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STUDENT FEE GUIDE FOR 2025

IMPORTANT NOTES

- 1.1 The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) reserves the right to alter fees, without giving prior notice, during the academic year.
- 1.2 All fees are payable in full, irrespective of whether the academic programme is interrupted by factors beyond the VUT's control, e.g., strikes, student boycotts, civil unrest, or other disruptions on campus.
- 1.3 The student's liability is not affected nor reduced through ignorance on the part of the student (or his/her principle) regarding the rules and regulations of the VUT or of the invalidity of his/her registration in terms of the said rules and regulations.
- 1.4 Students who have outstanding balance from the previous year, or who have not made the required initial payment for the current year by due date; will not be permitted to register until the total amount required has been paid in full.
- 1.5 Students who are indebted in any way to the University at the end of a semester/year their timetable will not be distributed for examination purposes and have their examination results withheld, together with their degree or diploma as applicable.
- 1.6 By signing and submitting the registration form the student accepts **responsibility** for the payment of all subscribed fees (irrespective of whether a send account is not received by the student). It is the responsibility of students to make enquiries should he/she not agree with statement of account.
- 1.7 Please note that the residence fee quoted applies only to the academic period and does not include January and December vacation. Students who cannot vacate their rooms on the last day of the academic calendar will be levied a fee equivalent to the daily rate.
- 1.8 Interest will be charged on overdue accounts at 80% of the prevailing bank prime rate on the balance as at 31 October.
- 1.9 Students are urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements governing withdrawal from the University and/or Residence, per this booklet.
- 1.10 Note that no payments will be made to students if their fees account is outstanding.
- 1.11 Accounts are send/mailed to the contacts/address provided by the student/guardian for account purposes. It is the responsibility of the student to forward such accounts to the person/party responsible for payment thereof if not him/herself.
- 1.12 Should a student not attend lectures and neglect to give written notice of cancellation within the stipulated cancellation periods, such a student will be held liable for payment of all tuition fees and/or residence fees for the full study period.
- 1.13 Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to the VUT's external collection agents.
- 1.14 Any deviation from the fixed procedure may be considered if proof is forthcoming of the following:
Suspension: Should the Council temporarily or permanently deprive a student of the rights and privileges he/she enjoys, or deny the student, whether it be permanently or temporarily, further admission, the student shall forfeit all claims to reimbursement, a decrease or remission of monies payable or paid to the University.

As required by law, VUT must be notified in writing within 14 days of any contracts/address changes and students should specifically indicate to which contacts/addresses the changes apply, e.g. personal or next of kin contacts/addresses.

Correspondence sent by the VUT will be deemed received by the addressee. VUT does not accept responsibility for incorrect contacts/addresses resulting in non-delivery of a send/mailed account. It is the responsibility of the student to make enquiries should he/she not receive an account.

2. FEES

- ✓ Liability: All registered students shall be liable for the prescribed fees for the relevant period and are subject to the conditions as specified in the application form.
- ✓ Fees are charged per semester and year programs (Please refer to items 2.1 and 2.2 for more clarity).
- ✓ Charges relating to the provision of additional text material e.g. supplementary notes; laboratory fees; field trips where applicable will be raised separately; etc.

Details of the charges for each module, as well as supplementary charges, may be obtained from the offices of the various faculties, Finance and Student Administration.

IMPORTANT: Please read next paragraph carefully!!!!!!

The fees listed below are for guideline purposes only. They indicate the ESTIMATED amounts payable by students who are registered for the normal academic load on a full-time basis. The actual fees raised will vary depending on the specific modules taken as per statement of account.

2.1 ESTIMATED COSTS PER COURSE:

2.1.1 Semester Courses:

AMOUNT (Per Annum)

Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences	
Analytical Chemistry	R 34491.00
Non-Destructive Testing	R 45269.00
Information Technology	R 38459.00
Faculty of Engineering and Technology	
Chemical Engineering	R 54284.00
Electrical Engineering: Process Control	R 51921.00
Electrical Engineering: Computer Systems	R 52078.00
Power Engineering	R 59356.00
Electronic Engineering	R 67235.00
Civil Engineering	R 56724.00
Industrial Engineering	R 54433.00
Mechanical Engineering	R 53902.00
Metallurgical Engineering	R 54074.00
Operations Management	R 35949.00

2.1.2 Year Courses:

AMOUNT (Per Annum)

Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences	
Biomedical Technology	R 29923.00
Biotechnology	R 30686.00
Bachelor of Health Science	R 26421.00
Agricultural Management	R 46452.00

Faculty of Human Sciences	
Labour Law	R 32686.00
Fine Art	R 55008.00
Graphic Design	R 48429.00
Photography	R 44148.00
Food Service Management	R 50638.00
Ecotourism Management	R 30750.00
Fashion	R 42919.00
Public Relations Management	R 31906.00
Tourism Management	R 35985.00
Safety Management	R 26757.00
Policing	R 20131.00
Legal Assistance	R 36600.00

Faculty of Management Sciences	
Cost & Management Accounting	R 18208.00
Internal Auditing	R 20274.00
Financial Information Systems	R 22059.00
Logistics Management	R 25107.00
Human Resources Management	R 33482.00
Marketing	R 26214.00
Retail Business Management	R 26213.00
Sport Management	R 25540.00

2.1.3 Post Graduates:

Masters	R23484.00
Doctorates	R31311.00
WIL (WORK INTERGRATED LEARNING)	R 2829.00

NB. The above costs EXCLUDE Residence Fee, Registration Fee and (Sundry Services See 2.3)

2.2 RESIDENCE FEES

Please note that the residence fee quoted applies only to the academic period and does not include the January and December. Students who cannot vacate their rooms on the last day of the academic calendar will be levied a pro-rated fee applicable to residence students.

RESIDENCES	Year
Sinqobile & Lethabong	R34 662.00
Uhuru, Dikgalala & Inkwenkwezi	R34 080.00
Khayaletu	R47 348.00
Boiketlong	R34 662.00
Ubuntu	R47 348.00
Meropa	R41 298.00
New Residence Phase 1	R41 298.00
New Residence Phase 2	R41 298.00
Science Park	R41 298.00
Dinaleding	R34 662.00
Tsalanang & Leseding	R34 662.00
Kutwanong&Meloding	R30 044.00
Khomanani	R43 460.00
Academia	R50 427.00

Estimated costs for meals: Yearly **R24960.00**

2.3 SUNDRY SERVICES

Application fee (SA Citizen)	R 110.00
Late application fee	R 120.00
Re-write and supplementary exams (per subject)	R 150.00
Re-mark per subject (refundable if pass mark is obtained and fee account is zero)	R 150.00
Diploma absentia fee	R 150.00
Academic record	R 60.00
Subject exemption certificate	R 80.00
Proof of registration'	R 60.00
Student access card	R 110.00
Receipt of payment	R 20.00
Statement of account	R 30.00
International Citizens:	
• Application fee	R 120.00
• Surcharge/International levy payable	R 1 600.00

3. TERMS OF PAYMENT

Upfront Payment Compulsory on OR before Registration
(Students are encouraged to pay more where possible)

3.1 Upfront Payment (Academic registration)	FIRST MINIMUM PAYMENT
National Students	
1. Annual Students	R 2 500.00
2. Semester Students	R 2 500.00
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	100%(Annual/Semester)
3.2 Upfront Payment (Residence registration)	FIRST MINIMUM PAYMENT
National Students	
1. Annual Students	R 2 500.00
2. Semester Students	R 2 500.00
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	100%(Annual/Semester)

3.3 MASTERS AND DOCTORATE STUDENTS

Upfront Payment

R2 500.00 (non-Funded students)
R 430.00 (Funded students)

3.4 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION LEVIES (Charged on registration)

	Year
• Access activation levy	R304.00
• Registration levy	R586.00
• Student levy	R366.00
• Student life levy	R 40.00
• Sports & Cultural levy	R388.00
• Residence social levy	R374.00
• Health Care Levy	R116.00

3.5 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A Surcharge/International levy is applicable as follows

R1 600.00

3.6 DISCOUNTS

3.6.1 Up-front payments:

Discount on class fees: 10% on the following conditions:

- **Year Students** - All fees to be paid up 30 April.

Students have to apply for the discount (Finance Enquiries) after settlement of the accounts – the discount will then only be credited on their student account.

3.6.2 Family Rebates

Students from the same biological parents where two or more dependent children are concurrently registered full-time at VUT for the same academic year can apply for a discount on tuition fees.

2 nd Child	-	25% discount on class fees only
3 rd Child	-	50% discount on class fees only

The discount is only granted to the last registered student.

