

## BE PREPARED

Please ensure that during orientation week you carry with you at all times:

- this Orientation Programme booklet
- your student card (as soon as you get one)

At the end of each day, try to prepare thoroughly for the next day, decide on your programme and work out where you must go.

## YOUR STUDENT NUMBER

During this week you will often be asked for your student number (shown in your acceptance letter, and on your student card e.g. 605M5621).

For ease of reference, write it here:

And remember to quote your student number in all correspondence with the University – this is our primary means of identifying you in our records.

If you are confused or need assistance regarding any aspect of Orientation, please ask for help from anyone you come across at Rhodes. If they can't help you they will refer you to someone who can.

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## **Welcome message from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Saleem Badat**

**W**elcome to Rhodes University and in particular to Orientation Week. You are beginning an exciting new phase in your intellectual and personal development and life. You have made an excellent choice in choosing Rhodes, given our record of commitment to academic excellence and producing high quality graduates who are equipped to contribute to a changing South Africa, African continent and world.

You join Rhodes as the most intellectually talented women and men of our society. Your arrival marks the beginning of a partnership of mutual commitment to learning, research and community engagement, and the pursuit of knowledge that promotes understanding of our natural and social worlds, and helps to advance social and economic development and social justice.

Our responsibility is to provide you with a stimulating and enabling environment that cultivates your intellect, and supports you to graduate as a knowledgeable and skilled professional, a critical intellectual, and a caring and compassionate person. Your responsibility is to grasp the opportunities that Rhodes provides and to develop your abilities and promise to the full.

Our academics, administrators and support staff work hard to create an environment that helps you to realize your potential. Not surprisingly, Rhodes has the best undergraduate pass and graduation rates in South Africa, outstanding postgraduate success rates, and the best research output per academic staff member. Our low academic staff to student ratio means that you are assured easy access to academics and close supervision for your projects and research, even at undergraduate level.

Orientation Week provides you the opportunity to discover the various academic disciplines on offer and to make an informed choice about your academic programme. Choose the courses that excite you and are appropriate to your aspirations and interests. Also familiarise yourself with the activities organised by numerous student societies and sports clubs. Involvement in these should be an integral part of your Rhodes education and are a means of making new friends and acquiring important skills.

Reading for a Rhodes University degree is an exacting challenge, and you must take seriously the considerable demands that your academic programme will make on you. It is vital that you strike a good balance between the requirements of your academic studies and the many temptations and distractions of campus life.

The Rhodes University slogan is Where Leaders Learn! Having been selected from thousands of applications to attend Rhodes, you are one of the fortunate few with the opportunity to develop as an intellectual, professional and person, and graduate as a leader. Your future is in your hands.

**With very best wishes**

Dr Saleem Badat, Vice-Chancellor

## Welcome message from the Dean of Students

I would like to add my own word of welcome as you embark on this exciting stage of your career. I hope that the orientation programme and this booklet, which contains a great deal of important information, will make it easier for you to choose and register for the right courses. By the end of this week of orientation, you should have gained a better understanding of how the University operates, and what other opportunities and support are available to you, so that you can make the very best of your time at Rhodes.

Remember, as a student, you are now personally responsible for managing your academic programme, and for making choices with regard to how you spend your free time. In order to help you make these choices, there are a wide range of workshops, information sessions and lectures during orientation week. Try and attend as many of these as you can, so that you are in a good position to make decisions which will affect your future experiences at Rhodes positively. We pride ourselves on the Rhodes motto “where leaders learn”, and we hope that you will be one of those future leaders, by engaging wholeheartedly in your academic programme, and by joining some of the sporting and cultural societies on offer on the campus.

Occasionally, and unfortunately, things can go wrong. In times such as these, please remember that the Dean of Students Office is there to help you if you need confidential support or advice.

Good luck – I wish you a rewarding, enjoyable and exciting time at Rhodes. And always remember: you are here to get a degree!

**Dr Vivian de Klerk, Dean of Students**

## INTRODUCTION

The objectives of this booklet are:

- To present the programme for Orientation Week
- To provide you with sufficient information to enable you to make the right choices in planning your academic curriculum
- To provide guidance about the difference between administrative registration and formal curriculum approval
- To ensure that you are aware of and will think about the broader social issues which will impact on you as a student
- To give you some broad details about the way Rhodes operates.

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

- Read the first few sections of the booklet (pages 5–10) carefully. They concern your course selection, a brief description of each academic Faculty, and your introduction to the library. You will need to include these aspects in your plans for the week before you present yourself for formal curriculum approval on Friday.
- Read through the Detailed Daily Timetable for new students (pages 11– 17), and plan your personal programme for each day.  
This programme will include attending subject-specific lectures and an alphabetical description of each subject is provided (page 25–50).
- When you have time, read through the final sections (from page 50), which provide additional information about a range of important topics.
- There is an alphabetical index at the front of this booklet

- There is an SRC Helpdesk in Eden Grove, and students there are happy to answer any questions you may have.
- If you are still in doubt about anything, ask a student guide, staff member, Hall or House Warden, Sub-Warden or a member of your House Committee.

## WHAT IS REGISTRATION?

Registration is the process through which you officially become a student at Rhodes University. As a student, you must register each year, so that we have a record of your progress. You need to complete this process as soon as you arrive at Rhodes, on Saturday or Sunday (5-6 February). Before you can complete this registration, you need to have paid your MIP. After registration, you will get a student card, with your photograph and student number, which you will need to keep handy from then on.

- Your administrative registration ensures that the University has an up-to-date record of all your personal details, such as your home address, local Grahamstown address, medical aid, car registration etc. We also take a photograph of you for our records, which appears on your student card.

## WHAT IS CURRICULUM APPROVAL?

Curriculum Approval – as distinct from the administrative registration discussed above – is the process through which you choose your subjects for the year (this is subject to various constraints). It takes place on Friday 11th February, at the end of orientation week, after you have had a chance to find out about the various courses which are on offer (see the Daily Programme below for details).

Our orientation programme offers a wide range of talks about what is on offer. Try to go to as many of these as you can before you finally decide which subjects to take. Keep an open mind, and talk to people about possibilities, so that you have a clear idea of what you want to study by Friday, and can present these choices for approval. When your curriculum is formally “approved”, you will first consult with a senior member of your Faculty (e.g. the Dean of Humanities, Science, Commerce) after which the particular subjects (e.g. English 1 or Economics 1) which will form the first-year curriculum of your chosen degree (e.g. a BA, BSc, BCom, etc.) will be recorded on the University’s system, and form an official record of your curriculum for the year.

## MAKING SUBJECT CHOICES

As a new student you are probably one of many who have arrived feeling confused about their choice of subjects, and unclear about where the various courses can lead. While your choice of subjects has to be made according to University regulations, it is even more critical that it should be based on your academic strengths and a sound understanding of the modern world of work and the various career opportunities open to you on graduating, as well as a sound understanding of effective career development at university. This booklet contains information about each Faculty (p19-24) and the subjects on offer. Advice and guidance is also available from the Career Centre and from the Deans (and also from your Hall Wardens, Wardens and lecturers). In planning your curriculum, you need to make full use of the following options:

### 1. Read this booklet carefully

### 2. Get advice from the Academic Deans

- ALL students MUST attend one of the talks on Monday afternoon. These will provide a basic outline of how the faculty functions and the degrees that are offered. Students must attend some of the Departmental lectures to get a better understanding of the different subjects.
- Students in Humanities, Commerce, Law and Pharmacy who need specialist advice on subject choices can make an appointment with the relevant Faculty on 10th February (see page 15).

- Science students must attend one of the lectures given on Thursday 10th February.
- By Friday morning all first year students must know what subjects they will enrol for.

### **5. Make an appointment at the Career Centre if needed**

The Career Centre is on the first floor of the Stephen Bantu Biko building (Students Union). Career planning is not a “once-off” thing, it is an ongoing PROCESS for which all students must take full responsibility from first year onwards. Effective career development includes the management and development of the following:

- Degree, choice of subjects and attainment of good grades
- Extramural involvement to promote personal and skills development
- Obtaining part-time / vacation work, doing well in it, gaining skills and insight into the world of work
- Ongoing research into career and job options

## **THE RHODES UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

The Rhodes University Library has recently opened its state-of-the-art facility. Besides standard library services such as loans and short loans, it offers a range of study areas including quiet reading rooms, individual and group study areas and an Information Commons, with student navigators on hand to help you get started with finding information for your coursework. Faculty Liaison Teams are available to provide support for more advanced study and research information needs. Throughout the Library you will find displays of new books and relaxing corners for recreational reading.

### **Library presentation**

The Library belongs to everyone, students and staff alike. No academic course can be confined within the walls of the lecture room or laboratory, and the Library should therefore become an important part of your life as a student. Because all first-year students need to have an understanding of how the Library works, the Library will offer repeated presentations on Tuesday and Wednesday. Sign up at the SRC helpdesk in Eden Grove for ONE of these presentations at any of the times. Before you can borrow books from the Library you will need to have your student card to gain access to the University and sign on as a borrower. You will need to present your student ID card for this, but as we rely on data from the Registrar’s Division being transferred to the Library system, there will be a day or two’s delay between your University registration and your ability to sign up at the Library. Please note that at the start of the academic year, i.e. from 14 February, a valid student card is required to access the Library Building, otherwise you will be required by the security guard on duty to show your ID book and sign in the register.

### **Library literacy workshop**

During the Library presentation you will be given an opportunity to sign up for a Library Literacy Workshop – all students should attend one of these workshops. These are repeated hourly on Thursday and Friday in the Training Room on Level 2 of the Library. At these practical workshops, you will be given guidance as to how to find the material and information you may need for your coursework.

## **WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE**

Whether you will be living in a university residence or plan to live in town, you are required to attend FOUR workshops on a range of important social issues which will help you make informed choices about the way you engage with life at university. The workshops are held in the evenings. Details of time and venue will be supplied by your Warden. The programme of workshops has been devised in order to provide you with relevant information to help you to make responsible choices. These workshops, held in small groups, will help you explore such issues as sexuality, substance abuse, the misuse of alcohol, coping with stress and depression, and to find out about what support structures are available in case you need help. We also focus on issues of diversity and harassment, and engage you in actively thinking about issues of racial and

sexual diversity, and about what sort of behaviour is regarded as unacceptable on the campus. At Rhodes we value tolerance and mutual respect for individual differences, and would like all students to be assured that we are committed to creating the best conditions for learning, scholarship and research. A fundamental part of our ethos is protection of and respect for the diversity and dignity of all members of our community.

## TALKS BY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Selecting and attending the introductory talks by representatives of each Academic Department is important, to enable you to put together the best degree “for you”. Even though you may already have a fairly clear idea of the subjects that you think you will be studying, try to keep an open mind, and at least find out about other possible alternatives. The most successful students are always those who are studying what really fascinates and interests them – it’s always easier to do well in a subject if you feel passionate about it, and are driven by your own interest and enthusiasm. You will have to plan your programme carefully in order to attend as many of these talks between Tuesday and Thursday as is feasible.

