



# Say 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.

### **Register / Registration**

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

### **Recognition of Prior Learning**

The acknowledgment of the knowledge that a prospective student possesses from prior learning.

### **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 University to facilitate 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.