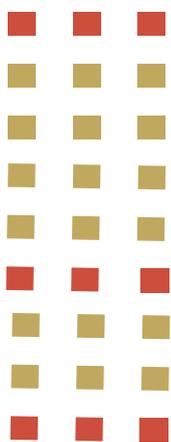


2024



UNIVERSITY OF VENDA

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE GUIDE



UNIVEN FOR LIFE
#GRADUATEALIVE



University of Venda
Creating Future Leaders

CREATING FUTURE LEADERS

Welcome to University of Venda, the start of an exhilarating journey of knowledge and discovery as you work towards obtaining a qualification that will prepare you for your future career.

This is also the start of a lifelong relationship with Univen

and you will forever be known as a Univenian! You have

earned this title so be proud of your new identity.

Univen is YOURS.

“Univen Eyakho”

Keep this guide handy! It will help you navigate your

way around the University; unlock adventures, fun experiences, new skills and timely support

throughout the year.

Let the journey begin!

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Picture: Prof Eucebious (Sebi) Lekalakala-Mokgele
DVC: Teaching and Learning

The first-year experience of every student is crucial and sets the tone for their entire academic journey. Many students enter university with varying levels of preparedness for the demands of higher education. The first year is a critical period for student retention. Beyond academics, the first year is a period of significant personal development.

Support services can assist students in developing critical life skills, enhancing resilience, and fostering a growth mindset. The success of students, both academically and personally, is significantly influenced by the support they receive during their initial year at the university. For many students, the transition from high school to university represents a significant shift in academic expectations, social dynamics, and personal responsibilities. Support during this period helps students adapt to the new environment.

Evidence has shown that institutions that invest in comprehensive support structures tend to have higher retention rates, ultimately contributing to increased graduation rates. The University of Venda's Center of Higher Education Teaching and Learning (CHETL) is well-positioned to play a significant role in ensuring a positive and supportive first-year experience. CHETL, through its academic unit development, can provide academic advising and counselling services to help students explore different disciplines. CHETL plays a vital role in developing and implementing peer support and mentoring programs. Connecting first-year students with experienced peers or mentors can provide valuable guidance, advice, and a sense of community. Support in developing effective study skills, time management, and learning strategies is seen to significantly impact a student's academic performance.

The University of Venda offers programmes in the following faculties:

Faculty of Health Sciences



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Faculty of Science, Engineering and Agriculture



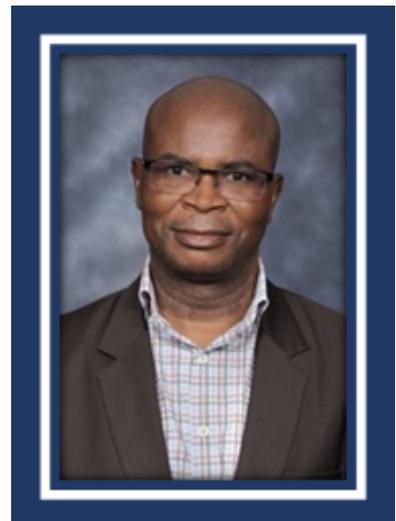
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Faculty of Humanities, Social Science and Education



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Faculty of Management, Commerce and Law



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Picture:Lindiwe Mulaudzi
Director:CHETL

On behalf of the Centre for Higher Education Teaching Learning (CHETL), I hereby welcome you to this very exciting phase of your life, the end of the 12-year basic education phase and the beginning of your post matric schooling. The first year, although filled with promise and hope, always seems daunting as you anticipate the unknown.

University life demands your determination and focus as you'll be away from the counsel and guidance often provided by parents and guardians. However, do not despair! The Centre (CHETL) is there to ensure that you successfully navigate this phase and beyond. The Centre, through its four units namely, the Academic Development Unit, Disabled Student Unit, E-Learning, as well as the Student Counselling & Career Development Unit is there to support and ensure that your university experience is both enjoyable and successful in all aspects.

All the Units converge to present the First Year Experience Programme which seeks to facilitate your seamless transition into university. It is through this programme that you will also be exposed to all the forms of support services offered, including psycho-social support which is imperative for your overall success. Peer Helpers, Tutors and Mentors will be there to hold your hands, so you are never alone.