**Also note that your choice of subjects may be limited by the University timetable. Should you wish to proceed with certain subjects or combinations of subjects in spite of timetable clashes, an extra year of study may be necessary.**

## FORMAL CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Formal approval of the courses you would like to take during 2011 takes place on Friday 11th February. Please check page 17, to see where you should go to complete this process.

Before Friday 11th you should already have done the following:

1. attended the various general sessions designed to explain the workings of the University
2. attended a selection of subject talks from the range of academic courses offered (listed in the Daily programme and described in more detail in the descriptions on pages 25–50)
3. developed a reasonably good idea of the subjects you want to study.
4. checked the timetable for your subject choices. A copy of the timetable appears in your University Calendar, which you will have been given when you registered during the weekend. Timetable planners are available from the Career Centre. The University website also has a simple system that allows you to check a proposed curriculum for clashes very easily: <http://www.scifac.ru.ac.za/timetable>. We recommend that you take a preliminary timetable when you go to have your curriculum formally approved. Your subject choice will be checked when it is captured on the computer system, and you will not normally be permitted to sign up for subjects if clashes are discovered.

### **In addition:**

- If you hold a Teacher Training bursary or if you are considering a teaching diploma after your degree, FIRST consult the Head of the Education Department (St Peter’s) regarding your subject choices.
- If you plan to study a Bachelor of Fine Art or a BA with Studio Practice FIRST go the Fine Art Department for counselling regarding your subject choices. THEN go and get your chosen Curriculum approved for your degree.
- If you plan to study Music as a major subject FIRST go the Music Department for counselling regarding your subject choices. THEN go and get your chosen Curriculum approved for your degree.

**Note:** Curriculum Approval does not happen “in departments” in spite of what some misleading notices say. What you do in departments is limited to “signing up” for tutorial and possibly practicals.

On Friday 11th you should be ready to have your chosen Curriculum approved. Take your student card with you to the appropriate venue (see below). Curriculum approval takes place ALL day.

To avoid long queues for students in the Humanities Faculty, please arrive in alphabetical “groups” by surname as follows:

09h30: A-D; 10h30: E-K; 11h30: L-M; 12h30: N-R; 14h00: S-Z

Students **in the Pharmacy Faculty** please arrive as follows:

1st years: 09h00 – 12h00 ; 2nd years: 14h00 – 15h00; 3rd years: 15h00 – 16h00; 4th years: 16h00 – 17h00

<b>DAILY PROGRAMME</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 5 February</b>	
08h00	Residences open for new students
08h00	Administrative Registration all day (Student Bureau, Eden Grove)
15h00	Career Development for the 21st Century (45 minutes) (Chemistry Major) <i>This talk will be offered four times during orientation week. You should attend it before finalising your degree and subject choices</i>
<b>SUNDAY 6 February</b>	
08h00	Administrative Registration all day (Student Bureau, Eden Grove)
10h00	Career Development for the 21st Century (45 minutes) (Chemistry Major)
11h00	Walking Tour of the campus and the town depart from the front steps of the University. Parents and new students are all welcome
14h30	Career Development for the 21st Century (45 minutes) (Chemistry Major)
14h30	Walking Tour of the Campus and the town departs from the front steps of the University. Parents and new students are all welcome.
16h30	Workshop 1: in residences / oppidan workshop venues, followed by braai / function for students and parents
18h30	Hall Receptions for new students and parents: in Hall Dining Rooms for students in residence and Oppidan Dining Room for Oppidans
20h00	Wardens' welcome and introduction to residence life
<b>MONDAY 7 February</b>	
09h00 to 12h30	Parents' Orientation Programme 1820 Settlers Monument . <i>Allow 15 minutes to get from your car to auditorium. Transport offered from main admin steps</i>
09h30 and 11h30	Students: Walking Tours of the Campus and the town depart at each of these times from the front steps of the University. Or use the time to find your way around the campus, do some reading about possible subject choices, and to settle into your accommodation etc.
<b>LUNCH</b>	
14h30	Walking tours for parents departing from front steps of the University
14h00 to 16h00	Presentations by Deans of Faculties: Commerce      Humanities      Pharmacy      Science Barratt 2      Barratt 1      Chem minor      Zoo major.

## DAILY PROGRAMME

17h00	Vice-Chancellor's & SRC President's Opening Address (1820 Settlers Monument )
19h30	Jazz evening for new students, parents and staff. (Drostdy Lawns)

## TUESDAY 8 February

08h30 to 10h00	<b>Compulsory</b> GENERAL session for all new students: Monument
10h30 to 11h30	COMPUTER LITERACY WORKSHOP (REPEATED) General Lecture Theatre (GLT) (go to one only)
10h30 to 11h30	Plagiarism: what is it and how do I avoid it? Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre
10h30 to 11h15	Career Development for the 21st Century (Chemistry Major) (repeat presentation)

### LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS

These are repeated at the same times as each of the lecture slots below.

They are also repeated on Wednesday. Go to ONE Library presentation only.

### TALKS BY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

See pages 25–50 for details about each departmental presentation.

10h30 to 11h10	Politics (Zoo Major) OR Management (Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre)
11h20 to 12h00	German (Arts Major) OR Fine Art: Studio Practice (Painting and Sculpture Block – near Journalism)
12h10 to 12h50	Drama (Theatre) OR Information Systems (Chemistry Major)
14h00 to 14h40	African Languages (Arts Minor) OR Botany (Botany Major)
15h00 to 15h40	Human Kinetics & Ergonomics(Chemistry Major) OR Music (GLT)
16h00 to 16h40	Physics (Chemistry Major) OR Psychology (Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre)

### SUPPER

18h00 to 19h00	Wardens Guide to student discipline in common Rooms.
19h30 to 21h00	Workshop 2 same as workshop 1

## DAILY PROGRAMME

### WEDNESDAY 9 February

08h30 to 09h30	COMPUTER LITERACY WORKSHOP (REPEATED) General Lecture Theatre (GLT) (go to one only)
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08h30 to 09h30	Plagiarism: what is it and how do I avoid it? (REPEAT) Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre
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#### LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS

These are repeated at the same times as each of the lecture slots below.  
Go to ONE Library presentation only.

#### TALKS BY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

See pages 25–50 for details about departmental presentations.

09h40 to 10h20	Anthropology (GLT) OR Chemistry (Chemistry Major)
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10h30 to 11h10	History (Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre) OR Environmental Science (Zoo Major) OR Extended Studies: Commerce – meeting with the coordinator – (GLT)
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11h20 to 12h00	Geology (C11) OR Statistics (Chemistry Major for Commerce/Arts Major for other) OR English (Zoo Major)
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12h10 to 12h50	Computer Science (Chemistry Major) OR Art History & Visual Culture (Painting and Sculpture block of Fine Art Department near Journalism)
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#### LUNCH

14h00 to 14h50	English Language & Linguistics (Chemistry Major) OR Zoology (Zoo Major)
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15h00 to 15h40	Law (Zoo Major) OR Mathematics (Chemistry Major)
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16h00 to 16h40	Geography (Chemistry Major) OR Journalism and Media Studies (Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre)
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#### SUPPER

18h00 to 20h00	Workshop 3 (same as workshop 1).
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### THURSDAY 10 February

All students: 09h00 to 16h00	<b>LIBRARY LITERACY WORKSHOPS</b> You should attend a Library Workshop as well as a Library Presentation. The workshops are offered every hour (on the hour) from 09h00, and repeated on Friday.
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Only for Humanities students 09h00 to 16h00	Students needing specialist advice on subject choices in Humanities can go to the relevant department to make an appointment to see an academic
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## DAILY PROGRAMME

Only for Commerce students 09h00 to 16h00	Students needing specialist advice on subject choices in Commerce can go to the Dean of Commerce's office to make an appointment to see an academic
Only or Law students 09h00 to 16h00	Students needing specialist advice on subject choices in Law can go to the Law Department to make an appointment to see an academic
Only for Science students 08h30 to 17h30	VENUE: Zoology Major 08h30-10h00 Biological, Chemical and Earth and Environmental Sciences 10h30-12h00 Mathematical, Physical and Computational Sciences 12h00-13h00 All Science Extended Studies Programme students 14h00-17h00 Dean will be available to discuss subject choice with individual students. Visit the Schonland Building to make an appointment.
09h30 to 10h10	Sociology (Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre) OR Biochemistry/Microbiology/Biotech (Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre)
10h20 to 11h00	Classical Civilization (Arts Major) OR Economics (Chemistry Major) OR Chinese Studies (Arts Minor)
11h10 to 11h50	Afrikaans (Arts Minor) OR Education (GLT)
12h00 to 12h40	Philosophy (Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre) OR Music for novices (Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre)
	<b>LUNCH</b>
14h00 to 14h50	French (Arts Minor) OR Accounting (Chemistry Major) OR Humanities Extended Studies (GLT)
14h00 to 15h00	COMPUTER LITERACY WORKSHOP (REPEATED) Arts Major
15h00 to 15h40	Learning at School, Learning at University: Making the shift (Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre)
	<b>SUPPER</b>
18h30 to 20h00	Workshop 4 in residences / oppidan workshop venues. Same as workshop 1

## FRIDAY 11 February

### **LIBRARY LITERACY WORKSHOPS** (Last day of repeats)

You should attend a Library Workshop as well as a Library Presentation. These workshops will be offered every hour (on the hour) from 09h00.

### **FORMAL CURRICULUM APPROVAL**

09h00 - 12h30 and 14h00 - 16h30

## DAILY PROGRAMME

Faculty of Humanities: Bachelor of Arts (BA) Bachelor of Journalism (BJrn) Bachelor of Social Science (B Soc Sci) Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) Bachelor of Music (BMus)	Seminar room Top floor: Eden Grove
Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science (BSc) Bachelor of Science (Information Systems) Bachelor of Science (Software Development) BSc BScF Extended Studies Programme	Eden Grove Blue 0900 – 14h00
Faculty of Commerce: Bachelor of Business Science (BBusSci) Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) Bachelor of Economics (BEcon)	Eden Grove Red
Faculty of Pharmacy: Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Sciences Building, Pharmaceutical/Pharm Chem Laboratory, Ground Floor

### **AFTER YOU HAVE had your curriculum approved...**

If you have chosen the following subjects, you **MUST** go straight to the department concerned, in order to sign up for tutorials:

- Afrikaans
- Drama
- English
- Theory of Finance
- Psychology
- Anthropology
- Economics
- English Language & Linguistics
- Statistics 101

Once you have had your curriculum approved, your courses will be visible on your personal course record. You should check this on ROSS, and notify the Dean as soon as possible if the courses listed are not correct.

Administrative Registration and formal Curriculum Approval must be completed before you may attend any lectures.

**MONDAY 14th February: LECTURES BEGIN**  
**THE FACULTIES AT RHODES UNIVERSITY**

There are six Faculties at Rhodes University, each of which is briefly described below. Academic departments are grouped into Faculties on the basis of relationships and links between their areas of study. Each Faculty is headed by a Dean.

