

STUDY AT  
MANDELA UNI  
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WHAT?

Understanding  
university jargon

When you begin your university journey, there'll be a lot of 'firsts' – like getting to know university lingo and how things are said around here. Here's a helpful list of common university terms:

**VC**

**Vice-Chancellor** –  
The highest managerial  
position of a tertiary  
institution.

**DVC**

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor** –  
Second in charge.

**Dean**

An executive who, along with a management team,  
oversees the daily operations of an academic faculty.

**Registrar**

Responsible for student  
administration and institutional  
governance of the University.



**Faculty administrator**

An administrator of a faculty providing support to  
students with registration, amending or cancellation  
of modules, graduation, as well as advice and guidance  
on faculty-specific matters.

**E-permit**

An electronic permit  
issued by a faculty for  
accessing campus.

**eLearning/  
online  
learning**

The use of digital technology  
or resources as part of  
teaching and learning.

**FYS (Orientation)**

**First Year Success Programme** –  
A programme for first-year students  
that links them up with trained  
senior students who support them  
in settling into university life.

**FYS Buddy**

Senior students who have undergone specific  
training to assist incoming first-year students to  
adjust to their new environment.

**Hybrid learning**

A blend of online and on-campus sessions enabling teaching  
and learning outcomes to be achieved during distant learning.

**M2M**

Mask-to-mask – Refers to the type of  
learning which takes place on campus,  
with a limited amount of students  
attending physical lectures or practical  
laboratory sessions.



**Module**

A subject topic which is  
an independent unit of  
learning with a specific  
credit weighting that forms  
part of the full course.

**Moodle**

The online learning  
platform of Mandela Uni  
to facilitate teaching and  
learning.

**Register/registration**

The process of registering as a student in a particular faculty,  
for a specific qualification during registration.

**RPL**

**Recognition of Prior Learning** –  
The acknowledgement of the knowledge  
that a prospective student possesses from  
prior learning.



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