May your dreams come true as you set sail on your new voyage!!

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY LIFE

University life provides a platform for you to grow as an individual. You now have to learn the art of independence in ensuring you successfully complete this new journey in the quest to attaining your degree.

Now that you are in your new space, the onus is on you to ensure that you achieve academic success and all-round wellbeing. The University has various support services to assist you both academically and outside of the academic environment, in ensuring that you excel. You can sign up for various clubs and societies where you can make friends and meaningful connections that may last a lifetime.

REMEMBER to utilise all support services whenever you need to. The services are here to assist you and provide you with holistic development opportunities for you to successfully attain your full University life. So, get ready to experience the time of your life at University of Venda.

Best of luck!

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The National Student Financial Aid Scheme(NSFAS)

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) provides financial aid to eligible students on campus. You qualify to apply for a bursary if:

- You are a South African citizen
- Your combined annual household income does not exceed R350 000 per annum
- You are a SASSA grant recipient

What does the bursary cover?

Registration fees, tuition fees, prescribed learning materials (to the maximum set by NSFAS), subsidised accommodation allowances, subsidised book allowances, subsidised meal allowances, and transport allowances (if not staying in university or private accommodation).

What does this mean for GAP-funded students?

Students who come from households that earn up to R600 000 per annum will be supported by the government to pay the increase through GAP grant funding.

Do you have to work hard?

Yes, to maintain the NSFAS funding you must meet the academic requirements set by the institution to continue with the qualification and should pass at least 75% of all your modules for that year or semester.

What documents do I need to apply for NSFAS?

- Your South African ID document/card or an unabridged birth certificate (if you do not have a green bar-coded ID or smart ID card)
- ID of parents and/or guardian or a death certificate where applicable
- Pay advice/letter of employment/pension advice stating income not older than 3months. SASSA slips are not required and SASSA should not be included as household income.

Can students with disabilities apply for funding?

Yes, students with disabilities are encouraged to apply for financial assistance.

NSFAS provides special disability funding to all approved students with disabilities at any of the 26 public universities.

Does NSFAS pay registration costs for first year and returning students?

Yes. Registration costs are usually the first payment towards your tuition costs if you have been confirmed for funding by NSFAS.

What happens if you are declined for a NSFAS bursary?

If an applicant is not satisfied with the results of their application, they can appeal this decision by filling in the appeal form available on the NSFAS website, which will then be reviewed by the Appeals Committee.

For general enquiries about NSFAS, please visit the NSFAS office on the Opposite A-Block (at University of Venda) or visit the NSFAS website address here: <http://www.nsfas.org.za/content>

Academic Development Unit Welcome Message

No tangedziwa, u amukelekile, siyanamukela, wamkelekile, o amogetšwe, ho lebohile 'na, welcome, jy is welkom! آپکا خیر مقدم ہے!

Congratulations on being admitted as one of our students at the University of Venda where future leaders are created. The Academic Development Unit (ADU) welcomes you all first-year entering (FYE) students in our beloved rural-based university. I hope you have started to recite our ADU FYE motto in your hearts that says 'My UNIVEN, MY HOME'.

ADU is a unit that offers high-quality academic support and development programmes to help you maximise your potential to do well in your studies. As you begin a career-focused journey from being a high school learner and becoming a University of Venda student, it is in no way a mean fit. You are embarking on the life-changing great trek or transition from being a high school learner to becoming a university student. As ADU we would be there for all the steps of your journey from registration to orientation and ultimately graduation.

As you begin this special journey, you need to pause a bit and take a step back and ask yourself several questions such as: why am I here? What do I want? How would I get what I want? What must I do to complete my degree programme? Am I free to do as I wish now that I am away from home? We know and fully understand that adjusting to change is an exciting and overwhelming experience, especially at university. It is for this reason that ADU has different initiatives and programmes tailored to support your academic and non-academic needs to succeed in your journey.

We are, therefore, encouraging all of you to attend all our FYE Programme activities such as roadshows in the 1st Semester and 2nd Semester. We encourage you all to attend all your classes as you have done it while in high school without ceasing. We also encourage you to write all your assessments (class puzzles, tests, assignments, projects and lab experiments).

