

## STUDENT SUPPORT

University life is not always plain sailing. While some students settle down quickly and easily, others need a bit of assistance and support along the way. Through the office of Student Affairs, the University can provide assistance of all kinds; free and confidential support from the Counselling Centre, professional and comprehensive primary healthcare from the Health Care Centre and the caring and sensitive warden staff who are ready to go the extra mile to ensure that students are happy and able to focus on their studies.

Some students know where they are headed, others might need a little guidance; whatever the case, students have access to a Career Centre which offers year-round advice and workshops to help students with their future career plans. A well subscribed Graduate Recruitment Programme runs during the third term where more than 60 national and international employers visit to recruit students. Further details are available in the Academic and Student Support Booklet.

## SUBJECTS & FINANCE

### LIST OF SUBJECTS:

- Accounting
- Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies
- Anthropology
- Biochemistry & Microbiology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science
- Economics & Economics History
- Education
- English
- English Language & Linguistics
- Environmental Science
- Fine Art
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- History
- Human Kinetics & Ergonomics
- Ichthyology & Fisheries Science
- Information Systems
- Journalism & Media Studies
- Legal Theory
- Management
- Mathematics (Applied & Pure)
- Modern Fiction
- Music & Musicology
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physics & Electronics
- Political & International Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Zoology & Entomology



## DISABILITY SUPPORT

### Which students can we help?

- Students with hearing impairments
- Students with mobility impairments
- Students with sight impairments
- Students with learning impairments such as dyslexia
- Students diagnosed with disabilities or chronic conditions that might negatively affect their studies such as Asperger's Syndrome and diabetes

### For more information, contact:

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Email: studentaffairs@ru.ac.za



## STUDENT FEES:

Fees are set by the University Council during October or November each year; the exact fees will be published in the fees' booklet sent to all students in December.

If you are offered an academic place at the University, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable deposit to book your academic place and residence (if required). The deposit will be credited to your account when you register. Full details of the amount due will be detailed in the letter of offer.

## RU Student Bureau

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Prospective students:  
<https://www.ru.ac.za/studentlife>

Download application:  
<https://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway>



## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

### Merit Scholarships:

#### South African NSC Candidates:

APS	Humanities & Commerce	Science & Pharmacy
53 - 56 points	Full Tuition	Full Tuition
51 - 52 points	R35 251	Full Tuition
49 - 50 points	R33 779	R33 779
47 - 48 points	R29 940	R29 940

#### South African candidates with foreign qualifications calculated on final grade 12 results, no applications required.

APS	Humanities & Commerce	Science & Pharmacy
>=48 points	Full Tuition	Full Tuition
46 - 47 points	R35 251	Full Tuition
44 - 45 points	R33 779	Full Tuition

### Sport Scholarships:

Awards are made at the end of each year. The awarding of these is based on the achievements and performance of a student throughout the year. Two Sutherland Old Rhodian bursaries are awarded to first-time entering students.

**National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS):**  
The NSFAS student-centred means that all applications must be submitted directly to NSFAS online at <https://www.nsfas.org.za>.

**For further information, please contact:**  
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W: <https://www.nsfas.org.za>



## 4. FACULTIES

### FACULTY OF COMMERCE:

The Faculty of Commerce offers three degrees at the undergraduate level and comprises four departments: Accounting, Economics, Information Systems, and Management. The faculty prepares its graduates for the leading roles they will be expected to play in their professional lives in the new millennium.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
Bachelor of Business Science	38-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Level 4 (50-59%), Mathematics Level 6 (70-79%)	Computer Science, Economics, Information Systems, Management and Quantitative Management
Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) 3 years	34-39 (Dean's discretion) 40+ (Provisional offer) English Level 4 (50-59%), Mathematics Level 4 (30-39%)	General Curriculum, Accounting, Law, and Inter-faculty
Bachelor of Economics (BEcon) 3 years	34-39 (Dean's discretion) 40+ (Provisional offer) English Level 4 (50%) Mathematics Level 4 (50%)	Environmental Economics, Mineral Economics, Social Sciences and Business Sciences
BCom Extended Studies 4 years	34-37 Mathematics (50%)	Additional Literacy and Numeracy Courses

### FACULTY OF EDUCATION:

Rhodes University offer two ways to qualify as a professional teacher;

- Through a four-year Bachelor of Education (Foundation Phase Teaching) degree
- By completing a bachelor's degree in another faculty and then cap it with the one-year Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

