



## Qualification

South African University qualifications are internationally recognised. The most basic qualification at traditional universities is the Bachelor's degree, followed by Honours, Master's and Doctoral degrees although some courses offer certificates and diplomas. Bachelors degrees such as the BA, BCom, BSc, or BSocSC take 3 years to complete, while career focused degrees such as BEng and BA (Ed) take 4 years. Master's degree require a minimum one-year of full-time study following an Honours. Doctoral degrees are awarded after a minimum of two years of study and an original research thesis.

## Health Insurance

It is essential when applying for a study permit to have proof of medical insurance cover that is recognised in South Africa. To ensure that international students will not be dependent on South African public health services, it is imperative that the medical cover provides for all medical categories and is not merely hospital care.

## Visa for Study Permit

South African Embassy in Tokyo JAPAN will issue your study visa with your passport. For more details to apply and necessary documents, please feel free to call to the Embassy at 03-3265-3366 or visit to [www.sajapan.org](http://www.sajapan.org)

## Message from Ambassador Pheko



You may know South Africa because the nation hosted the FIFA World Cup in 2010, became an official member of BRICS, or hosted the COP17 on climate change in Durban in 2011. You might also know that South Africa has the third highest level of biodiversity in the world, has a different constellation, and is recognised as the Cradle of Humankind. These facts as well as knowing that a university in South Africa offer the first MBA programme outside of the US and another university is the pioneer in designing a micro-satellite, are just some of the reasons you should go to South Africa to study for a brighter future.

## Why South Africa?

The choice by a steadily growing number of international students of South Africa, which records about 64,784 versus 893,024 (7.3%) in the total number of the students in 2010, as a place to study confirms the quality of the country's universities and international standing of their academics and qualifications. South Africa has become the most popular place to study in Africa and is ranked 13th as a preferred study destination for US students (Open Doors Report, 2010). In the latest OECD Education at a Glance (2010), it is noteworthy that South Africa ranks 11th in the world as a preferred destination for international students and is the only African country that features. Part of the draw factor is that English is the predominant language of instruction and that, comparatively, South Africa is still an inexpensive study destination. South Africa also attracts interna-

tional postgraduate students and academics who engage in highly relevant research in their fields, often in collaboration with local scholars with global reputations in their areas of expertise. The country's setting and leading role in Africa, its strong research universities and its relatively advanced stage of development make it an ideal base for studies aimed at understanding the challenges of developing countries and Africa.

South African universities conduct world-class research and feature in the top 1% of the world's institutions (capture in the United States' Essential Science Indicators database).

South Africa's research base is strong and diverse, the largest in Africa and produces 80% of basic research conduct that is helping to strengthen the economy and drive development, solve the country's many challenges or advance knowledge generally.

## Part Time Work

The holder of study permit for studies at a higher education institution may conduct part-time work for a period not exceeding 20 hours per week during term and full-time when the university is closed.

## Tuition and Fees

Annual Estimation: R90,000*	
Tuition:	R45,000 /yr
Medical insurance:	R3,000 /yr
Residence (dorm):	R1,700 /mo
Meals:	R1,800 /mo

\* Example at NMMU

## 23 Public Universities Where You Can Learn



### 1. University of Cape Town

*A world-class Africa university*  
www.uct.ac.za

### 2. University of the Western Cape

*A place of quality*  
www.uwc.ac.za

### 3. Cape Peninsula University of Technology

*Creating Futures*  
www.cput.ac.za

### 4. Stellenbosch University

*Your knowledge partner*  
www.sun.ac.za

### 5. Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

*Cutting-edge knowledge for your tomorrow*  
www.nmmu.ac.za

### 6. Rhodes University

*Where leaders learn*  
www.ru.ac.za

### 7. University of Fort Hare

*Together in Excellence*  
www.ufh.ac.za

### 8. Walter Sisulu University

*A developmental university*  
www.wsu.ac.za

### 9. University of KwaZulu-Natal

*The Premier University of African Scholarship*  
www.ukzn.ac.za

### 10. Durban University of Technology

*Committed to you!*  
www.dut.ac.za

### 11. Mangosuthu University of Technology

*In pursuit of excellence*  
www.mut.ac.za

### 12. University of Zululand

*Restructured for Relevance*  
www.uzulu.ac.za

### 13. University of the Free State

*Cultivating excellence, equity and innovation*  
www.ufs.ac.za

### 14. Central University of Technology, Free State

*Thinking beyond*  
www.cut.ac.za

### 15. Vaal University of Technology

*Committed to developing a vibrant and innovative culture*  
www.vut.ac.za

### 16. North-West University

*Striving for balanced excellence*  
www.nwu.ac.za

### 17. University of the

### Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

*Inspiring future generations*  
www.wits.ac.za

### 18. University of Johannesburg

*Putting intellectual capital to work*  
www.uj.ac.za

### 19. University of Pretoria

*Leading the minds of the innovation generation*  
web.up.ac.za

### 20. Tshwane University of Technology

*A leader in Africa*  
www.tut.ac.za

### 21. University of South Africa

*Lean without limits*  
www.unisa.ac.za

### 22. University of Limpopo

*Finding solutions for Africa*  
www.ul.ac.za

### 23. University of Venda

*Entrenching a Culture of Excellence*  
www.univen.ac.za



## Research and Development

South Africa launched its first six research Centres of Excellence, which pull together existing resources to enable researches to collaborate across disciplines and institutions on long-term projects that are locally relevant and internationally competitive. There are centres of excellence in:

- Biomedical TB Research
- Invasion Biology
- Strong Materials
- Birds as Key to Biodiversity Conservation at the Percy FitzPatrick Institute
- Catalysis
- Tree Health Biotechnology at FABI
- Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis

South Africa has 85 A-rated researchers who are "unequivocally recognised by their peers as leading international scholars in their field", according to the rating system of the National Research Foundation (NRF). Of these 80 are directly affiliated with universities, 29 work for the University of Cape Town, 16 for the University of the Witwatersrand and 13 for Stellenbosch University, 9 at the University of Pretoria, 4 at the University of Johannesburg, 4 at KwaZulu-Natal, 2 at North-West University and 1 at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and UNISA.

The NRF provides *scholarship* for international post-graduate students, so please visit at [www.nrf.ac.za/students.php](http://www.nrf.ac.za/students.php)