We have our MENTUT programme providing tutorship and mentorship classes to enhance your learning so that you do well in your studies. Moreover, we have a writing consultancy programme that is meant to assist you with any academic writing (writing academic sound assignments, essays and project reports)

We would also like to say feel free to visit our offices for any support you will need especially if you are struggling academically. We are situated at Management Sciences Building, Offices E1 – E7 Contact us @ 015 962 9386 / Ext 8116 / 8485

We wish you all the best for the academic year 2024 till you graduate

Continue to sing aloud 'My UNIVEN, MY HOME'!

Dr Fhatuwani Ravhuhali, Head Academic Development Unit, Centre for Higher Education Teaching and Learning (CHETL)

Welcome Message from the FYE Programme Coordinator

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Our ultimate role and responsibility is to ensure that you succeed academically and attain your degree programme on record time and to assist you in realising your full potential. Our FYE activities are tailored to assist you to transit well from high school/secondary school to the University of Venda. We are therefore, encouraging all of you to attend all the FYE Programme activities. We currently have mentoring and tutoring, writing consultancy programmes that are meant to assist you with any academic matter, to do well.

We have two sub-units which are:

- Staff development / support
- Student development / support unit

Programmes that Academic Development Unit offers to academic staff are:

- New staff induction
- Portfolio development
- Vice Chancellors Excellence awards in Teaching and Learning- Student evaluation of courses /Lecturers and assessment - Curriculum development and review.

Programmes that Academic Development Unit offers to student support are:

- Intergrated student development programmes
- Institutional mentorship
- Tutorship programme
- Academic literacies
- First Year Experience Programme (FYE)
- Writing centre

To all our first year students, feel free to visit our offices for any support you will need, we are situated at Management Sciences Building, Offices E1 – E7 Contact us @ 015 962 9386 / ext 8116 / 8485

Dr T. Manyage: First Year Entering (FYE) Programme Coordinator

Centre for Higher Education Teaching and Learning First Year Experience (FYE)

The First Year Experience is a year long UNIVEN programme focused on providing first- year students with the services and support needed to successfully transition to University of Venda

OUR VISION

To provide student support programmes that are responsive to the teaching and learning needs of first entering students

OUR MISSION

To provide a welcoming and supportive post admission environment to first year students

OUR MOTTO

The Foundation for Students

The FYE Programme assists and guide students in various ways:

- It ensures that first years are acquainted with the FYE Programme and encourage attendance of FYE Programmes
- Keep abreast with mentee academic performance and general wellbeing
- Refer first year mentees to various support services offered by ADU Unit
- Provide academic support through referrals to faculties, and other support services.
- First Year Experience (FYE) programme - Offers services and programmes to ensure first year entering students participate successfully at the University of Venda.
- First years are assisted by ADU Team and its sister units to form part of the First year Experience Mentorship Programme.

First Year Experience Mentorship Programme

The First Year Experience Mentorship Programme are a peer-to-peer support journey designed to develop a sense of community to ensure that first-year students feel a sense of belonging and connectedness within the University community.

A mentor is a senior student who has extensive institutional knowledge and experience of student and academic life within the university.

Mentors provide guidance and support to first-year students' transition from high school to university.

The objectives of the Mentorship Programme is to take first-year students on a journey of discovery, which is facilitated through the following:

- Creating safe spaces for first-years to build a peer support network;
- Connecting first-year students to key support structures;
- Creating a proactive, shared, goal-orientated and caring relationship to ensure the student success of first-year students;
- Ensuring that first-year students feel as partners in their learning journey.

For more information visit the CHETL Unit on the New CHETL Building, or email ADUacademicadvisors@mvula.univen.ac.za :You can also visit our website for more information on our Programme offerings .

JUMP START YOUR YEAR WITH FYE!

First Year Experience (FYE) Programme

UNIVEN Academic Development Unit under CHETL designed the First Year Experience (FYE) Programme to help first year students in their transition from high school to university. Programmes offered include:

- Coping with test and exam anxiety
- Life and Career Coaching
- Adjusting and Thriving at University
- Learning to Celebrate Differences
- Mental Wellness Coaching
- Study skills
- Academic literacies
- Critical thinking skills

Other key programmes we facilitate which are also catered for within UNIVEN Academic Development Unit includes but not limited to:

Reading skills

ADU under CHETL knows you can read, but reading academic texts is a learned skill. We are ready to show you how.