If you are planning to do a PGCE, please check your undergraduate curriculum with the Dean of Education. This is to ensure you have the appropriate subjects required for teaching in your undergraduate degree.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
Bachelor of Education (BEDFP) 4 years	39-43 (Dean's discretion) 44+ (Provisional offer) English Level 4 (50-59%), Mathematics Level 3 (60-69%), Mathematics Literacy Level 4 (50-59%)	Foundation Phase Teaching
Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) 1 year	Bachelor's Degree	Senior Phase Teaching (Grade 7-9 and FET Teaching (Grade 10-12)

### FACULTY OF HUMANITIES:

The Faculty of Humanities is by far the largest faculty at Rhodes University with 11 academic departments and 2 schools, it offers a rich variety of courses within four broad categories:

- Arts: Drama, Fine Art, isiXhosa
- Languages: isiXhosa, English, Afrikaans, English Language and Linguistics, French, German, Latin, Greek and Chinese
- Professional Courses: Journalism and Media Studies
- Social Studies: Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Political Studies, History, Philosophy, Art History and Visual Culture and Classical Civilisation

The Faculty of Humanities offers a very wide range of possible degrees and course combinations. Students can major in Journalism and Politics, Classics and French, German, isiXhosa, Afrikaans or any other language offered or Management and Industrial Sociology or Organizational Psychology, Fine Art and History, Information Systems and English or Philosophy, Anthropology, Computer Science and Music, Mathematics, Drama or Linguistics. There are many possible combinations; students are requested to read the rules of their degrees to make sure they are on track to complete their degree within the allocated period. The faculty offers an excellent liberal arts education - an education for life which is formative for any career choice. A liberal arts education provides students with critical reasoning skills, in particular, the ability to analyse and evaluate arguments, to probe hidden assumptions to organize complex material in coherent ways. A Humanities Degree enhances student's ability to understand the views of others, to communicate well, to cope with ambiguity and uncertainty, and to acknowledge one's own ignorance. An education introduces students to the formative moments of their histories, societies, and their identities. It allows students to enjoy works of music and drama and literature and languages. All of the above may be combined with degrees or courses, which are more immediately career-orientated than the liberal arts education. Specialised degrees in Journalism or Fine Art or Music are offered. However, all within the context of a broader, rather than technical education. A Humanities Degree opens worlds; it provides education and not training. As such, it provides students with critical skills and characteristics, which are so important for our individual and national development.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
BA	34-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language (50%), English First Additional Language (85%)	Languages, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Drama, English, Literature, Politics, Legal Theory, etc.
BSS	34-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language (50%), English First Additional Language (85%)	Psychology, Sociology, Politics, Anthropology, Economics, Management, etc.
BFA	34-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language (50%), English First Additional Language (85%)	Fine Art Practice, Art History and Visual Culture
BMus	34-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language (50%), English First Additional Language (85%)	Instrumental Music, Music Theory, etc.
BJourn	34-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language (50%), English First Additional Language (85%)	Same as a BA or BSS with only Journalism in the fourth year
BA or BSS Extended Studies	34-37 English Home Language (50%), English First Additional Language (85%)	Limited Curriculum (Journalism and Anthropology or Politics and Sociology in the first year

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some programmes also require portfolios during the application process.

## 3. ADMISSIONS



### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

#### NSC AND IEB:

The application will only be considered for admissions to the University if the applicant qualifies for a bachelors degree study and the applicant satisfies the University's requirements.

To qualify for a bachelor's pass status, learners are required to take seven subjects, four of which are compulsory and require a minimum pass rate of 50% (two languages and Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy) and three of the learner's own choice from the subjects on offer at the school.



Applicants must note that obtaining the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

#### Recommended Subject List:

Accounting, Agricultural Science, Business Studies, Consumer Studies, Dramatic Arts, Engineering Graphics & Design, Economics, Geography, History, Information, Technology, Languages, Life Sciences, Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy, Music, Physical Science, Religion Studies and Visual Arts.

