comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as its proven research track record.

The faculty offers a wide array of learning opportunities through our **research entities:**

Research

Research entities

Focus Area Ancient Texts: Text, Context and Reception

Research Unit for Reformational Theology and the Development of the South African Society



Faculty of Theology

Campus	School / Entity	
M Mahikeng	FA-AT	Focus Area for Ancient Texts: Text, Context, and Reception
P Potchefstroom	URT	Research Unit for Reformational Theology and the Development of the South African Society
V Vanderbijlpark	SCML	School of Christian Ministry and Leadership

Qualification	Duration	Campus	School/ Entity
Masters Degree			
Master of Arts in Ancient Languages with specialisation in Greek Programme code: 3CC N01 : T801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	P	FA-AT
Master of Arts in Ancient Languages with specialisation in Latin Programme code: 3CC N03 : T801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	P	FA-AT
Master of Arts in Ancient Languages with specialisation in Semitic Languages Programme code: 3CC N02: T801P	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	P	FA-AT
Master of Divinity Programme code: 3CE Q01 : T801P	Full-time: 1-3 years	P	SCML
Master of Theology with specialisation in Apologetics Programme code: 3CB N13 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology in Catechetics Programme code: 3CB N03 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology in Church and Dogma History Programme code: 3CB N04 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology in Church Polity Programme code: 3CB N05 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Dogmatics Programme code: 3CB N01 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Ethics Programme code: 3CB N11 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Hermeneutics Programme code: 3CB N12 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Homiletics Programme code: 3CB N02 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Liturgics Programme code: 3CB N06 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Missiology Programme code: 3CB N07 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in New Testament Programme code: 3CB N08 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Old Testament Programme code: 3CB N09 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Master of Theology with specialisation in Pastoral Studies Programme code: 3CB N10 : T801M/P/V	Full-time: 1-3 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT

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Doctoral Degree			
Doctor of Theology in Biblical Studies Programme code: 3CD R01 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Apologetics Programme code: 3CA R15 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Dogmatics Programme code: 3CA R01 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Ethics Programme code: 3CA R02 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Greek Programme code: 3CA R03 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	FA-AT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Homiletics Programme code: 3CA R04 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Catechetics Programme code: 3CA R05 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Church and Dogma History Programme code: 3CA R06 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Church Polity Programme code: 3CA R07 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Latin Programme code: 3CA R14 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	FA-AT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Liturgics Programme code: 3CA R08 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
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Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Old Testament Programme code: 3CA R11 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Pastoral Studies Programme code: 3CA R12 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	URT
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with specialisation in Semitic Languages Programme code: 3CA R13 : T901M/P/V	Full-time: 2-4 years Part-time: 2-4 years	M P V	FA-AT

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