Uni Lingo

Understanding the jargon & terminology

When you begin your university journey, you'll be exposed to a whole new language. Here is a comprehensive list of terms to help you talk the talk:

Admission

The process following the submission of an application. During this step, your application is reviewed for admission to the institution. Submitting a completed application form does not mean that you are accepted as a student, or that you may register. You will be notified of the outcome by the University.

AY

Academic year

CCR

Co-Curricular Record

Formal recognition for learning achieved through out-of-the-classroom activities.

Down payment

A specific amount of money to be paid prior to registration. This is your initial payment towards tuition fees.

Emthonjeni – Fountain of Student Wellness

Professionally qualified and experienced student counsellors appointed by Mandela University. They consist of registered psychologists and educators who offer emotional, career and psychological support and services.

Extended curriculum

Qualifications that provide alternative university access to prospective students who have the potential to succeed, but do not meet the minimum admission requirements for the mainstream programme.

LIS

Library and Information Services

Free use of library books, resources, and spaces to registered students and staff.

NSFAS

National Student Financial Aid Scheme

A loan scheme that funds students' studies, meals and accommodation.

Provisional admission

Acceptance for a course based on the minimum entry requirements, provided that the same requirements are met again at the end of the year. This means that prospective students cannot proceed to registration just yet.

Final admission

Acceptance for a course based on the minimum entry requirements – no further selection criteria is required and prospective students can proceed to registration.

Student card

Access card provided to students during registration, which identifies them as a registered student of the University and gives access to specific buildings and residences.

Reserve list

A list designated to applicants who wish to enroll for a course that has reached the number of available study places. Prospective students will be considered for admission should spaces become available, up until registration.

SRC

Student Representative Council

Elected students and the only group recognised by the University to speak on behalf of all other students.

UADS

Universal Accessibility & Disability Services

A unit that strives to ensure that reasonable accommodation, reasonable adjustment concerning accessibility, examinations and other academic concessions are made to meet students' needs.