Time management

The secret to success at university is managing your time effectively. This programme explores tips and ideas on how to make the most of your time so that you can succeed at university

Note-taking skills

“Lecturer is lecturing, the slides are moving and you are not sure what you should be doing”. This workshop will empower you with how to take effective notes in class and when studying to optimise your learning.

How to write an academic essay: Essay Structuring & Referencing

Essay writing at university is nothing like school essay writing. Learn the basics of how to structure an academic essay, and what and how to reference so that you can get the grades you desire.

Study skills

“Do you really know how to study?” Are you not sure what strategy you should be using? Learn how to enhance your study techniques to get good grades. Other exam skills, transitioning from high school to university, understanding your degree, budgeting & managing your finances while at university

ENQUIRIES, COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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Disability Unit

Welcome Message

Congratulations on completing your matric and Welcome to your first year of study at the University of Venda. This could be the most interesting and rewarding period of your life. I hope you make the most of this opportunity. Disability Unit (DU) strive towards the full inclusion of students with disabilities at the university. At the unit, you will find staff who are welcoming and who listen empathically to understand your specific and individual learning needs.

Thank you for choosing Univen as your academic home. All the best for 2024 academic year!

Dr Tshifhiwa Rebecca Mbuva
Head: Disability Unit

Vision

To offer comprehensive support that lead to better life for all citizen with different abilities.

Mission

To ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities by offering comprehensive service that are responsive to their learning needs.

Mandate

UNIVEN Disability Unit is the first stop for synchronized support for students with disabilities. The unit provide support according to individual educational needs. It is therefore important for students with disabilities to disclose their disabilities and needs to the unit.

Who are Students With Disabilities

- Visual impairments
- Hearing impairments
- Physical impairments
- Speech impairments
- Medical conditions
- Psychological problems
- Learning disabilities
- And others

Disability Unit Services

Provision of Learning Materials

Provision of learning materials in different formats, for example, braille, large print, electronic and in audio format.

Mainstreaming Disability

The unit ensures that students with disability are accommodated in all university departments.

Mobility and Orientation

First year students with disabilities are assisted to move around the campus independently.

Counseling

We offer individual counseling and career guidance.

Adapted Technology Training

Provide training in Adapted Technology (AT) for students thus fostering their independence.

Provision of Assistive Devices

The Unit lend assistive devices to students with different disabilities.

Accessible Environment

Building advocacy for purposes of enhancing physical access for students with different abilities.



Disability Unit staff members and contact details

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Welcome message: Dr Refilwe Pila-Nemutandani
(Head of Department) Student Counselling and Career
Development Unit

STUDENT COUNSELLING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT UNIT (SCCDU).

“Congratulations on the next phase of life, This is an exciting phase yet challenging of them all. On this journey expect excitement, the formation of new relationships, independence, and emotional growth. A balance is needed in decision-making, refining/redefining your identity, and sharpening your career path which requires a well-rounded individual to make a success of your career. During this transitional phase, challenges are bound to happen, challenges that stretch your emotional, intellectual, and social muscles. It becomes difficult to navigate all this while also dealing with challenges from home. When you feel overwhelmed, tired, losing the drive, or emotionally drained it is okay to ask for help, do not feel alone, Student Counselling and Career Development Unit is here for you. Free professional and confidential counselling services are provided by student counsellors (Clinical/Educational Psychologists), and the services are available face-face and virtually.

Should you also experience the following: stress, relationship problems, trauma, family problems, depression, anxiety, termination of pregnancy counselling, sexuality difficulties (LGBTQ ++), grief, GBVF, adherence to treatment support, substance use problems, and any other issues. Moreover, should you encounter any academic challenges such as: poor academic performance, or career uncertainties, (we also offer career assessment _Interest, IQ, attitude, study habits, etc.).

Moreover, watch-out for our Peer-helpers in your faculties and residences_ whom you can talk to should you be in crisis. Peer-helpers will be wearing their badges.

We wish you all the best in your journey of becoming a future leader.