## **FACULTY OF HUMANITIES:**

### **Dean: Professor Fred Hendricks**

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

1. Arts (Fine Art, Drama, Music)
2. Languages (isiXhosa, English, Afrikaans, English Language and Linguistics, French, German, Latin, Greek)
3. Professional courses (Journalism and Media Studies)
4. Social Studies (Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Political Studies, History, Philosophy, Art History and Visual Culture, 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 Organisational Psychology, or Fine Art and History, or Information Systems and English or Philosophy and Anthropology, or Computer Science and Music, or Mathematics and Drama or Linguistics.

The Faculty offers an excellent liberal arts education - an education for life and an education which is formative for almost any career choice. A liberal arts education provides students with critical reasoning skills, in particular the ability to analyse and evaluate arguments, to probe for hidden assumptions, to organise complex material in coherent ways. A humanities degree enhances students' ability to understand the views of other, to communicate well, to cope with ambiguity and uncertainty, and to acknowledge one's own ignorance. It is an education that introduces students to the formative moments of their histories, their societies and their identities. It allows students to enjoy the worlds of music and drama and literature and languages.

A humanities degree opens worlds. It provides an education and not training. As such it provides students with the critical skills and characteristics which are so important for our individual and national development. All of the above may be combined with degrees or courses which are more immediately career oriented than the liberal arts education. Specialised degrees in Journalism or Fine Art or Music are offered, but all within the context of a broader rather than a technical education.

## EDUCATION Dean:

### Dr Di Wilmot

The Education Faculty consists of the Education Department, and the following autonomous units: the Centre for Higher Education Research, Teaching and Learning (CHERTL), Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA), the Rhodes University Maths Education Project (RUMEP), the Centre for Social Development (CSD), all of whom, offer education courses that are accredited through the Faculty. The Faculty is concerned with the initial training of teachers, teacher professional development, and research into all facets of education. In order to qualify at Rhodes University as a professional teacher, a person needs first to complete an appropriate Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc, BCom, BSocSci) and then a one year Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). Three PGCE programmes are currently offered: Foundation Phase (Grades 1-3), Intermediate Phase (Grades 4-6) and Senior Phase/FET (Grades 7-9 and 10-12).

## LAW Dean:

### Professor Jonathan Campbell

The Rhodes Faculty of Law, situated in the Lincoln Building on St Peter's Campus, Somerset Street, is one of the oldest Law Faculties in the country and was the first to have a full-time professor. The three main functions of the Faculty are teaching and learning, research and community engagement (primarily through the Rhodes Law Clinic, and the Queenstown Rural Legal Centre). The main focus of the Faculty is undergraduate teaching and learning and the provision of high quality basic formative legal education.

The Faculty offers three degree programmes: LLB, LLM (by thesis only) and PhD (by thesis only). A Legal Theory major is offered in the Faculties of Humanities, Commerce and Science, and Commercial Law courses are offered in the Faculties of Commerce and Humanities (these courses are taught by Law Faculty lecturers). Examples of curricula are set out in our Law Survival Guide and the Student Handbook, which can be found on the Faculty website at: <http://www.ru.ac.za/law/studentinterests/studentbooklets>.

Law Faculty rules (e.g. for essays, assignments, course work, examinations, DP requirements and leave of absence, referencing and plagiarism) are set out in the **Law Faculty Survival Guide** (see link above). Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these rules.

At first-year level students are divided into small teaching and learning groups known as **tutorials**, which assist students in realising their full academic potential and in bridging the gap between school and university. Additional information on tutorials and academic development can be found on the Faculty website at: <http://www.ru.ac.za/law/studentinterests/tutorialsandacademicdev>.

The **Alastair Kerr Law Library** situated on the ground floor of the Faculty houses an extensive collection of South African legal publications, as well as publications and journals, covering all aspects of international and comparative law. The library offers non-credit research courses and workshops to develop and improve legal research skills to enable students to become effective and efficient legal researchers. Law students are encouraged to make use of the PPS Wing of the library which is a comfortable, quiet study area with individual study carrels and three group study areas.

A thirty-station **computer laboratory** situated inside the library (restricted to law students, with LLB law students getting priority access during peak times) provides access to major electronic publications and on-line access to the internet and email, legal databases, electronic catalogues and word processing programs. Laser **printing and photocopier** facilities are available in the library.

The **Rhodes Law Clinic**, a fully-fledged attorney's office, is situated in New Street and in a branch office in Queenstown. The Clinic provides free legal services to indigent people and plays a fundamental role in providing LLB students with hands-on practical exposure and training in skills such as consultation and communication, file and case management, drafting of letters, pleadings and other court notices, and trial

advocacy. Experience gained while working at the Clinic contributes towards the marketability of students when they search for employment.

## PHARMACY Dean:

### **Professor Rod Walker**

The Faculty of Pharmacy at Rhodes University is dedicated to achieving excellence in an environment of interdisciplinary co-operation and mutual respect consistent with the mission of the University and with the mission of the profession of Pharmacy. It is a multi-discipline, single department professional faculty. This is because, as a profession, pharmacy comprises a closely integrated body of knowledge and skills.

The Faculty falls under two general areas of control: The University itself and the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) which is the statutory body controlling the profession of Pharmacy in South Africa.

The Faculty of Pharmacy at Rhodes is comprised of several Divisions – Pharmacology, Pharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacy Administration and Practice.

Pharmacy as a profession provides an essential component of the health services of the nation and involves a multi-disciplinary degree which forms a unique link between the broad fields of the basic sciences and the Pharmaceutical Sciences. Pharmacy is the channel through which the advances of modern science and technology provide the agents needed in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

## SCIENCE Dean:

### **Professor Ric Bernard**

The Faculty of Science is a grouping of 13 academic departments which teach subjects such as Physics, Zoology and Chemistry, which are normally taken only in Science degrees. Some of the departments offer courses which may also form part of a humanities degree (such as Geography) and others offer courses that may also form part of a Commerce degree (such as Mathematics). The departments in the Science Faculty are Botany, Biochemistry, Microbiology & Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Human Kinetics & Ergonomics, Ichthyology & Fisheries Science, Mathematics, pure and applied, Physics, Statistics, Zoology & Entomology. Economics, although not in the Science Faculty, is regarded as a science subject.

The Science Faculty offers five degrees

The **BSc** (Bachelor of Science) is the usual first degree in the Faculty and requires a minimum of three years of study after school. A wide range of subjects, most of which are scientific in nature, can be studied in order to qualify for this degree.

The **BSc(InfSys)** (Bachelor of Science (Information Systems)) is a 3 year degree intended for students who wish to become computer specialists in a commercial environment. It has a more rigid curriculum than the ordinary BSc degree.

The **BSc(SofDev)** (Bachelor of Science (Software Development)) is a 4 year degree intended for students who wish to become computer specialists in a software systems environment.

The **BSc(Hons)** - (Bachelor of Science with Honours) may be regarded as a fourth year to an ordinary BSc, in which the student normally studies one of the subjects taken in the final year of the BSc, but in far greater detail. The usual entrance requirement is that students must have obtained at least a second class pass (60% or more) in this subject in the ordinary degree.

The **BScF** – (Extended Studies Programme) This programme is taken by students with real potential whose educational and or social background has resulted in them not reaching their full potential in exams. These students spend two years as BScF students, after which they join the BSc students and graduate with a BSc.

The Faculty places emphasis on research and postgraduate education, and all departments offer MSc and PhD degrees. Further details will be presented during Orientation Week and can be found at the Faculty web site (<http://scifac.ru.ac.za/>) or in the Faculty of Science Handbook.

## **ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TALKS GIVEN BY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS**

Study this list in conjunction with the Daily Programme on pages 11–18. Be careful to note the day, time and the venue for each talk. Please arrive punctually for the talks you wish to attend. If you are unsure where to go, refer to the map provided, and if you're still uncertain, ask someone for directions.

### **ACCOUNTING**

**Time:** Thursday 10th February 14h00-14h50

**Venue:** Chemistry Major

**Lecturers:** Members of the department

A brief outline will be given of the courses offered by the Department, with a discussion of the various study paths chosen by students with particular careers in mind, and the skills required. The aims and objectives of the Accounting I courses will also be discussed.

### **AFRICAN LANGUAGES**

**Time:** Tuesday 8th February 14h00-14h40

**Venue:** Arts Minor

**Lecturer:** Members of the Department

The lecture will explain the options open to various students, ranging from mother tongue speakers of the language to complete beginners. A major course is offered in Xhosa. The courses involve both the development of practical communication in the language concerned, and the study of the language and the associated culture and literature. Courses in the Department are open to those who have no previous knowledge of the language.

### **AFRIKAANS AND NETHERLANDIC STUDIES**

**Time:** Thursday 10th February 11h10 – 11h50

**Venue:** Arts Minor

**Lecturer:** Dr Godfrey Meintjes

The main purpose of this lecture is to give prospective students an idea of the Department's approach to the study of Afrikaans – an approach which differs radically from that used in the South African schooling system. The lecture will also give students an idea of what the various courses in Afrikaans at Rhodes entail, and how students doing Journalism, Drama, Law, etc. could benefit from these courses.

### **ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Time:** Wednesday 9th February 09h40-10h20

**Venue:** General Lecture Theatre (GLT)

**Lecturer:** Professor Rose Boswell

Anthropology means literally 'the study of human beings', but unlike other disciplines which also specialise in aspects of being human, anthropology has always emphasized the wholeness of humanity. Anthropology has two sub-disciplines: biological anthropology which addresses human origins, primate links and the

physical and genetic dimensions of humanity; and socio-cultural anthropology, which is a broadly comparative study of societies and cultures worldwide. Socio-cultural Anthropology used to study mainly non-Western, pre-industrial societies, which differentiated it from sociology. Today, however, anthropologists are increasingly involved in research in complex, urbanised and indeed globalised societies. The main difference between the new anthropology and other social sciences resides in its emphasis on fieldwork, on the anthropologist really knowing the individuals and communities they study by spending months if not years 'in the field' and returning repeatedly to their study sites. Anthropology at Rhodes is not limited to socio-cultural anthropology, but includes biological anthropology. The full range of socio-cultural anthropology is also introduced in the first year, with modules on race, ethnicity and identity; kinship, marriage and the family; religion and ritual; and economic and political anthropology. In the final term these themes are revisited in one ethnographic case study. Beyond the first year, there is an emphasis on research, including instruction in research methodology individual projects and field trips. What can you do with anthropology, career-wise? Any job that involves working with people – especially people from diverse ethnic or cultural backgrounds – can benefit from exposure to anthropology. Anthropology's commitment to the whole human being, and to understanding and respecting cultural differences and human complexity, provides the graduate with a comprehensive set of skills, applicable to almost any human situation. Anthropology graduates find jobs in fields as diverse as: general management, personnel management and labour relations in the public and private sectors; NGOs, community development and conservation; development projects and consultancies; government; church, family and charity programmes; cultural pluralism and conflict resolution; education; advocacy and lobbying for the less powerful; and, of course, academe. In these fields and more they can practise their anthropological skills on a daily basis, making a difference in a world that increasingly requires what they have to offer.

