

University of Limpopo

Finding solutions for Africa

UL prides itself as a university that offers students from socio-economical and educational disadvantaged background, an opportunity to realise their potential and become professionals and researchers of high calibre. Its location within a rural setting and within reach of local communities, gives it an edge to focus its teaching and research on aspects that have an impact on social and community development.

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History and Background

The university was originally established as the University College of the North in terms of the Act for the Extension of University Education (Act 45 of 1959), located on the northernmost part of South Africa (Limpopo). The university was regarded as one of the black institutions formed as a result of political unrests ravaging the country at the time by the apartheid regime, which imposed Bantu Education, a systematic form of educational exclusion based on race. The university went through a number of phases as South Africa was going through a transition from the apartheid regime to a democratic country. In 2005, the university was renamed University of Limpopo (UL), comprising two campuses but was unbundled from the second campus in 2015.

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Faculties

Health Sciences

- Health Care Sciences
- Medicine

Humanities

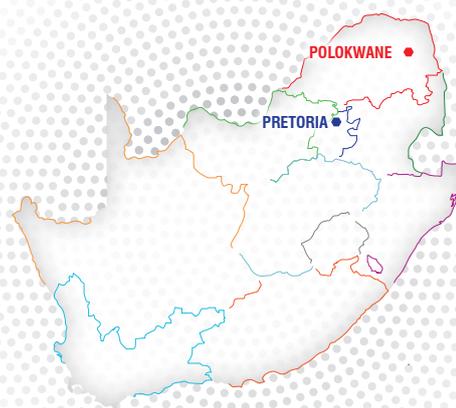
- Education
- Language and Communication studies
- Social Sciences

Management and Law

- Accountancy
- Economics and Management
- Law
- Turfloop Graduate School of Leadership

Science and Agriculture

- Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
- Mathematical and Computer Sciences



- Molecular and Life Sciences
- Physical and Mineral Sciences

Research

UL research activities are guided by the institution's commitment to "Finding solutions for Africa". This intent dictates that one way of improving the University's research is when the institution considers the community around it how research can improve the community. To this end, UL has five niche areas: Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS); Complementary and Alternative Medicines; Mental Health; Women's Health and Climate Change and Sustainability.

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Centres of Excellence

- Centre for Rural Development and Innovation Hub (CRDIH)
- DIMAMO Health Population Centre
- Limpopo Agrofood Technology Station (LATS)
- Green Technology Research Centre (GTRC)
- Centre for Development & Transformation Research (CDTR)
- Africa Centre for Sustainability Accounting & Management (ACSAM)
- Institute for Government & Management (IGM)
- Materials Modelling Centre (MMC)
- Aquaculture Research Unit (ARU)
- Centre of Excellence in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (CEMSS)
- Reakgona Disability Centre (RDC)

Facilities

UL is the only university to have a disability centre that boasts state-of-the-art facilities to ensure that the right to education for students living with disability is safeguarded. The unit houses Low-Vision Reading Room, Audio-Braille Library, Brailing Section, Computer Library, Examination Room, Orientation and Mobility Instruction.

Student Accommodation

Student accommodation is set for advancement of academic excellence and safety. First entering students are the priority in the allocation of accommodation. The residences have Wi-Fi connectivity to enhance student learning.

Sport and Recreation

The UL Sport and Recreation is well-positioned to offer students better, healthy lifestyle services to enhance academic performance. We have produced excellent and competitive sportsmen and women who serve on national sport administration and national teams while other exports have represented UL at national and international levels, especially in Karate, Netball, Soccer - amassing gold and silver medals. The unit offers:

- Development of sport talent
- Organisation of recreation activities
- Facilities of sport and recreation programmes
- Organisation of tournaments and leagues

Health and Wellness Centre

The UL Health and Wellness Centre was the first clinic in Limpopo to offer Pre-Exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The University takes issues of sexual assault, bullying and excessive drug abuse very seriously, and the institution has committed to creating awareness through various campaigns that prevent these psych-social ills. The centre offers HIV/AIDS counselling services, peer counselling, ARV distribution and support programmes for students living with HIV. UL observes the First Things First and 5 in 1 campaigns which have proved to be successful in bringing health awareness programmes to the student community.

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We are International

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) serves as the first port of call for all international staff and students at UL, providing assistance and specialised administrative support. The principal purpose of the OIA is to enable internationalisation at UL. It renders strategic advice on internationalisation and supports the international activities of internal UL stakeholders. It supports international partnerships, research internationalisation, internationalisation at home activities, and student exchanges. In order to give effect to the various forms of internationalisation as articulated by the Higher Education Framework for Internationalization, OIA provides the following services, but not limited:

- Facilitation of international partnerships and advice to internal stakeholders on partnership processes,
- Coordination of international projects,
- Institutional reporting on internationalisation
- Creation of an institutional narrative of internationalisation,
- Provision of specialised services for international students and ensuring their compliance with relevant legislation,
- Provision of practical and emotional support for international students, and
- Facilitation of structuring of co-curricular for internationalisation at home activities such as cultural diversity celebrations and activities supporting the social integration of international students.

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