#### Calculate Your Admission Point Score (APS):

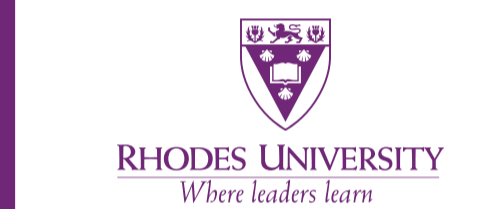
Subject	Points	Percentage
English Home Language	7,8	78%
isiXhosa Home or Additional Language	7,4	74%
Mathematics or Mathematics Literacy	6,5	65%
Life Sciences	7,5	75%
Accounting	7,2	72%
Life Orientation	0	68%
History	6,9	69%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,3</b>	

Apply online: <https://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway>

#### Dean's Discretion:

If the applicant does not meet the required admissions point score (APS) of 45+ points for automatic acceptance, you may still be considered for a place at the Dean's discretion. Such placements are usually offered to applicants with an APS of a minimum of 36-44 points with some special conditions (see extended studies programme). It is, therefore, essential to give full information when completing the application form as this information will form part of the discretion-making process by the Dean.

## 2.



# RU READY!

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### FOUR REASONS to make Rhodes University your ACADEMIC choice

DR C BOUGHEY - RHODES UNIVERSITY FORMER DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

**READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

Rhodes is part of a small group of research intensive universities in South Africa, and significantly, the only research-intensive university located outside a major urban area. This positioning has enormous implications for students' learning experience, with many undergraduate courses' curriculum comprising of 'service-learning', where students use their knowledge to engage with local communities through various projects.

**NOT READY TO CHOOSE?**

The Rhodes 'general formative degree', allow students to choose two subjects as majors, offering enormous flexibility within and across faculties.

Does your interest lie in Physics and Music, Environmental Science and Law?

The University has an extensive volunteer programme that features projects such as the undergraduates' weekly mentorship programme at local schools. The advantages of being a university in a small town mean the proximity to various locations make volunteering and service-learning a practical proposition. Many students tout their community engagement experience as one of the most positive aspects of their time at Rhodes University - attesting to the maturity and knowledge gained; from experiencing diversity to contributing to making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

If your schedule allows, you can do these and many other combinations. Many students choose to major in areas they have never imagined because they 'found their passion' along the way. The flexibility of the Rhodes degree offers advantages such as; changing degree routes without having to repeat subjects or, a worst-case scenario, repeat years.

**READY FOR HIGH-QUALITY TEACHING?**

**READY FOR A DEGREE WITH LASTING VALUE?**

The job market is changing at a fast pace thanks to advances in technology and other areas - jobs may not exist in their current format or even may not exist at all in 10 years! The general formative degrees offered at Rhodes provides students with in-depth knowledge and skills across two disciplinary areas. This allows students to work across a wide range of careers.



Furthermore, there is ample evidence, our graduates with this degree are employable, with many opting to do a range of more narrowly focused, one-year vocational 'top-up' qualifications.

### 4. Minimum Faculty Requirements:

Subject Requirements	Admission Points		
	Extended Studies	Dean's Discretion	Provisional Offer
<b>Commerce:</b>			
<b>BCom Programmes:</b> English Level 4 (50 - 59%), Mathematics Level 4 (50-59%)	34 - 37	34 - 39	40+
<b>Bachelor of Business Science:</b> English Level 4 (50 - 59%), Mathematics Level 6 (70-79%)	34 - 37	38-44	45+
<b>Education:</b>			
English Level 4 (50 - 59%), Maths Level 3 (60-69%), Maths Lit. Level 4 (50%-59%)	-	39 - 43	44+
<b>Humanities:</b>			
English Home Language (60%), English First Additional Language (65%)	34 - 37	34 - 44	45+
<b>Law:</b>			
<b>Dean's Discretion:</b> Mathematics Level 5 (60 - 69%), Life Science Level 5 (60 - 69%), Physical Science Level 5 (60 - 69%)	-	40 - 44	45+
<b>Provisional Offer:</b> Mathematics Level 6 (70 - 79%), Life Science Level 6 (70 - 79%), Physical Science Level 6 (70 - 79%)	-	40 - 44	45+
<b>Sciences:</b>			
<b>BSc Programmes:</b> English Home Language (60%), English First Additional Language (65%), Mathematics Level 4 (50 - 59%), Life Science Level 5 (60 - 69%) OR Physical Science Level 5 (60 - 69%)	-	39 - 44	45+
<b>Bachelor of Science (Information Systems):</b> English Level 5 (60 - 69%), Mathematics Level 4 (50 - 59%), Life Science Level 5 (60 - 69%) OR Physical Science Level 5 (60 - 69%)	-	40 - 44	45+
<b>Law:</b>			
English Home Language Level 5 (60 - 69%), English First Additional Language Level 6 (70 - 79%)	-	40 - 44	45+
Mathematics Literacy Level 5 (60 - 69%)	-	40 - 44	45+

**All Faculties:** Life Orientation is not counted for points, but you're required to obtain at least Level 4 (50%) for acceptance.

### EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMME:

As an alternative route to studies at Rhodes, a limited number of students who show great potential are exposed to a carefully designed and supportive learning environment, which enhances their ability to succeed. This option is for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, on condition that they extend their degree over an extra year. It is, therefore, essential full information is provided when completing the application form as this forms part of the discretion-making process by the Dean.

### National Benchmark Tests (NBT):

It is recommended that all first-time university entering South African applicants write the NBT. If the applicant does not meet the automatic entry requirements, the NBT results will form part of the Dean's discretion-making on applications. These test results can also be used if a candidate does not meet the entrance requirements in their final examinations.

There are two tests which are written throughout the year at various centres;

- The **Academic and Quantitative Literacy test (AQL)** consists of two components, namely, academic literacy and quantitative literacy. All applicants should write the AQL test.
- The **Mathematics test (MAT)**, this test is for applicants who wish to enter the following faculties: Commerce, Pharmacy and Science.

For further information about NBT, dates and venues, please visit: <https://www.nbt.ac.za> or call 021 650 3523

### INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

An APS of 40 points and above will receive a firm offer, 37-39 points will remain on hold until the end of September to be considered by the Dean if space is available. Candidates who offer a combination of Advanced Level (A), Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS), Ordinary Level (O), Higher International Certificate of Secondary Education (HIGCSE) and International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), five different subjects are counted. The basic minimum requirements for admission to the University is a certificate of Full Exemption or Foreign Conditional Exemption from the Matriculation Board (visit: <https://mb.usaf.ac.za/online-assessment-and-application>).

Applicants who have passed A levels are eligible for full exemption provided the passes in approved subjects meet the following requirements:

**A Level:**  
Symbols A - E (minimum of 2 subjects) AS level: symbols A-D (4 subjects and 1 at O level) O level: symbols A-C (maximum of 3 subjects) At least 2 subjects at A level and 3 different subjects at O level or 3 subjects at A level and 2 at O level.

### Points/Rating:

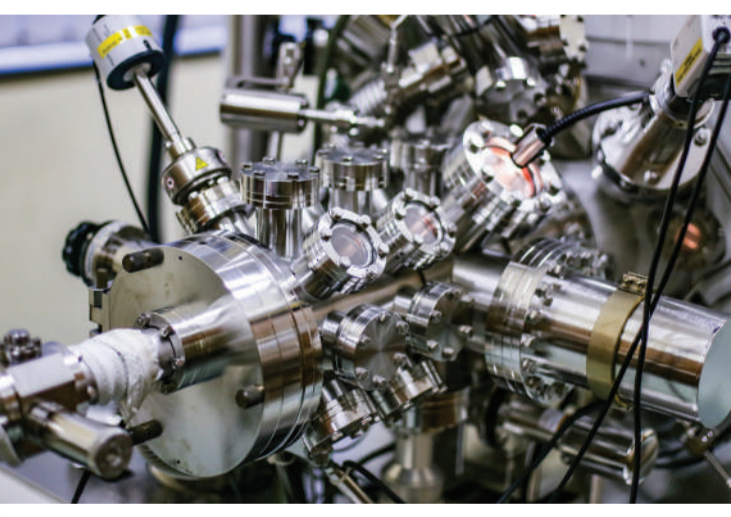
Symbol Result or Grade	Points Awarded				
A, O, & IGCSE	A	B	C	D	E
HIGCSE	1	2	3	4	-
IB	7	6	5	4	3
A level	10	9	8	7	6
AS level	9	8	7	6	-
HIGCSE	8	7	6	-	-
O level & IGCSE	5	4	3	-	-
HL	10	9	8	7	6
SL	7	6	5	4	3

For candidates who offer A and O levels and HIGCSE and IGCSEs, five different subjects are counted. An additional one fifth (1/5) of the total is added to this total. Zimsec students only deduct three points for a final count.