## **ART HISTORY & VISUAL CULTURE**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 12h10-12h50

Venue: Department of Fine Art Lecture Theatre (upper campus, in Painting & Sculpture Block, near Journalism)

Lecturer: Prof Ruth Simbao

While we normally recognise that written texts can be comprehensible only to a reader who is literate, we are often led to assume that visual representations have self-evident meanings. But this is not the case at all. As this introductory lecture will indicate, visual representations, like written representations, use language. The lecturer will reveal that studies in Art History & Visual Culture enable students to learn to interpret rather than simply describe images, and to locate these images within their social and historical contexts as well as within a framework of philosophical ideas. Studies in Art History & Visual Culture are a perfect complement to a range of other subjects in the Humanities. This lecture will be of particular interest to students who plan to study towards a BA or BJourn degree but who are not yet certain which Humanities subjects to include in their curriculum.

NB: Please also see the entry on Fine Art & Studio Practice (page 29).

## **BIOCHEMISTRY/MICROBIOLOGY/BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Time: Thursday 10th February 09h30-10h10

Venue: Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre

Lecturer: Dr Joanna Dames

The lecture will include a description of what Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Microbiology are, and what the subjects encompass, their relationship to other subjects and an outline of the course curriculum at Rhodes. Although Microbiology and Biochemistry are taught from second year it is important to ensure that the correct prerequisites are taken. The most suitable course options and combinations will be discussed.

These subjects and Biotechnology are all offered as Honours options. Finally, the career opportunities available to a Biochemist/Biotechnologist/Microbiologist will be considered.

## **BOTANY**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 14h00-14h40  
Venue: Department of Botany: Major Lecture Theatre  
Lecturers: Professor Nigel Barker

Botany is a three-year, practically orientated major, with a curriculum designed to prepare students for careers in fields such as conservation, environmental management, agriculture, bio-control, as well as research and academia. Botany is usually taken in combination with other major subjects from the biological or earth sciences, and Botany 1 is compulsory for students intending to major in Zoology & Entomology. The subject also compliments co-majors such as Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Ichthyology and Microbiology. The Botany curriculum will be discussed with students and the most desirable options which can be taken in conjunction with Botany will be outlined with respect to different career options.

## **CHEMISTRY**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 09h40-10h20  
Venue: Chemistry Major  
Lecturer: Professor Nelson Torto

- What is Chemistry and what is a Chemist? An introduction to the subject and the interdisciplinary relationships with the other science subjects.
- Chemistry at Rhodes. Information on the various chemistry courses offered at Rhodes.
- A Career in Chemistry. Having obtained a degree in Chemistry, what then? A broad discussion on the role of the chemists in South Africa and the world at large.

## **CHINESE STUDIES**

Time: Thursday 10th February 10h20-11h00  
Venue: Arts Minor  
Lecturer: Prof Marius Vermaak, Mua Yue and Mr Daniel Charvat

Chinese Studies 1 (CS 1) at Rhodes University is a language course for non-mother tongue students who wish to acquire essential communicative skills in both spoken and written Chinese. CS 1 covers a sizable repertoire of Chinese characters as used in everyday communicative situations, and develops an awareness of and understanding of the cultural aspects of the unique Chinese writing system. There is no prerequisite for CS 1.

Chinese Studies 2 expands and refines the skills and content of CS 1. CS 2 includes a service learning component. CS 1 is a prerequisite for CS 2. Chinese Studies 3 will be launched in 2011. This major will offer, in addition to a focus on the Chinese language, the opportunity of doing modules on Chinese civilization, history, and literature. Scholarships for study tours of China, and intensive short summer courses or even semester or year study in China are available for students who perform well.

### **Who should learn Chinese?**

- Students who plan to major in Commerce subjects - China is fast becoming a dominant economic and business influence in Africa.

- Students who plan to major in Political and International Studies China is already a major global political force.
- Students who are doing linguistics-Chinese is a prime example of a non- Indo European language.
- Students who plan to teach English as a second language in China this will give you a head start in this foreign environ-ment.
- Anyone who is interested in Chinese culture, literature and his-tory.

**More:** [www.ru.ac.za/international/aboutus/confuciusinstitute](http://www.ru.ac.za/international/aboutus/confuciusinstitute)

## CLASSICAL STUDIES

**Time:** Thursday 10th February 10h20 – 11h00

**Venue:** Arts Major

**Lecturer:** Members of the Department

**Classical Civilisation** covers a wide range of space (Africa, Asia and Europe) and time (from the Stone Ages to the rise of Christianity and Islam), but the main focus is on the Mediterranean world and the cultures of Greece and Rome around two thousand years ago. Through a study of the literature (in translation), art, history and thought, this subject focuses on things that are interesting in themselves and relevant to today's world. It combines well with a number of subjects in the Humanities curriculum, especially English, Anthropology, History, Drama, Fine Art, Political Studies and Philosophy. At this lecture mention will also be made of the separate language courses offered by this section: Ancient **Greek** and **Latin**, including **Latin-Word Power**. One does not have to have studied either language before, and each can be taken as a major.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Time:** Wednesday 9th February 12h10-12h50

**Venue:** Chemistry Major

**Lecturer:** Professor George Wells

Various courses are offered to students with an interest in ICT (Information and Communication Technology). Firstly, Introduction to ICT (CS1L) is a semester credit offered in both first and second semesters of the year, which is designed for students from widely differing backgrounds from various faculties. This course aims to empower students to exploit the use of a PC or network of computers, and is compulsory in some degree structures, such as Pharmacy. It is also popular with students who wish to broaden their understanding of computers and the Internet. It is a non-continuation course. This course should not be taken should you wish to continue with (or wish to leave your options open to continue with) either Computer Science or Information Systems. Students who wish to do higher courses in Computer Science and Information Systems should register for Computer Science 101. Computer Science 101 and 102 are offered in the first and second semester of the year, respectively. Together they form the first year of Computer Science for students who intend to major in Computer Science, or who wish to take Computer Science in their second year of study. Students from across the faculties may also take this course if they wish to master the art and science of computer programming. Computer Science 101 in the first semester comprises an accelerated coverage of computer literacy, and an introduction to problem deconstruction and solution with the aid of general tools and a computer programming language. Computer Science 102 in the second semester builds upon the material in 101 and covers the fundamentals of computer programming and software engineering, making use of the Java programming language.

NB: A pass in Computer Science 101 is the official pre-requisite for entry into Computer Science 102 and also into Information Systems 2. The development of computer skills also forms an important part of the Extended Studies Programmes, but these are not taught in the Computer Science Department itself.

## **DRAMA**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 12h10-12h50  
Venue: RU Theatre, Drama Department  
Lecturers: Professor Andrew Buckland, staff and postgraduate students

Drama involves the practical and theoretical investigation into the changing phenomenon of theatre. Students are able to explore a variety of skills related to the performing arts including acting, communication skills, dance, physical theatre, mime, directing, theatre making, applied theatre, community theatre, design, stage craft and theatre technology. This practical exploration is supported by a strong theoretical component which examines past and current theatrical developments and future trends. The Drama Department is involved not only in studying contemporary theatre trends but also in initiating them. A range of productions is presented each year including traditional and contemporary playtexts, new theatre works, dance theatre, physical theatre and mime. The first-year course is designed to encourage personal development, self-esteem and confidence by developing communication, interpersonal and collaborative skills. Studying drama involves the development of creative and critical thinking, as well as strengthening the ability to express oneself and communicate effectively - imperative life skills for any career.

## **ECONOMICS**

Time: Thursday 10th February 10h20-11h00  
Venue: Chemistry Major  
Lecturer: Professor Geoff Antrobus

Economics is a three year major subject which may be taken in the faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce and Social Science. The lecture will cover:

- the nature, scope and method of economics and its relationship with other disciplines.
- the contents of the first year course in the principles of Economics and of courses offered in subsequent years.
- career opportunities for economists and the uses of a training in Economics in general.

## **EDUCATION**

Time: Thursday 10th February 11h10-11h50  
Venue: General Lecture Theatre  
Lecturers: Professors George Euvrard and Marc Schafer

The Faculty of Education offers several innovative courses for students intending to pursue careers in education. Courses are available for those intending to teach in secondary schools. Students may specialise to teach in particular subject areas, or to teach a particular age range of learners, or to work in educational fields other than teaching. The selection of courses appropriate to these career paths will be discussed. Many students do not realise the importance of ensuring that their degree structure conforms to certain broad requirements. These will be explained in this introductory session. Knowing these requirements in advance will assist students in constructing their degree and can avoid many problems at a later stage.

It should be noted that, apart from courses for prospective teachers, the Faculty also offers a range of courses at the post-graduate level, such as the BEd (Hons) and MEd. This range covers such diverse fields as Computers in Education, Educational Leadership & Management, English Second Language Teaching, Mathematics Education, Science Education, Guidance & Counselling, and Environmental Education. Opportunities for full research are also offered at the MEd and PhD levels in these areas and in conventional school subjects such as Biology, English and Geography.

## **ENGLISH**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 11h20-12h00

Venue: Zoo Major

Lecturers: Professor Dirk Klopper and members of the Department

The Department of English offers courses in the study of literature, ranging from the sixteenth century to the present day. In its syllabuses the Department aims to give students exposure to as wide a range of writing in English as possible. By way of a series of options available from second year onwards, students can choose curricula with a strong African, traditional British, or contemporary emphasis.

Students of English also acquire valuable interpretive, argumentation and writing skills that are transferable to many other contexts, both at university and afterwards.

In this introductory presentation, you will find out what literary studies at university is all about, and what you can expect to encounter in the first-year course at Rhodes.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 14h00-14h50

Venue: Chemistry Major

Lecturer: Members of the Department

If you have a fascination with language, then linguistics is for you. English Language and Linguistics is a three course major. Its focus is on language and human communication and the role it plays in culture, society, and interpersonal relations. A knowledge of linguistics will give you an in-depth understanding of the extraordinary complexity of human communicative behaviour and is relevant to many other fields including teaching, journalism, law, psychology, philosophy, Languages (and Language Studies) and many others. Linguistics also develops many important, general skills such as critical and abstract thinking, argument development, ability to assimilate information from diverse sources etc. The introductory lecture during O-week will also give you more information about how you can use Linguistics in your career, and particularly how it relates to other university subjects such as Journalism, Psychology and Computer Science.

The object of courses in English Language and linguistics is to develop students' understandings of language systems and behaviour in the context of human communication and society. We ask questions like: What is language? How does language work as a system? What do different languages have in common? How do we use language to do various things? How do we acquire languages? How do we use language in order to persuade and control others?

The undergraduate programme is structured according to a number of different themes which are developed every year. One set of themes cover the study of the mental structures and meanings that underlie all human languages (Syntax & Semantics), the study of sounds, accents and the way we sound (Phonetics), how children manage to learn language without ever having been taught (Language in Childhood and Education). The other set of themes cover the ways language is used in society, slang, the ways in which male and female language differ (Sociolinguistics), and the systems and meanings underpinning popular texts such as real-life conversations, media reports, advertising, news-writing,

romance novels etc (Discourse Analysis, Systemic Functional Linguistics). In addition, each year we learn about linguistic aspects of a completely different language: Japanese in first year, Sign Language in second year and Russian in third year.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 10h30-11h10

Venue: Zoo Major

Lecturers: Professor Fred Ellery

In Environmental Science we ask: Can the needs of people and the needs of nature be met at the same time? What are the tools that help us achieve this, and how do we put them to good use? Environmental Science starts at second and third year levels, so there is no Environmental Science 1. You can take it as part of any degree, for example, BSc, BA, BEcon, BSocSci or BJourn. But to be able to register for Environmental Science 2, you need to take Geography 1 and one of either Anthropology 1, Botany 1, Geology 1 or Zoology 1. (You are, of course, encouraged to take more than one of these.)