Contact Details
C-block office number 35
015 962 8746

WhatsApp the word “PSYCHOLOGY” to:

Mr Vele @ 0734793481

Dr Dama @ 073 902 0585

Dr Takalani @ 083 716 2921

Dr Pila-Nemutandani @ 072 925 6449

“YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS_ YOUR
SUCCESS OUR PRIORITY”

Library

First Entering Welcome Message From the Library

It gives me great pleasure to welcome, on behalf of The Library Services Department, all first entering students to the University of Venda. The library plays a key role in supporting students to progress in their studies. The library is often referred to as the heart of the university because of its role as an information provider to its community. Therefore, the aim of UNIVEN library is to support you by providing information you need throughout your studies.



Please ensure that you attend the library orientation when you are invited to do so. Library orientation will connect you with our specialist staff who will provide you with training on the use of library resources, services and facilities. The library facilities include computer workstations with internet access, group workrooms with projectors and whiteboards, printing, scanning, and photocopying. The library's collection consists of books, journals, newspapers, and magazines (electronic and print format). The process will include searching for information sources such as books and journals through the UNIVEN Library Catalogue and beyond (Worldcat Discovery Tool).

You can be confident that you will be provided with more than just the service of borrowing library books for academic purposes. UNIVEN library looks forward to your use of its information resources, services, and facilities.

For more information please contact:

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Regards

Ms. M. Mulaudzi

Director: Library Services Department

UNIVEN Campus Health Clinic

2022



"Your health is our concern"

GRADUATE ALIVE

UNIVEN Campus Health Clinic is a primary health care facility on campus which serves both staff and students. With a vested commitment in bringing quality health care within your reach, we strive to ensure that students have opportunities to succeed in their academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular, social and moral endeavours.

FREE SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS

DOCTOR AVAILABLE FROM 08H00-10H00 DAILY

BOOKING SYSTEM AVAILABLE AND ADVISABLE

Contact details:

RECEPTION - 015 962 9152
ADMINISTRATOR - 015 962 9162
CONSULTATION - 9153, 9154, 9156
HIV/AIDS- 9155/9151

AFTER HOURS/EMERGENCY SERVICES

Call / Whatsapp @ 079 901 9305/
081 463 0343

Consultation Times
08h00-16h30 from Monday to
Friday

UNIVEN Campus Health Clinic

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Our Services

A. Primary Health Care Services

- Consultations, information and advice
- Chronic condition check points: Blood Pressure, Glucose test
- Mental Health Care
- Reproductive Health Services- Counselling and Advise, Pill, Injectable, Implant and Barrier methods only
- Ambulance services- Injury on duty and referral services

C. COVID -19 Services

- Daily screening , testing at the main gate
- Covid-19 Vaccination daily at the main gate or clinic

B. HIV TESTING SERVICES (HTS)

- Offer complete wellness care services for people living with HIV and the package include:
- Test and Treat program
 - Screening for TB
 - Giving of prophylaxis (PrEP, MAP) and treatment of opportunistic infections,
 - Counselling regarding nutrition and lifestyle
 - Support group (LGBTI and those who are Living with HIV)
 - Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision(VMMC)
 - Provision of food supplement
 - Peer Education Program

E-Learning Unit

Welcome Message

Welcome to the 2024 Academic year. The E-Learning Unit team is excited to provide academic assistance crucial for new student success. E-Learning takes place through cellphones, tablets, computers, and other intelligent technological devices for teaching and learning. E-Learning mastery is necessary to complete an academic qualification and for one to be an active citizen in the modern technological era.

E-Learning Unit staff work hard to ensure that students receive the highest quality assistance and support possible while studying at Univen. We recognise that students come from various backgrounds, and we strive to meet the needs of every one of them.



E-Learning Services

- Moodle Workshops
- Digital Literacy Workshops
- Online Test Writing Workshops
- Online Assignment Submission Workshops
- Grammarly Workshops
- ConnectYard Workshops

• Moodle Workshops

Moodle is accessible by using your cellphones, laptops, and other computers. Moodle is an online system where your lecturer will make the following accessible:

Learning Guides

- Communication (Lecturer sending messages to students)
- Notes
- Videos
- Teaching slides
- Tests (Moodle, used to write tests online)
- Assignments (Moodle, used to submit assignments online) To access Moodle, please go to <https://myuniven-moodle.univen.ac.za/>

Should you need any assistance, please contact:
Tel: 015 962 8170

Email: myuniven@univen.ac.za /

StudentLmsSupport@univen.ac.za

• Digital Literacy Workshops

Digital Literacy training assists new students in bridging the gap in using ICT tools for learning between high school and university.