### FACULTY OF LAW:

The Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree is the minimum academic qualification for practising law in South Africa. At Rhodes University, the LLB degree is offered as a four-year programme, a two-year programme, or a three-year programme. The faculty admits a small number of LLB. However, most students who wish to pursue legal studies will register for a general degree in another faculty. Students may select courses from a wide range of subjects and a variety of permutations exists. Only in their second year do students decide which route to follow, which also enables students who discover in their first year that they are not suited to a career in law to change their study direction without forfeiting a year of study. The faculty's resources are limited, and students' academic results play an essential role when applications for admission into the LLB are considered.

Degrees	Subjects	Focus
LLB 4 years	40-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language Level 5 (60-69%), English First Additional Language Level 6 (70-79%), Mathematics Level 4 (50-59%), Mathematics Literacy Level 5 (60-69%)	Law
BA or BCom or BSc Law 5 year (3 degree and 2 LLB)	Be registered in one of these faculties: Commerce Humanities & Science Subject: Legal Theory 3 (60%)	Combined Law: Commercial, Patent or Environmental Law, etc.
LLB 3 years	A Bachelor's Degree without Law subjects	Law



### FACULTY OF PHARMACY:

The Bachelor of Pharmacy degree is registered on the NQF as a Level 8 qualification and it is a four-year degree. The curriculum for this degree is set by the South African Pharmacy Council. Pharmacy comprises of several subjects concerned with the production, custody, distribution and use of medicines. Pharmacists play a supporting role in guiding and evaluating patient medication treatment to ensure patient safety.

The work of a registered pharmacist may be performed in the following sectors: manufacturing, wholesale and distribution, community, hospital, research or academia.

In the final year, students are permitted to select two electives offered in the Faculty of Pharmacy or in other Faculties and undertake a research elective, provided they are relevant to Pharmacy.

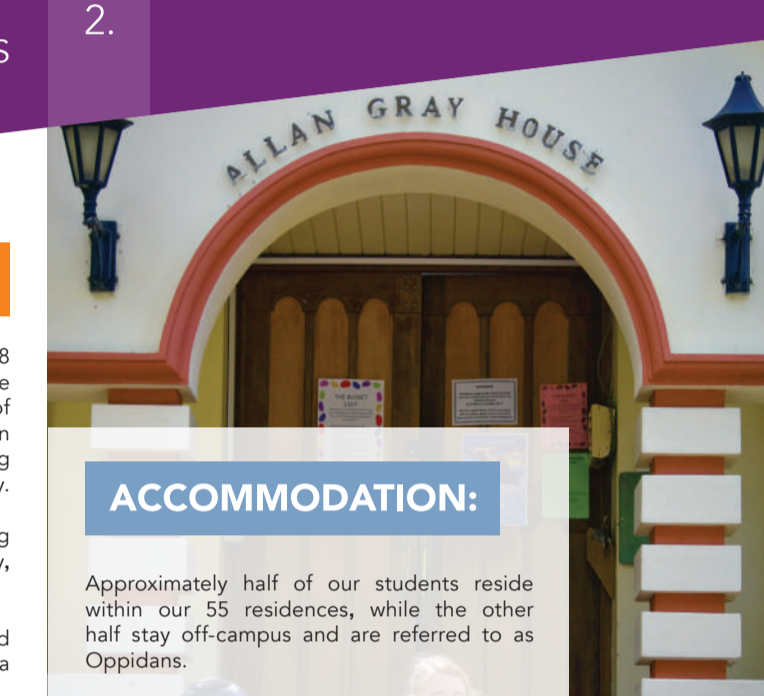
Degrees	Subjects	Focus
BPharm	40-44 (Dean's discretion) Mathematics Level 5 (60-69%), Physical Science Level 5 (60-69%), Life Science Level 5 (60-69%) 45+ (Provisional offer) Mathematics Level 6 (70-79%), Life Science Level 6 (70-79%), Physical Science Level 6 (70-79%)	Chemistry, Cell Biology, Mathematics 1S, Introduction to ICT, Foundation of Pharmacy, Anatomy and Physiology 1, Pharmaceutical Biochemistry 1

### FACULTY OF SCIENCE:

The ordinary first degree is taken over three years, and the key feature of the Bachelor of Science degree (BSc) is its flexibility. Within the confines set by the timetable, students can combine subjects in myriad ways to create curricula that meet their interests. This flexibility includes allowing students to take a major subject from Commerce, the Humanities and Law such that students can major in Environmental Science and Anthropology, Biochemistry and Law or Geology and Economics.