The lecturer will advise you which subjects to take, what job opportunities exist, and how to plan your academic career if you are interested in becoming an Environmental Scientist. There will be lots of slides.

## **EXTENDED STUDIES: COMMERCE**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 10h30-11h10

Venue: General Lecture Theatre (GLT)

Lecturer: Mrs Este Coetzee and staff

This is an open invitation to all Commerce students who are already admitted to this programme to attend the session in order to get more information about the different courses which you are going to do, as well as the structure of the programme.

## **EXTENDED STUDIES: HUMANITIES**

Time: Thursday 10th February 14h00- 14h50

Venue: General Lecture Theatre (GLT)

Lecturer: Ms Judith Reynolds and staff

All students who are registered to do a BA (Foundation) / BAF are Humanities Extended Studies students and should attend this session. We will explain to you how the first year of your degree will work – what courses you will do and how the credits work. We will also explain how the first year fits with the rest of your degree.

## **EXTENDED STUDIES: SCIENCE**

Time: Thursday 10th February 12h00-13h00

Venue: Zoology Major

Lecturer: Ms Karen Ellery and staff

This is an open invitation to all Science students who are already admitted to this programme to attend the session in order to get more information about the different courses which you are going to do, as well as the structure of the programme.

## FINE ART & STUDIO PRACTICE

Time: Tuesday 8th February 11h20-12h00

Venue: Fine Art lecture theatre (upper campus, with Painting & Sculpture, near Journalism)

Lecturer: Professor Dominic Thorburn

The Fine Art Department offers courses in Studio Practice as well as in Art History & Visual Culture. Students who study Studio Practice are taught to make art, and are usually registered for the Bachelor of Fine Art degree. Students who study Art History & Visual Culture learn about the history and theory of visual images, and are not necessarily studying Studio Practice as well.

This lecture will focus on Studio Practice and will introduce the audience to the various studio disciplines and the kinds of career opportunities available to people who have studied art-making at Rhodes. Professor Thorburn will provide information about the course structure of the Bachelor of Fine Art degree, the Diploma in Fine Art and the BA degree incorporating Studio Practice.

Please also see the entry on Art History & Visual Culture (page 22).

**NB: If you plan to register for Fine Art, you must discuss your subject choices with the Department before formal Curriculum Approval on Friday.**

## FRENCH STUDIES

Time: Thursday 10th February 14h00-14h50

Venue: Arts Minor

Lecturer: Dr Clare Cordell, Dr Arthur Mukenge, Dr Patrice Mwepu

French 1P (course code 12011B0) is primarily for those who have no pre-vious knowledge of the language. The course may however also be taken by students who have studied French at school for 1-3 years, or who have an O-level in French or just a pass in French in the National Senior Certificate. After a year of successful study the student will have a good knowledge of basic French and will be able to speak, read and write about everyday topics (e.g. where you live, what you buy at the shops, your future plans, etc.). Students who pass French 1P with 75% or more may proceed to French 1.

French 1 (course code 12011A0) is intended for students with a rating of 5 in French in the National Senior Certificate exam, or who have A-level French or a minimum of 75% overall for French 1P. The course aims to consolidate and extend language skills, including grammar, vocabulary acquisition, translation and conversation. There is an introduction to French literature through the study of a variety of 20th century texts.

## GEOGRAPHY

Time: Wednesday 9th February 16h00-16h40

Venue: Chemistry Major

Lecturer: Professor Kate Rowntree

Geography aims to help you understand the world we live in, on local, continental and global scales. Our first semester course in Geography 1, Earth Science, is taught jointly with the Geology Department. The course examines how Earth processes shape the environment that we live in. The second semester course focuses on global processes that influence the geography of human development. The focus of the second year programme is southern Africa. In Urban and Rural Structures you will study the environmental, political and economic processes that have moulded the urban and rural landscape of southern Africa; processes that determine the distribution and quality of natural resources such as soil and water are explored in

Natural Systems: Processes, Resources And Management. At third year the focus broadens to include the African continent. Our course Environment and Development in Africa examines the interrelationships between environmental and socio-political systems that affect human development and the way that people use land and resources, both in the past and the future. You will be introduced to Geographical Information Systems, a widely used tool for displaying and analysing spatial data. A choice of more specialised theoretical courses makes up the last component of our third year.

Because of the broad scope of Geography we will involve you in a wide range of teaching activities including field work, workshops and role playing games as well as more formal lectures, practicals and tutorials. There is increasing opportunity as you progress from year 1 to 3 for you to engage in your own research projects.

Geography combines well with a wide range of other subjects. It is strongly recommended for those of you who intend to teach in either the social sciences or earth/life sciences. Geography is a prerequisite for Environmental Science and is taken as a co-major by many Environmental Science students. If you are considering a career that uses Geographical Information Systems you should consider a co-major with Information Systems.

## **GEOLOGY**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 11h20-12h00

Venue: Geology Department C11

Lecturer: Dr Emese Bordy

The Department of Geology will present a lecture titled Geology Today. The presentation will describe the many sub disciplines of Geology, their relationships to one another and to other Sciences.

The status of the Science of Geology and the role of geologists in the modern world will be emphasized. The lecture will also provide an overall view of Geology course structures.

## **GERMAN STUDIES**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 11h20-12h00

Venue: Arts Major

Lecturer: Head of German Studies and member(s) of the Section

German is offered at Rhodes as a foreign language. The first-year course, German Studies 1, is therefore primarily designed for students who are encountering German for the first time. As such, it seeks to train them in the basic skills of reading and listening comprehension as well as written and oral expression, while also providing an insight into the structure of language. And, since language and culture are inseparable, this course as well as the subsequent ones will convey insights into various aspects of German culture and history, with the main focus on contemporary Germany. The second- and third- year courses build and expand on this foundation, adding modules such as history of the German language, translation, literature as exemplified in texts by major authors such as Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Thomas Mann, Bert Brecht and Franz Kafka.

The overall aim of all the courses is to facilitate direct access to the German-speaking parts of the world and German culture and to allow for successful engagement with written German and native speakers of German, thereby allowing for a more gratifying pursuit of personal interests while at the same time enhancing career prospects in a world of globalising economies and increasingly multicultural societies.

## **HISTORY**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 10h30-11h10

Venue: Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre

Lecturers: Professor Paul Maylam and staff

We welcome you to our History courses whether or not you have studied History at school. The overall History course structure at Rhodes is designed to give you a deeper understanding of the world, the continent and the country in which you live. Through studying the past you obtain a better sense of the present. You are encouraged to develop critical, analytical skills which enable you to think independently, to probe beneath surface appearances, to search for underlying processes, to look at society in new ways. These skills can serve you well not only in your future careers but in many other spheres of life personal, cultural, intellectual, social and political. History is a core discipline in the humanities, in that it deals with all aspects of human existence. It also links well with a number of other disciplines - particularly Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, English, Geography, Journalism, Law. A university training in History also prepares you well for a variety of career paths in education, journalism, law, public service, politics, and business.

Staff will be present to give more details and answer any queries.

## **HUMAN KINETICS AND ERGONOMICS**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 15h00-15h40

Venue: Chemistry Major

Lecturer: Members of the Department

Human Kinetics and Ergonomics (HKE) can now be taken in both the BSc and BA degrees. The aim of this orientation lecture is to consider the nature, scope and place of Human Kinetics and Ergonomics in modern society. A synopsis is given of the multi-disciplinary approach to investigate human responses under different conditions, with a brief description of the various sections studied during the three-year degree. These include conceptual issues, biophysical and physiological aspects of the subject, as well as the psycho-social domain; all focused on "humans in motion", whether it be daily living activities, at work or on the sports field. In other words we look at what moves, how it moves and why it moves in response to various situations. The knowledge gained can be applied in three broad areas, viz: Ergonomics (work environment), Sports Science and General Health or Rehabilitation.

There will also be a brief outline of the lecturing and laboratory format, plus the overall requirements for those wishing to major in HKE. Any student interested in the course is welcome to visit the Department to see the facilities and ask any questions pertaining to the course.

## **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 12h10-12h50

Venue: Chemistry Major

Lecturer: Professor Greg Foster

Information and Communication Technology refers to the combination of hardware (computer technology), software (computer programs) and information (data that has been processed). An information system is a computerised system that comprises a collection of people (who use the system), computers and the methods to collect, process, transmit and disseminate information. Many organisations make use of information systems to support daily activities. For example, banks use them to manage their clients' finances, including internet banking, supermarkets use them to manage stock, sales and payments, and

educational institutions use them to record results. Information Systems is the study of the initial needs analysis, design, implementation and maintenance of such systems, as well as the management of information systems, their users, and many other theoretical aspects. Practical work on computers is an important and rewarding feature of the course.

There is no first year course in Information Systems: it is only taken in the second and third year of a degree. Information Systems is a 2-year major in the Commerce Faculty (course codes: INF201, INF301 etc.) Major subjects commonly taken in conjunction with it include Computer Science, Management, Accounting and Economics, as well as Journalism, Social Science and Law subjects. Information Systems can be included in most degree curricula, particularly a BCom, BSc (Inf Sys) and BSc (Soft Dev).

**Note: All students who wish to register for Information Systems 201 must have completed Computer Science 101.**

## **JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 16h00-16h40

Venue: Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre

Lecturer: Members of the Department

Why Journalism and Media Studies? Well, the media are pervasive in contemporary life and we probably acquire more of our ideas and attitudes from our interactions with all the different media than from any other social institution. If you wish to study the media and learn how to make journalistic media (in different mediums), you can do Journalism and Media Studies as a major subject (three years) or extend this study by enrolling for the four year Bachelor of Journalism degree. The fourth year enables you to do extended production work in one of six specialisations and more advanced theory.

The courses integrate intellectual ideas with the production of media. You will learn about the media in modernity, the history of its development, media law and ethics, media institutions and ways to analyse a range of media texts. Alongside this you will do media production and in third and fourth years you choose to specialise in either writing and editing, radio, TV, design, photojournalism or new media.

The Department is one of the largest in the University, with more than 600 students in undergraduate and graduate courses. It is located at the top end of Rhodes campus in the African Media Matrix building which is purpose-built and well resourced. Also, senior students will work at Grocott's Mail, the oldest functioning independent newspaper in South Africa, in order to get hands-on experience producing media for the people of Grahamstown.

Journalism and Media Studies is normally taken in a BA degree, as one of the two major subjects. Some science majors may be taken within the BA or BJourn degree, and Journalism and Media Studies may be taken as a major within a BSc degree, although timetable clashes may prevent certain combinations.

As the Department accepts only 110 students into Journalism and Media Studies 2, those taking Journalism and Media Studies 1 are advised to complete their curriculum with three other subjects which might potentially be taken as majors.

