



Dear Prospective Student

Congratulations on your selection as a prospective student at Nelson Mandela University in 2022. We look forward to welcoming you.

Here are some guidelines to assist you with your planning.

1. Grade 12 Final Results

Current Grade 12 learners are not required to submit a copy of their final Grade 12 examination results to the University. The Access and Enrolment Office will use the final examination results obtained from the Department of Basic Education to verify if you still meet the direct admission requirements. As soon as this has been done, we will notify you of the outcome.

Applicants who have just completed their NSC examinations will be required to accept/decline the firm offer of acceptance in **January within three days**. Kindly ensure that your cell phone number is correct as firm offers are sent via sms text message. Should your cell phone number or email address have changed, we encourage you to visit <https://webapps.mandela.ac.za/changeofdetails/default.aspx> to immediately update these details.

2. Welcoming Ceremony

You and your parents/guardian(s) are invited to join us on Saturday, 29 January 2022, for the official first-year Welcoming Ceremony which will be in a virtual format. You will be welcomed by our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sibongile Muthwa. For more detailed information on these activities, please download your orientation guide from: <http://orientation.mandela.ac.za>. You will also be welcomed in separate sessions by your respective Executive Faculty Deans, lecturers and other members of the University at a date and time that will be forwarded to you.

3. Where to live

3.1 On-campus Accommodation

If you have applied for on-campus accommodation, the student housing division will notify you of the outcome of your application. On-campus accommodation for new first-year students opens on Friday 28 January 2022. All first-year students are encouraged to check into their respective residence as a 10-day quarantine period needs to be observed before any Mask-to-Mask activities may commence. Before you arrive, please ensure that you have received confirmation from the University stating that you have been accepted into a specific residence before you register online for 2022. Should you have received a firm offer for your academic application and confirmation that you have been accepted into a specific residence, you may proceed to register online. If you have not received any information regarding your on-campus accommodation, please visit the Student Housing website: <https://studenthousing.mandela.ac.za/> or call 041 504 3690 for assistance.

3.2 Off-campus Accommodation

You may also wish to consider various accredited off-campus accommodation. For a comprehensive list go to <http://ocho.mandela.ac.za>; e-mail: offcampus.accommodation@mandela.ac.za or call **041- 504 4735**.

4. Important Dates

- First-year Faculty Welcome: **24 to 28 January 2022** (details to follow).
- First-year residences open: **28 January 2022**
- First-year Success Programme: **29 January to 11 February 2022**
- First-year student Welcoming Ceremony: **29 January 2022**
- First-year registration: **11 January to 13 February 2022** (please refer to the registration guides for more details)
- Lectures start: **14 February 2022**

5. When do I Register?

Registration information is available online at <https://www.mandela.ac.za/Registration>. Once you have paid your initial down payment (see guide for fee estimates due, or have confirmation of funding from an approved sponsor, you may be able to register online).



Consultation sessions are scheduled for programmes where you may require assistance with the selection of modules. Further communication regarding assisted registration may be found at <https://www.mandela.ac.za/Students/Registration>

6. Orientation to the University

One of the ways to improve your success and enhance your experience at Nelson Mandela University, is to participate in the First-Year Success Programme from **29 January to 11 February 2022**. Go to <http://orientation.mandela.ac.za> for additional information and follow us on Facebook: **@FYSMandela** and Instagram **@Fys_mandela**. You may also join our Telegram Channel@ <https://t.me/joinchat/wdcuwXUt39xmNzQ0>. The First-Year Success Programme will give you a better understanding of what lies ahead in ensuring your all-round success and you will meet other new students on the same journey. It's fun too!

7. Financing your Studies

We hope that you have made the necessary arrangements to fund your studies and accommodation. Costs involved include registration and tuition fees, books, transport, meals, accommodation and general living expenses.

7.1 Down Payment

An Enrolment Fee of R1480 is levied for all students and this amount will be debited to students' account at registration.

Down Payment Amounts:

DEGREE PROGRAMMES, POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND OCCASIONAL STUDIES

- Full-time students R 8900
- Part-time students R 5100
- Medical degree (inclusive of device and non tuition fee levies) R24 675

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

- Full-time students R 6300
- Part-time students R 4400

RESIDENCES (students at all campuses)

- R 6600

Please note that all the students who appear on the NSFAS-funded list for 2022 are cleared by Financial Aid to register for their academic studies and residence accommodation and therefore do not need make the down payment. Should your NSFAS status not be cleared by Financial Aid, you will be required to make the down payment in order to register for Academic and Residence admission. Details regarding this will be communicated to you Financial Aid Office.

International students are required to pay **ALL** fees in full prior to registration. Please request your estimation of fees from the International Student Accounts Office **+27(0) 41 504 2161** or you can email: intfees@mandela.ac.za. Fees are payable prior to registration.



7.2 NSFAS Funding

Should you have applied for National Student Financial Aid Scheme funding (NSFAS) the outcome will be communicated to you directly by NSFAS. Please note that NSFAS applications close on **7 January 2022** and you are urged to [visit www.nsfas.org.za](http://www.nsfas.org.za) to apply.

7.3 Other Financial Support

For other options, including sport grants, scholar merit awards and study loans for top academic achievers, please consult the financial aid website <http://finaid.mandela.ac.za>.

Once again, we look forward to engaging with you personally next year. In the interim, why not follow us on our various social media channels.

Disclaimer: The dates and other information referred to herein, was correct at the date of distribution. Kindly refer to the website prior to arrival.