Digital Literacy workshops assist students with learning about:

- Introduction to using computers for learning
- How to type documents
- How to use internet tools
- How to manage documents

• Online Test Writing Workshops

You will learn how to use Moodle to write online assessments effectively

• Online Assignment Submission Workshops

You will learn how to use Moodle to submit online assignments

• Grammarly Workshops

Grammarly is an Artificially Intelligent (AI) system that assists students in improving their academic writing. It is compulsory for all Univen first-year students to attend Grammarly training.

• ConnectYard Workshops

ConnectYard is a multimodal messaging software that allows students and lecturers to communicate using their current devices on their preferred messaging channels: WhatsApp and E-mail. It is compulsory for all Univen first-year students to attend ConnectYard training.



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Campus Protection Services

Univen campus protection services is a security division which is aimed at creating a safe and secure environment in the university by intensifying - patrol to discourage all the unlawful activities and to protect the university community property.

They offer a multitude of services that ensures the safety of both students and staff, and advocate for an incident and crime-free space.



Protection services consist of the following units:

- Operation
- Visible Patrols
- Vehicle Patrols
- Residence Protection
- INvestigations
- Crime Prevention and Liason
- Parking
- Lost and Found Property Office
- CCTV nad Alarm System Technology

Off-campus security and protection

Univen protection srvcies patrol the routes between main gate, Khoroni, sandton residences, Maungani gate and black hostel.

Should you require any help on reporting or alerting the university on any criminal activities, please dial the following numbers:

Emergency Contact numbers

015 962 8603 (Closed Circuit Television)

015 962 8193 (Control One)

015 962 8120 (Main Gate)

SAPS (082 781 0069)

E.mail: nditsheni.mathanya@univen.ac.za or

maanda.nemaxwi@univen.ac.za or

avhapfani.maberegisi@univen.ac.za

Office building: Facility Management (Maintenance)

Office number: 1

STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Division of Student Affairs offers various student support services and co-curricular programmes aimed at enhancing the student life experience for students within the University. With various departments and organisations under its belt, its sole mandate is centred on enriching the student life experience, in providing a multitude of opportunities for holistic growth, support and development outside of the academic space. Departments which can be found under the Division of Student Affairs include:

1. Student Governance

CORE FOCUS

The department aims to support a governance framework for student activities and to offer opportunities for co-curricular learning and engagement, while promoting sound social and leadership skills.

We provide critical, high quality support and interventions to all students.

We provide a nurturing environment to students who are in leadership and those wishing to assume leadership. Setting the tone and climate amongst the Univen student population

Provide professional training, information and consultative services to student leaders including development on a variety of life skills, key for survival for young leaders in this era of innovation and change

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Section 35 of the Higher Education Act, No. 101 of 1997, as amended, requires all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in South Africa to have the Student Representative Council (SRC) as part of their governing structures. Subsequently, the students in HEIs are represented in all issues which may affect students by the officially elected SRC. Such as to:

1.1.1 Represent students of the University in matters that may affect them

1.1.2 Provide leadership to students through exemplary leadership, serve the interests of students without partiality, bias, prejudice, discrimination or, preference and shall promote:

1.1.2.1 Academic excellence and a culture of learning.

1.1.2.2 Democracy

1.1.2.3 Community service.

1.1.3 Promote unity-in-diversity among students.

1.1.4 Promote the vision and mission of the University

For more information, you can find us at:

CONTACT NUMBER

015 962 8883

OFFICES

2nd Floor, Student Center Building

For more information, visit [https://](https://www.univen.ac.za/students)

www.univen.ac.za/students

2. Sport and recreation

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the University of Venda Sport and Recreation webpage. The Sport and Recreation Unit is under the auspices of Units within the Student Affairs.