## **LAW**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 15h00-15h40

Venue: Zoology Major

Lecturer: Professor Jonathan Campbell

Why study Law? Some advantages of studying law; the law curriculum at Rhodes University; the four- or five- year route; Legal Theory as a general interest major; the attributes of a good law student; some important points in the fine print.

## **MANAGEMENT**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 10h30-11h10  
Venue: Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre  
Lecturers: Professor Lynette Louw and Mr Trevor Amos

Management, which is a core function in any organisation (large or small), especially in the world of commerce, is a dynamic process whereby people in leading positions use human and other resources as efficiently as possible in order to provide certain products and/or services, with the aim of meeting the needs of consumers/target groups and achieving the stated goals of an organisation.

Since managers in the new millennium need to manage holistically and globally, the core competencies of 21st century management (planning, organisation, leading and controlling) are no longer sufficient. Managers now also need to be able to think and act strategically, to communicate effectively, to identify and solve problems, to manage themselves effectively, to demonstrate innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship, to manage across the various functional areas, and to manage in a global context. With these competencies, leaders can make decisions within the constraints of resources, continually-changing environments, uncertainty and competition.

Students who major in Management may equip themselves to follow careers in such areas as marketing, human resources, finance, general management as well becoming entrepreneurs.

## **MATHEMATICS AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 15h00-15h40  
Venue: Chemistry Major  
Lecturer: Members of the Department

The different first-year courses in Mathematics will be explained with references to why the subject is known as “the queen and servant to the sciences”. The importance of mathematics in various other degree courses and careers will also be addressed.

Information will be given on all the First Year Mathematics courses:

- MAT 1: a full year major course
- MAT 102: a first semester service course intended for BSc (Inf Sys) or BSc (Sof Dev) students
- MAT 101: a second semester service course intended for BPharm students
- MAT 1L: for students registered for the Extended Programme courses and those who want to achieve a level of mathematical literacy.

It is important that all students intending to take a Mathematics course within their Commerce, Humanities, Law, Pharmacy or Science degree attend this introductory talk.

## **MUSIC**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 15h00-15h40  
Venue: General Lecture Theatre (GLT)  
Lecturers: Members of the Department

Music is a multi-faceted discipline with branches reaching into the domains of arts, science, cultural studies, technology, and computer science, to name a few. You can enrol for a 4-year professional music degree (BMus), or you can do a range of individual courses as part of your “mixed” degree (BA, BSc, BJourn, BSocSci, etc.). The lecture aims to inform you about the range of courses on offer in the Department (Musicology, Ethnomusicology, Sound Technology and Instrumental Music Studies) and the kinds of music

which the department offers (including Western art music, jazz, African and world musics). You learn about different genres and styles through history, analysis and composition, theory and performance practice within cultural frameworks. The Instrumental Music Studies courses are geared towards performance. You study a major instrument and either ensemble or a minor instrument, as well as the repertoire of your major instrument. All Instrumental Music Studies students participate in an ensemble, attend the weekly performance classes, and have many opportunities to participate in concerts both in the department and at functions in and around Grahamstown. The department also offers non-specialist courses in History and Appreciation of Music, World Music and Culture, Sound Technology, and Ethnomusicology 102 (see “Music for Novices” below). If you’re doing a BMus you can simultaneously register for a 3-year Rhodes Licentiate in School Music.

**NB:** If you plan to register for Music, you must discuss your subject choices with the Department before formal Curriculum Approval on Friday.

## MUSIC FOR NOVICES

Time: Thursday 10th February 12h00 – 12h40

Venue: Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre

Lecturers: Members of the Department

Non-specialist first-year courses in music are offered to students in most Faculties. These courses include History and Appreciation of Music (full credit), Sound Technology (full credit), World Music and Culture /Ethnomusicology 101 (offered in the first semester) and Ethnomusicology 102 (offered in the second semester). Students taking any of the above courses are not required to read music nor have any background knowledge. History and Appreciation of Music focuses on the elements of music, orchestral instruments, form and style in western art music. In addition the course includes an introduction to jazz and popular music with particular reference to music in South Africa. Ethnomusicology and World Music and Culture specialise in traditional music from selected parts of the world. However, more attention is paid to African music in general with special emphasis on the isiXhosa people of the Eastern Cape.

## PHARMACY

Time: Monday 7th February 14h00-16h00

Venue: Chemistry Major

Lecturer: Professor Rod Walker

One Degree – Many Careers

The Bachelor of Pharmacy Curriculum for this degree is laid down by the South African Pharmacy Council and all students must pass all courses of this prescribed curriculum to be awarded the degree in Pharmacy. Pharmacy comprises of a number of subjects concerned with the production, custody, distribution and use of medicines.

Courses leading to the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree are ordinarily taken over a minimum of 4 years. At Rhodes University, candidates for the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree must complete a first year, taught by the cognate Science departments of the University. Students start the pro-fessional training toward their pharmacy degree at the commencement of their second year. In the final year students are permitted to select two electives or may undertake a research project, students must pass all courses of this prescribed curriculum to be awarded the degree in Pharmacy. Areas of specialization are reflected in the elective courses offered in the final year. Further specialization is possible at the postgraduate level, where studies leading to an M.Sc, M.Pharm, Pharm.D or Ph.D degrees can be pursued. Whilst the general curriculum is prescribed, each of the universities that offer pharmacy have different emphases, thus making transfers between different Schools or Faculties of Pharmacy in South Africa difficult.

The Bachelor of Pharmacy degree grants access to an internship and professional competency evaluation. One year internships can be completed in the community, hospital or industrial setting. In addition, a two year academic internship is permitted and is deemed to have been completed on the successful completion of an M.Sc or MPharm degree, 400 hours of practical work in a pharmacy and the successful completion of the pre-registration exam and portfolio. Successful completion of the internship is followed by registration as a Community Service Pharmacist (CSP), and working as a CSP in the public sector for one year. Successful completion of the CSP year allows registration with the South African Pharmacy Council as a fully qualified pharmacist, which permits the applicants to practice the profession of pharmacy within the Republic of South Africa.

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

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Time: Thursday 10th February 12h00-12h40

Venue: Barratt 1 Lecture Theatre

Lecturer: Professor W.E. Jones

Philosophers ask and seek answers to the most basic questions regarding our existence, the nature of the universe, what we can and cannot know, and how we should lead our lives. Some examples (there are many, many others) of specific questions include: Is there a human nature? If so, what is it? Do we have free will, or are we determined by our circumstances? Is there a God? How do we know there is a world outside of us? What are the best ways of gaining knowledge? What is the meaning of my life? What (if anything) makes something the right or the wrong thing to do? What makes a life a good life?

Questions such as these are interesting in their own right, and so there is one reason for you to consider taking Philosophy. A second reason is that, if you think about it, these questions (and other questions like them) can be relevant to any other field of study you might embark on. Philosophy can be usefully combined with just about any programme of study, providing you with critical insights into our intellectual heritage. A third reason for taking Philosophy concerns the skills that the discipline can cultivate in you. In answering the questions they pose, philosophers must employ their intellects and they must do so rigorously. Furthermore, philosophers must be able to communicate their ideas clearly and effectively. In short, Philosophy can make you a more rigorous, critical thinker and a better communicator. And these are skills that will serve you well no matter what you end up doing in life.

Introduction to Philosophy is a one year, self contained course available to any student who desires an overview of philosophy. In addition to this one year course, Philosophy may be taken as a major subject by anyone with a first year credit in a related discipline.

## **PHYSICS AND ELECTRONICS**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 16h00-16h40

Venue: Chemistry Major

Lecturer: Dr Ray Haggard

The courses in Physics and Electronics will be described and there will be some discussion of typical degree structures involving them. There will also be an introduction to the nature of Physics, illustrated with demonstrations. Students will be told something of the research in the Department and of employment opportunities.

## **POLITICAL & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 10h30-11h10

Venue: Zoo Major

Lecturer: Professor Paul Bischoff

The Department offers a three year BA programme, Honours and Masters degrees in Politics and International Studies as well as a postgraduate Diploma in African Diplomacy and Peacekeeping. During the first year the major themes in Political and International Studies are introduced: The State, Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics and International Relations. These, and other themes (such as on the politics of the individual, African and South African politics) are carried forward into second and third Year.

At a time of globalisation, transformation and great change, an understanding of local, regional and international politics forms part of a university-educated person's survival kit. It makes eminent sense for any future decision-maker or planner who needs to have the skill to read the 'signs of the times', be it in business, government, development or science.

Students who continue their studies in Politics and International Relations to Diploma, Honours or Masters level will find they are employable in a variety of fields. Past students pursue careers with universities; national and provincial government (from the Office of the President to the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry, Home Affairs, Intelligence, Local Government, Justice and Land Affairs and the Government Communication and Information Service (GCIS)) ; as researchers and analysts with the National Assembly, policy institutes and think tanks; as public relations managers with large private or parastatal corporations, as media workers on newspapers or news magazines, in radio or TV; with international organizations or the Non-Governmental sector and NGOs engaged in social or developmental work or as risk analysts with the financial sector.

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

Time: Tuesday 8th February 16h00-16h40

Venue: Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre

Lecturer: Professor Catriona Macleod

The first-year course in Psychology consists of six thematized modules, aimed at providing a general introduction to the study of Psychology. Course content is supplemented by a linked Tutorial Programme. The modules included in the course cover a range of content areas within the broader field of Psychology. These areas include: a) Developmental Psychology; b) Biology, the Brain and Behaviour; c) Social Psychology; d) Personality; e) Intelligence and Cognitive Psychology; and f) Organisational Psychology. These are split across two semester courses, Psy 101 in the first semester course, and Psy 102 in the second. Students wishing to obtain the full Psychology 1 credit need to take both semester courses. Students seeking a half-credit would normally take the first semester course only.

After the first year, students can choose whether to major in Psychology or in Organisational Psychology. Either major can be taken in most Faculties, and both are of practical relevance to a large number of occupations and careers. The Psychology course is of general interest and is of particular value to those wishing to specialise in guidance, counselling and clinical psychology, and to all students planning to enter occupations which deal with people. Organisational Psychology has a special emphasis on the application of psychological principles in business and industry.

Students who continue their studies to Masters level in Clinical, Counselling or Organisational Psychology may pursue an internship and then register with the Professional Board for Psychology as Psychologists. Alternatively, students may pursue a career in social science research, including such aspects as programme monitoring and evaluation.

## **SOCIOLOGY**

Time: Thursday 10th February 09h30-10h10

Venue: Barratt 2 Lecture Theatre

Lecturer: Dr Kirk Helliker

Sociology attempts to understand the social influences that shape our lives. These influences are found in the family, in school, at work and in other areas of daily living. Sociology therefore helps you to make sense of your behaviour and attitudes, and helps you to understand the world around you in new and exciting ways

The aim of this lecture is to provide you with a broad overview of Sociology as a discipline, and how it relates to other subjects. The Sociology Department offers two majors: one is in General Sociology and the other is in Industrial and Economic Sociology. The lecture will also focus on the various career options flowing from the study of Sociology, including in government and business.

