



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.