Thank you for affording the University of Venda the opportunity to contribute to your personal well-being and academic success as well as social and career development. Our Unit offers a range of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture programmes, events and activities in support of your academic success. These opportunities enhance your student life at the university, giving a sense of belonging through building networks for interaction, formulation of meaningful friendship and relationships with peers outside of the academic environment. These opportunities build and profiles the image of the University of Venda through the support of both competitive Sport, Arts, Culture and Campus Recreational Activities. By achieving these meaningful social outcomes, you will be better prepared for the university student life challenges and peer pressure.

Vision

- Univen Sport and Recreation offers diverse programmes for informing meaningful social outcomes contributing to the holistic academic success, personal development and well-being of both students and staff

Mission

- We offer administrative support for competitive sport, arts, culture, and recreation programmes, events and activities to enhance student well-being and success

Functional Values

The provision of sporting codes is primarily for recreational purposes, but students who show excellence in competitive performance can be supported to transcend to the next level of competitive environment of sports, arts and culture competitions at all levels.

Univen Sport and Recreation Unit provide a wide range of clustered programmes listed below, with organized events and activities

Clustered programmes with organized events and activities



Competitive Sports

- Affiliated to participate in USSA (University Sport South Africa) Tournaments, District and Provincial Leagues
- Cricket, Football (Soccer), Netball and Volleyball



Informal Recreation programmes (Internal Leagues)

Affiliated to Participate in tournaments at District and Provincial Level
 Aerobics, Dance, Rugby, Handball, Karate, Swimming & Boxing



Formal Recreation Programmes

- Affiliated to Participate in tournaments at District, Provincial and National Level
- Badminton, Tennis, Basketball, Chess, Athletics & Bodybuilding



Arts and Culture

- Affiliated to Participate in tournaments at District, Provincial and National Level I.e. National Arts Festival, Mapungubwe Arts Festival, National Universities Debating Championships -Pan African Universities Debating Championships
- i. Cultural and traditional dance groups) and Theatre performances (Drama),
- ii. Univen Debate Fraternityiii. Beauty pageantiv. Gumboots dance

Para (adapted) Sports Note: For students who are differently abled or living with impairment(s)

- Affiliated to Participate in tournaments at local, regional, provincial, national and international para sport tournaments
- Goalball



Our sports clubs and teams are members of the different sports federations and bodies, and participate in the various leagues, tournaments and competitions at local, district, regional, provincial, national and international level. The University is also part of Universities Sport South Africa (USSA) and participate in the various winter and summer USSA national tournaments organized throughout the year. Students are continuously encouraged to participate in these various opportunities and towards the introduction of new opportunities or programmes.

How to join Univen Sporting Codes

- Interested students can join our sporting codes by registering their names in our Sport and Recreation Offices or by sending an email to: lizeka.miza@univen.ac.za indicating their sporting code of interest.

3.Student Housing

The Student Housing Unit is dynamic in its approach, to respond to the needs of students and ensures a smooth and enabling Living and Learning environment.

The Unit contributes greatly on the early experiences, integration, and adaption of students to our campuses.

We thus significantly pay much focus on the student cycle. The living and learning initiatives exist to enhance the academic and social success of residence students.

Student Housing strives to create a living and learning environment as the foundation of its residence culture. Whilst the culture of living and learning is dynamic in its nature. Every effort is made to ensure that students' residence life experience will foster their holistic development as well as being fully supportive of their academic programme. The holistic student development initiative within the unit is embedded mainly as student learning centres, social and sporting activities.

The Unit strives to ensure the following:

1. To pivot a smooth transition for the living and learning communities to provide blended support to residence students.
2. Provide academic and psycho-social support through peer-to-peer initiatives to position students as co-creators and collaborators in their own residence and campus experience.
3. To contribute to the retention, development and success of students through the co-curricular activities and active engagement. We are intentionally creating spaces for students to engage in critical dialogues and debates to advance themselves and their communities in ways that are embedded on strong values and principles.

In each residence, staff members include the Residence Warden, who both reside on campus or on the residence premises. The Residence Warden oversees all operational matters on the assigned residences. The Residence Warden provides supervision in a residence which includes the reporting of maintenance and he/she/they are supported by the House Committee of that particular residence.

For more information, you can find us at: CONTACT NUMBER

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OFFICES

New Male Residence

Social Media: UnivenStudentHousing on facebook, Tiktok and Instagram

For more information, visit <https://www.univen.ac.za/students>

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can use to change the world.”*

H.E. Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