## **STATISTICS**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 11h20 - 12h00

Venue: Chemistry Major (for Commerce students)  
Arts Major (for other students)

Lecturers: Members of the Department

PLEASE NOTE: This talk is held concurrently in two venues: Chemistry Major AND Arts Major, as indicated above. If you are intending to study Commerce, you should attend the Statistics talk in the Chemistry Major lecture theatre. The Theory of Finance course for Commerce students will also be discussed. If you are intending to study Humanities, Pharmacy or Science, you should attend the Statistics talk held in the Arts Major lecture theatre. The talks in the two venues are geared to the slightly different requirements of these study areas.

Knowledge of statistical concepts and methods is required by anyone doing quantitative research (that is, where the research results in either numerical measures or counts). Therefore, at least one course in statistics is recommended or required in several different degrees. The lecture will explain the different options, the differences between the courses offered, and the possibilities for study at second and third year levels.

## **ZOOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY**

Time: Wednesday 9th February 14h00-14h50

Venue: Zoology Major

Lecturer: Professor Alan Hodgson

Zoology I is a prerequisite for continued study in Zoology and is also taken by students wishing to begin the study of Entomology or Ichthyology at second year level. The course is arranged in two semesters. The first semester in 2010 is a course (Cell Biology 101) that is taught jointly by the Departments of Zoology & Entomology and Botany. This course is a prerequisite for a number of second-year courses, and deals with the structure and function of the cell and cell processes, genetics and some elements of molecular biology.

The second semester covers the diversity of animal life. This includes the classification and biology of major animal groups (vertebrate and invertebrate). In addition there is a three-week course which deals specifically with the insects, thus introducing students to Entomology. In both semesters there are four lectures and one practical each week, arranged so that the practical classes demonstrate topics covered in the week's lectures.

## **ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

If you find that you are struggling with your academic studies in the first few weeks, seek help:

1. First approach your tutor or lecturer, and speak to them about your difficulties. Most departments offer some guidance for the first assignment etc.
2. Speak to your sub-warden or warden, and to your fellow students. They can offer support and advice.
3. Speak to the Dean of your Faculty: he or she may advise that you drop one of your subjects and adjust your programme
4. The Extended Studies programmes have been specially devised to help students who have been admitted to Rhodes without meeting the usual entrance requirements (see below).
5. If you are a Science student, you might be able to join a slower stream to enable you to adjust to the pace. This scheme is used in Chemistry.

**Don't keep your problems to yourself. Seek help**

## **EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMMES**

The Extended Studies Programmes in the faculties of Humanities, Science and Commerce, assist students who show the potential, despite educational disadvantage, to succeed at University. These students do not automatically qualify for direct admission to Rhodes. The programmes help students adapt to the university's academic requirements through carefully structured courses in supportive learning environments. The courses extend over a year and students who are on the Extended Studies Programmes are on four year degree programmes. Each programme is differently structured and has been designed to cater for the needs of the faculties involved. For more information on individual programmes see:

Humanities: Judith Reynolds, Room 217D, Theatre Block

Science: Karen Ellery, Room 204, Theatre Block

Commerce: Este Coetzee, Room 407, GLT Complex

Or visit the website at [www.ru.ac.za/academic/departments/exstudies/](http://www.ru.ac.za/academic/departments/exstudies/)

## **CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE**

It is important to remember that cellphones can be very disruptive and annoying when they ring during lectures, seminars or in the Library. Please be considerate and switch off your cellphones whenever you attend class and whenever you enter the Library.

## **CHANGES OF COURSE?**

Students sometimes find that after attending a few lectures in one of their courses, they wish to change to a different course. We do understand that this can happen, and while it is not advisable to switch a course after your curriculum has been approved and teaching has begun (because you will miss lectures, and be under pressure to catch up on reading and other work), there is a 2-week grace period during which such changes can be made. After that, you will not be permitted to start taking a new course (you can, however, drop courses at any time during the semester, although this is something you need to consider very carefully, in consultation with your Head of department and Dean). If you wish to change one or more of your courses, you must go to see the Dean of your Faculty. Unless you officially change your curriculum in this way, you will encounter enormous problems later, such as not being allowed to write examinations in subjects which were not formally approved, or being charged fees for handouts for courses you have not

taken. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a print-out of your curriculum which accurately reflects all the courses which have been formally approved.

As a courtesy, we ask that if you change a course, you also tell the department concerned, but we stress again that curriculum changes are not made “in departments”, but in face-to-face consultation with the Dean of Faculty Officer.

## **COMPUTING FACILITIES, THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER LITERACY**

Rhodes University probably has the best and most widely accessible computer facilities per student at any South African university, available to all registered students and staff in laboratories in the New Arts building, Eden Grove, the Bantu Stephen Biko Building and the Library.

**NEED HELP?** Since all Rhodes students have to use computers at some point, there are workshops for beginners on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Arts Major Lecture theatre. Learn how to log in, check your email, write essays and print, use ROSS and just get to grips with Rhodes’ network. These are skills you will need at Rhodes, and would otherwise have to pick up on your own.

Some important things you need to know about computers at Rhodes are:

- During administrative registration you’ll be given a username and password that will let you access all of the University’s computer facilities. This username and password is your online identity while you are at Rhodes. Treat your password as you would your bank ATM PIN – don’t share it with anyone.
- You’ll also get a University e-mail address at the same time. Your e-mail address will be of the form: g09a1234@campus.ru.ac.za (i.e. your student number preceded by a ‘g’). The University will use this e-mail address for all official correspondence to you while you’re at Rhodes, so if you’ve got another address you prefer using please ensure that you regularly read (or forward) all mail sent to your @campus.ru.ac.za e-mail address too. Advice on forwarding mail can be found at <http://www.ru.ac.za/studnet>
- Limited access to the Internet is available from any networked computer on campus, including those in residences. All Internet access is subject to an Internet quota and it would be in your interests to make sure you understand how these quotas work. You’ll find more information about quotas at <http://www.ru.ac.za/quota>
- The Student Networking service allows you to connect to the University’s network using your own, private computer. It includes access from most University residences and wireless network access from major lecture venues, the library, and other hot-spots on campus. Assuming you’ve brought your own computer with you, you can sign up for this service as soon as you’ve got a username and password for the University’s network from registration. Step-by-step instructions for signing up are available on the Student Networking posters around registration and at <http://www.ru.ac.za/studnet>. If you get stuck, you can visit the Student Help Desk. You’ll find the Help Desk in the basement of the Bantu Stephen Biko Building (next to the pool).
- There are also public computer labs in the New Arts building, Physics, Eden Grove, the Bantu Stephen Biko Building and in the Library, with assistants who can provide help. These labs are often used for practical and other classes during the day, so you may find that some are only available after hours (there’s usually a timetable at the door).
- You can print from the public computer labs. Printing is charged per page, so you’ll need to buy some printing credit before you start. You can either do this through ROSS (<https://ross.ru.ac.za/>) or at the cashier in Eden Grove. Some residences also have printing facilities that use the same printing credit as the labs.
- RUCUS, the Rhodes University Computer Users’ Society, is a student society specifically aimed at those interested in computers. They provide a wide range of services and courses for their members. More information can be found on their web page at <http://www.rucus.ru.ac.za/>.

## COUNSELLING CENTRE

### **Caring for the wellbeing of students**

The Student Counselling Centre (on the top floor of the Bantu Stephen Biko Building) provides a professional, free service to all Rhodes Students experiencing psychological problems. The Counselling Centre operates from a holistic Wellness model and supports students in terms of their physical, academic, social, emotional and spiritual functioning. The counsellors will take your concerns seriously and will maintain the strictest level of confidentiality.

The following services are offered:

- Confidential individual counselling.
- Relationship counselling.
- Group therapy for students with similar interests and goals.
- An after-hours line for psychological emergencies (during office hours students experiencing a psychological emergency will be assisted immediately by the psychologist on call).
- Study Skills Workshops on issues pertinent to students such as time management, stress management and exam preparation.
- Group therapy for students with similar interests and goals.
- Self-help material and information pamphlets covering various topics.
- Provision of referral information (if we are unable to help you, we can tell you about other services that may be able to help)

## **DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE**

If you are in despair, in crisis or in serious trouble, and don't know where to turn, please remember that you can get help at the office of the Dean of Students: room 241 in the Central Admin building, just to the right of the main staircase. No need to make an appointment: just walk in and we will try to assist immediately.

**Note:** We cannot usually assist with financial problems.

## **DEFINITIONS OF SOME 'RHODES' WORDS**

**Class Rep:** The student who is elected by the class to represent their views at more senior levels.

**Academic transcript:** an official summary of all the courses a student has taken and the marks achieved for each. Obtainable from the Student Bureau.

**Aegrotat:** a special examination in February which students can write if they miss exams for medical or psychological reason.

**Dallas Chip:** A small personalised electronic "key" which will give you access to your residence and other selected buildings, and which is used to get your meals in residence. We are moving to fingerprint access in 2010, and phasing out dallas chips.

**Curriculum Approval:** your curriculum is the group of subjects which you have chosen to study for the year. This choice must be formally approved by the Dean or his/her assistant at the start of each year, and entered onto the University's records.

**Dean:** The academic leader of each Faculty (e.g the Dean of Science, Humanities etc.).

**Dean of Students:** the leader of the divisions which are concerned with your broader wellbeing as a student: your accommodation (residences etc.), your physical and social wellbeing (Health Care Centre and Counselling Centre) and sport and cultural activities.

**DP certificate:** "Duly performed" certificate. In order to write final examinations, students must be able to show that they have attended the required number of classes (usually 80%), written all tests and handed in all class work. If you do not perform, you will be notified that you have lost your DP certificate.

**Extended DP:** special permission from the Dean to rewrite an examination after failing the same course the previous year, without attending the course a second time.

**Faculty:** A grouping of academic departments (e.g. The Departments of English, Anthropology, Politics etc. are all part of the Humanities Faculty)

**Leave of Absence / LOA:** Leave of absence form, which will have to be signed (usually by a doctor) if you miss classes or tests for some urgent reason. Get the form from the Student Bureau.

**Minimum Initial Payment (MIP):** Fee payment required before registration.

**Oppidans:** students who do not live in residence, but reside in the town.

**Plagiarism:** the unacceptable practice of presenting material that has been written by someone else as your own work: all sources must be clearly acknowledged. Penalties for plagiarism at Rhodes are severe.

**Professor:** A senior academic within a department in the Faculty.

**Registration:** The official record of your personal details, identity and details about the courses you are following, year by year. Students must register at the start of each academic year.

**ROSS:** Rhodes Online Student Service – the electronic web-pages which provide a wide range of information relevant to students such as meal- bookings, exam results, lecture timetables etc.  
<https://ross.ru.ac.za/>

**Semester:** the academic year is divided into two semesters. The first semester starts in January and ends in June, the second runs from July to November. A semester credit is a half-year course, worth a half credit.

**Seminar / tutorial:** A small-group class / discussion led by the lecturer.

**SRC:** Students' Representative Council.

**Students Union:** The Stephen Bantu Biko building near the swimming pool, with a range of facilities for students, including an Oppidan dining hall.

