University of KwaZulu-Natal

One of the largest residential universities in South Africa, the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) consolidates the resources, infrastructure and intellectual capital of two major regional universities following, the merger of the Universities of Natal and Durban-Westville. The University is committed to academic excellence and advances knowledge through globally competitive teaching, learning, scholarship, research, innovation and academic freedom. UKZN has approximately 49 000 students and offers an extensive suite of programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, on five campuses, and the expertise of South Africa’s leading academics and internationally acclaimed scientists.

The University strives to provide an enabling environment for all its students so as to ensure their individual intellectual development.

Why Choose UKZN:

• UKZN has five campuses in Durban and Pietermaritzburg with four Colleges and 19 Schools offering approximately 2 000 academic programmes.
• UKZN is a truly South African university that reflects the diverse society in which it is situated. As an institution of higher learning, it is committed to academic excellence, innovative research and critical engagement with society.
• UKZN is globally connected University of African Scholarship with an international reputation for academic excellence, outstanding research output. We have links with over 200 international institutions, which facilitate ongoing collaborative academic partnerships.

UKZN is able to offer an exceptionally wide range of exciting and innovative multi-disciplinary courses that will broaden perspectives, foster a capacity for independent critical thinking, and provide intellectual tools to develop your mind, while at the same time enhancing your career opportunities in the local and global marketplace. The University strives to provide an enabling environment for all its students so as to ensure their individual intellectual development, while at the same time provide holistic education which promotes an awareness of social responsibility and sound ethical practice in a diverse society.

And of course, not all learning takes place in the lecture theatre. UKZN offers extensive sporting, cultural and extramural activities.

A Choice of Campuses

Edgewood

The Edgewood campus in Pinetown is the University’s primary site for teacher education and the home of the School of Education. The campus offers sophisticated and attractive facilities to a growing number of Education students.

Howard College

The Howard College campus offers a full range of degree options in the fields of Engineering, Law, Humanities, Development and Social Sciences, and Nursing. The campus is situated in the vibrant coastal city of Durban, renowned for its beaches and coastal resorts.

Medical School

A buzzing centre of academic excellence only ten minutes away from Durban’s city centre, since its inception in 1950 the Medical School has committed itself to producing highly qualified and experienced medical practitioners dedicated to improving the quality of life for all South Africans.
Pietermaritzburg
This campus offers a wide range of innovative academic programmes which have been successful in responding to local and provincial needs in Science and Agriculture, Humanities, Development and Social Sciences, Education, and Law and Management Studies. Unique to the Pietermaritzburg campus are the disciplines of Agriculture, Theology and Visual Art.

Westville
The Westville campus is the administrative headquarters of UKZN. The campus offers programmes in Science, Management Studies and Health Sciences. Located within an environmental conservancy about eight kilometres from the central business districts of Durban and Pinetown, the Westville campus combines state-of-the-art infrastructure with beautiful natural surroundings.

Colleges and Schools:
College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science
• School of Engineering
• School of Agriculture, Earth and Environmental Sciences
• School of Chemistry and Physics
• School of Life Sciences
• School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science.

College of Health Sciences
• School of Clinical Medicine
• School of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Sciences
• School of Health Sciences
• School of Nursing and Public Health

College of Humanities
• School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics
• School of Arts
• School of Social Sciences
• School of Applied Human Sciences
• School of Built Environment and Development Studies
• School of Education

College of Law and Management Studies
• Graduate School of Business and Leadership
• School of Accounting, Economics and Finance
• School of Law
• School of Management, IT and Governance.

A Research-led University
As one of South Africa’s pre-eminent research institutions, UKZN provides a dynamic environment for all facets of the research and innovation spectrum. The research activities span the natural, biomedical, social sciences and the humanities.

The Research Flagships are:
- Social Cohesion – Addressing Inequality and Promoting Nation Building;
- African Health – Saving Lives;
- Big Data and Informatics – Computing Solutions;

World Rankings
UKZN is one of three universities in South Africa and indeed in Africa rated amongst the top 500 universities of the world by the Academic Rankings of World Universities (ARWU). UKZN is also ranked in the top 100 young universities.

Facilities and services available on campus:
• Accommodation
• Library and Computing Services and Labs
• Student Counselling
• Health Clinics
• Sporting Facilities

International Programmes:
The UKZN offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses across all disciplines. Eligible students must currently be participating in full-time study, either undergraduate or postgraduate and are generally pursuing a full degree programme. International students wishing to study at the University must ensure that an application is completed on an official UKZN application form. Please refer to the University website for the application form.

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For more information on the courses for non-degree purposes please refer to the website on www.ukzn.ac.za/handbooks

Full time undergraduate/postgraduate studies:
For a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees offered at UKZN please refer to the website on www.ukzn.ac.za/courses

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