The BSc does not set out to educate or train a student for a career but instead allows for the construction of a knowledge and skills base that prepares a student for a wide range of possible careers or advanced study in their chosen subject. The flexibility in curriculum design creates an opportunity for students to decide if they are attracted to trans-disciplinary academic training and education.

Degrees	Subjects	Fields
Bachelor of Science (BSc) 3 Years	39-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Home Language (60%), English First Additional Language (65%), Mathematics Level 5 (60-69%), Life Science Level 5 (60-69%) OR Physical Science Level 5 (60-69%)	Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences and Computational Sciences
Bachelor of Information Systems (BSc Info Syst) 3 Years	40-44 (Dean's discretion) 45+ (Provisional offer) English Level 5 (60-69%), Mathematics Level 4 (50-59%), Life Science Level 5 (60-69%) OR Physical Science Level 5 (60-69%)	Information Systems, Computer Science and Economics Management



### ACCOMMODATION:

Approximately half of our students reside within our 55 residences, while the other half stay off-campus and are referred to as Oppidans.



### Residences:

The Rhodes residential system is key to the tradition of friendship and kinship. Currently consisting of fourteen halls of residence, each housing between 50 to 120 students, grouped around a central dining hall. Each residence has four houses which have individual constitutions, rules and traditions. Some halls have both men's and women's houses, while others are for men or women only.

Although most student rooms are single, some first-year students may be allocated to the few double rooms in various residences; an application may also be made for a double room. The residences are run by hall wardens who are responsible for the general organisation and management of the hall, with the hall committee, acting as an advisory body. Hall and house wardens are always available to help and advise students, but their function is not that of a surrogate parent or 'watchdog'. Rules are kept to a minimum, but are there to maintain an orderly, peaceful environment conducive to studying and community living.

For further information please visit: <https://www.ru.ac.za/studentlife/hallsresidences>

### Oppidans:

An Oppidan is an inhabitant of a University town, a student living off-campus in accommodation rented independently of Rhodes University, also known as an Oppi in short.

There is an Oppidan Committee whose purpose is to engage with students and look after their interests through keeping open channels of communication. They also assist Oppidan students by providing a support base in the transition between schools and University. They organise events to foster a sense of togetherness so that Oppies do not feel excluded from university life because they do not live on campus. Advice is given on signing lease agreements and being an employer. Through the Oppidan Committee, first-year students can request to be assigned a mentor who will assist them adjust and settle to the university life off-campus.

Oppidans have access to facilities such as the Stephen Bantu Biko building, where the Oppidan dining hall is located, as well as the Oppidan common room where students can relax and have tea and coffee, watch TV or play a game of pool in-between lectures. Free bus service is available until 22:00 PM on weekdays to transport Oppidans.

For further information please visit: <https://www.ru.ac.za/studentlife/oppidans>

### STUDENT SPORTS:

The University has many active sports clubs to choose from. A wide range of activities supported by excellent competitive and recreational facilities and equipment which all students are entitled to make use of, at whatever level, enabling both competitive and recreational sportspeople to fulfil their sporting ambitions. All the sports facilities, excluding those required for rowing, sailing and canoe, are located on-campus and within easy walking distance from the residences. Involvement in sports at Rhodes University holds the promise of opportunity, achievement, enjoyment, the establishment of lifelong friendships and, above all, a well-rounded university experience. If you are serious about your sporting and recreational pursuits and want to experience the enjoyment and camaraderie that sport can provide, Rhodes University is the place for you!

- The following sport bursaries are offered:**
- Sport bursaries that range from R10 000 - R20 000
  - Alley Weasley Rugby Bursary - 1 Full Scholarship (Tuition and Accommodation)
  - Redbull Bursaries - Amount differs every year (Tuition and Accommodation)

Aquatics	Golf	Sailing
Archery	Hockey	Soccer
Athletics	Mountain Hiking & Climbing	Squash
Basketball	Netball	Surfing
Canoeing	Mixed Martial Arts	Tae Kwan Do
Chess	Pool	Tennis
Cricket	Rifle	Volleyball
Dance Sport	Rowing	Ultimate Frisbee
Fly Fishing	Rugby	Underwater Hockey
		Scuba Diving

### STUDENT SOCIETIES:

Rhodes University boasts a wide variety of diverse societies. They include the following categories: Political, Academic & Development, General, International & Cultural and Religious.