## ENQUIRIES

For answers to some of the more common queries, you should enquire at the places indicated below.

Abbreviations: **SB** = Student Bureau; **ROSS** = Rhodes On-line Student System.

ENQUIRY	WHO TO SEE	PLACE/FLOOR/OFFICE
Address changes	SB & ROSS	Eden Grove
Accommodation in town	Oppidan secretary	Eden Grove, ground floor
Air Concession Forms	SB	Eden Grove
Bursaries & Loans	SB	Eden Grove
Car registration	SB	Eden Grove
Career Guidance	Career Centre	Stephen Bantu Biko building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Course Guidance	Dean of Faculty/ Deputy Dean/ Faculty	
Changes of Course / Curriculum	Dean / SB	Eden Grove

<b>ENQUIRY</b>	<b>WHO TO SEE</b>	<b>PLACE/FLOOR/OFFICE</b>
Printout of approved Curriculum	SB	Eden Grove
Dallas chip replacement	SB	Eden Grove
Examination timetable	SB	Eden Grove
Financial Assistance	SB	Eden Grove
Health problems	Sister on Duty	Health Care Centre
Late Registration	SB	Eden Grove
Leave of Absence	Warden/SB	Residence/Eden Grove
Lost Property	Campus Protection	Rhodes Avenue (see map)
Lost Identity Cards	SB	Eden Grove
Matric Certificates	SB	Eden Grove
Matric Exemption	SB	Eden Grove
Meal booking	Coordinator	Students Union
Medical treatment	Sister on duty	Health Care Centre
Payment of Fees	SB	Eden Grove
Psychological problems	Counsellor	Students Union, top floor
Safety / security	Officer on duty	Campus Protection Unit
Sports Clubs	Sports Officer	Old Mutual Pavilion (see map)
Study Permits	SB	Eden Grove
Transport	Officer in charge	Transport office

### **GET HOME SAFE (Phone 084 869 9679)**

A vehicle is on call every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, during term-time, staffed by two trained students (one male and one female). In response to a call for assistance (from a pub or a student), they will pick up severely intoxicated students who are personally at risk or who are being disruptive and will take them directly home. All incoming calls will be logged and will require identification, and the team will only collect students who are not belligerent or violent. The service is free but it is not a "taxi" service.

### **MEAL BOOKING SYSTEM**

A computer system is used to administer the meal booking system in residence.

- Meals may be booked or unbooked at <https://mealserver.ru.ac.za/>
- All meals that have been unbooked will be credited to the student's account, and amounts owing will be paid to the student's Fees Account at the end of the 2nd and 4th terms.
- Any special medical diets should be arranged with the Rhodes Catering Manager, Mrs Jay Pillay in the Catering Department (opposite Nelson Mandela Dining Hall).

## **HEALTH CARE CENTRE**

The Health Care Centre provides basic health services to all students.

### **Free services:**

- treatment of minor ailments such as 'flu, tonsillitis, etc.
- in-patient care for acute illnesses
- management and care of patients with infectious diseases
- post-operative observations
- emergency assessment and crisis management (e.g. rape)
- voluntary HIV testing, including pre- and post-test counselling
- screening tests e.g. blood pressure
- family planning advice.

### **Services at minimal cost:**

- Vaccinations (flu etc.)
- Pregnancy tests
- Pap smears and blood tests
- Doctor's clinic: @ R115.00 per consultation (estimate)
- Vitamins and appropriate antibiotics for HIV & AIDS patients

### **Health Care Centre Hours:**

Monday – Friday 08:30 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00

Saturday, Sunday and Public holidays 08:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:00

A sister is available 24 hours for emergencies. Just ring the doorbell or phone the San: 046-603 8523 or 082 8011 409. A doctor is available to see students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but you first need to make an appointment for pre-assessment.

## **REGISTRATION OF CARS ON CAMPUS**

All students who have cars in Grahamstown must supply the relevant information when they register. Anyone acquiring a car during the year must register it at the Student Bureau within three days. Failure to register a car is an offence: see section 5 of the Student Disciplinary Code. You are requested to take care when driving on campus, observe the speed limit, be wary of pedestrians and park only in designated areas. Parking spaces with a red dot are for staff only. You will be fined if you park in them.

## **SPORT AT RHODES**

Sport Administration offers a variety 30 clubs to choose from and also a gym facility (Health Suite) which caters for weights, aerobics, spinning and personal training. Participation can be at the levels of provincial leagues, internal leagues (clubs) and inter-residence leagues (multi-codes). Sports facilities are also accessible to students for unscheduled recreational use. These facilities include a swimming pool, athletics track, obstacle running/walking track, squash courts, soccer fields, rugby fields, soccer futsal astro, hockey astro and tennis courts.

The club committees and Student Sports Council also offer students the opportunity to get involved in various aspect of sports leadership. Information of clubs will be available at sign-up evening or through contacting sports administration. (See more at [www.ru.ac.za/sportsadmin](http://www.ru.ac.za/sportsadmin) or contact us at 046-622-3358 / [Rhodessport@ru.ac.za](mailto:Rhodessport@ru.ac.za).)

## **SECURITY ISSUES**

The Campus Protection Unit (CPU) is in charge of all security on the campus, as well as the control of traffic. The CPU office and Control Room is situated in Rhodes Avenue next to Hobson House. The Control

Room and help desk operates 24 hours a day and is in radio communication with the patrolling guards. The team includes CPU guards (blue uniform) and HiTec Security guards (black uniform). The team also includes a number of students who assist on the CPU Help desk and provide additional security bicycle patrols at night. All security staff have the right to request the name and place of residence of any student suspected of infringing University rules. Students (especially females) wanting an escort when walking between venues on campus after dark should phone the CPU Control Room to request this service. The CPU 24-hour Control Room can be contacted on 046 603 8146 / 7. Their website is

<http://www.ru.ac.za/campusprotection>

There are two precautions you can take in order to ensure your own safety:

- use the Blue Route: a safe campus path which is well lit, has panic buttons in strategic positions and is patrolled regularly by security guards.
- subscribe to Rhode Trip, a campus transport service which offers daily transport all over town. Details are available at web site is <http://www.rhodetrip.co.za/>

Theft is a serious problem in Grahamstown, and the University is not responsible for any loss of or damage to students' property kept at the University. You are therefore strongly urged to take out personal insurance and to take every precaution to avoid becoming a victim:

- lock your doors and windows when leaving your room and when going to sleep
- keep items such as laptop computers, ipods and cameras etc. away from the window and out of sight preferably in a locked cupboard
- report the presence of strange people in your residence to someone in authority immediately
- do not keep large sums of money inside your room
- keep serial numbers of your valuables, and take them with you during vacations
- do not leave any messages on your door to indicate that you will be away for any length of time
- do not leave bags unsupervised in public areas such as cafeterias, computer labs and the library
- keep your cell phone on you at all times (preferably out of sight)
- if you have a car, invest in a gear-lock and anti-theft wheel nuts
- never leave items on display, i.e. jackets / valuables inside your car
- report theft of items immediately

You are responsible for your own personal safety and for being aware of your surroundings and the people in your environment. Your ability to do this will be severely impaired when under the influence of alcohol.

Lost and found items are stored at the CPU. If you have lost an item please report it at the CPU – or if you have found an item of property please drop it off at the Unit. For more information and security tips visit:

<http://www.ru.ac.za/admin/campus security/>

## **STUDENT IDENTITY CARDS**

Your student identity card issued during Administrative registration is a very important and precious item. You will need it to get into the Library, borrow books from the Library and to get into the Library's after-hours facility. Student cards are also used for photocopying in the campus libraries.

If you lose your student card you must report it to the Library immediately, and as soon as you have a new card issued by the Student Bureau, you must bring it to the Library so that the barcode number can be updated on your Library record.

## **TRANSPORT IN GRAHAMSTOWN**

Rhode Trip offers a transport service around town for an annual fee. Subscriptions can be arranged at the registration desk. Details are available at <http://www.ru.ac.za/rhodetrip>

The Dean of Students Office also provides a free “Get Home Safe” service to students who find themselves in difficulty late at night. The service operates only on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights between 22h00 and 03h00. Telephone 084 869 9679.

## TRANSPORT TO AND FROM GRAHAMSTOWN

The last Friday of the First and Third terms will be normal teaching days and you are strongly encouraged NOT to book early flights home. Similarly, exams at the end of the second and fourth terms will NOT be rescheduled to fit individuals’ travel plans.

The University has a Transport Office which offers transport for students between Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth **only after the term is officially over**. It is in the Maintenance Building very close to Jan Smuts Dining Hall. There is a charge for this service of R110 one way, R220 return.

The Transport Officer can be contacted at: 046 603 8234.

In particular, assistance is available to students travelling to the University by air, or on long-distance buses which terminate their journeys in Port Elizabeth. At the start and end of every term (not before) the University provides minibus transport to and from the Airport, and from the Greyhound, Translux and Intercape bus terminals (at the Greenacres shopping complex only). Rhode Trip also provides a shuttle service.

To ensure the smooth operation of the service it is important to remember that:

- a) Well in advance of each vacation a prominent notice is sent to all University Residences, and posted on campus notice boards, informing students of the days on which University transport will be provided.
- b) The onus is on a student who requires transport to make an appropriate booking via the Rhodes Online Student Service (“ROSS”), or via Email [Student.transport@ru.ac.za](mailto:Student.transport@ru.ac.za), at least ONE WEEK before the date on which the transport facility is needed.
- c) Booking of Rhodes Transport and possession of appropriate flight/bus tickets, will secure a seat on the Rhodes minibus. Cancellations or changes of travel dates can be made by quoting the bus ticket number appearing at the top right-hand corner of the ticket provided by the Transport Office.
- d) All University buses travelling to Port Elizabeth leave Rhodes at 09h00 and 15h45 daily. The travelling time to Port Elizabeth is approximately two hours. We cannot alter these departure times to suit individual requests.
- e) Students are strictly limited to TWO items of luggage.

**ALL LATE BOOKINGS OR NON-CANCELLATION OF BOOKED SEATS ARE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF R400.00**

## TREATMENT OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

A first year student may not be subject to any physical violence or threats. Nobody may enter another student’s room without the latter’s permission. With the exception of the SRC, the Sports Union and House or Hall Committees, no student or student body may impose punishments of any kind on fellow students. Aggrieved students should submit a formal complaint to the House Warden.

### CHECK LIST



HAVE YOU ...	
1. Paid your Deposits and Minimum Initial Payment (MIP) of Fees?	
2. Completed Administrative Registration?	
3. Obtained your Student Identity Card?	

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4. Obtained your Dallas Chip (if in residence)	
5. Attended a Library tour and a Library workshop?	
6. Attended 4 workshops on social aspects of University life	
7. Completed your vehicle registration form (where applicable)?	
8. Seen to your study permit (foreign students only)?	
9. Had your Curriculum formally approved?	
10. Ascertained when and where your first lectures are to commence?	
11. Had fun?	

**In that case, well done!**

**We hope you have a successful and enjoyable time at**

**Rhodes University in 2011!**