3.7 PAYMENT AGREEMENTS

The balance of the accounts after registration is payable as follows:

Year Courses:

- 25% of the account by 31 March
- 50% of the account by 31 May
- 75% of the account by 31 July
- 100% of the account by 30 September

Kindly take note: Should these payment agreements not be adhered to your account will be handed over to the legal external collection agents.

3.7.1 Method of Payment

3.7.1.1 Direct Deposits at the Bank/EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)

Deposits can be made at any ABSA branch or ATM:

Account number : 40-6812-6832
Branch code : 632005

3.7.1.2 Credit/Debit Cards at the Cashiers (Finance Department):

Payment should be done at least five (5) working days prior registration, if paid through banks other than ABSA. If you experience any difficulties with the above account number, please contact Finance Department at (016) 950-9213/6637

NB: The correct Student Number must be clearly indicated on the Deposit Slip as reference to avoid your payment being misallocated.

A copy of the deposit slip should be emailed to the Finance Department: finance@vut.ac.za or statement@vut.ac.za

3.8 Refunds on Student Accounts

NB: Credit balance on student accounts may be refunded on the following conditions:

- I. If the source of the credit balance on your account is due to your own payments/parents or guardian (not as a result of an Award/Bursary), then a refund may be claimed/requested at any time by the person responsible for the payment.
- II. If the source of credit balance is due an award, bursary, refunds will only be paid out in accordance with the rules and regulations of that sponsor.
- III. In order to claim a refund, you have to complete the Refund Form obtainable at the Financial Enquiries Cashiers (Bank Statement is required) or Financial Aid Section for sponsored students.

4. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

The VUT is not obliged to grant a pro-rated refund of fees to students who withdraw from the University. Such refund may, however, be granted at the University's sole discretion, provided the Faculty Dean and Financial Department is notified in writing on the official withdrawal form. ***Students who withdraw from the University without completing a withdrawal form will remain liable for the payment of fees due for the entire semester of study.***

Students wishing to change curricula (modules or degree/diploma) must complete the applicable change of forms, which are available from Student Administration. Administration will confirm the effective dates for all approved changes.

4.1 SEMESTER MODULES - DISCONTINUATION OF STUDIES

i. Up to 31 March:

Semester students are liable for pro-rated fees from registration up to cancellation date whether they attended classes or not.

ii. **After 31 March:**

Students will be held liable for the total fees.

4.2 YEAR MODULES - DISCONTINUATION OF STUDIES

i. **Up to 31 May:**

Students are liable for pro-rated fees from registration date up to cancellation date, whether they attended classes or not.

ii. **After 30 September:**

Students are liable for the total fees whether they attended classes or not.

4.3 2ND SEMESTER MODULES – DISCONTINUATION OF STUDIES

i. **Up to 30 September:**

Semester students are held liable for pro-rated fees from registration up to cancellation date whether they attended classes or not.

ii. **After 30 September:**

Students will be held liable for the total fees whether they attended classes or not.

4.4 LABORATORY FEES

- i. In the event of cancellation or withdrawal no credit will be given (Once Lab Fees has been allocated).

5. WITHDRAWAL FROM RESIDENCES

The cancellation of rooms must be done before or by 15 March. The semester will be charged in full if cancellations are done after stipulated dates.

6. BURSARY/LOAN ENQUIRY

6.1 External bursaries offered by sponsors are administered by our section.

For *sport bursary* enquiries, please contact our Sports Bureau at (016) 950 9282

6.2 NSFAS loans are being offered according to the criteria set by NSFAS, who offers grant with fair interest rates.

6.3 FUNDI (former EDU-LOAN) has been approved to offer financial assistance to students on Campus

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

You therefore need to apply for admission at VUT and be a registered student before a loan / bursary can be allocated. Our loan and academic bursaries do not cover registration fees and deposits.

The loan/bursary results will only be available in April/August; therefore, students have to make some provision for their first minimum payment, Registration Fee and the needed books, for at least the first quarter of the semester.

NSFAS Online Application for 2026 cycle will be communicated once it has been finalised
NSFAS Toll Free number : 080 006 7327

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Should you need assistance in order to finance your studies –FUNDI (former EDU-LOAN) Client Service will be able to give you the details of your nearest representative (there's one at Finance Department).

VUT Campus : (016) 950 9948 E-mail : vaal@fundi.co.za
Client Services: 0860 555 544 website: www.fundi.co.za

CONTACT DETAILS:

VANDERBIJLPARK-MAIN CAMPUS

1. Registration/Admission/Course Information (016) 950 9924/9922 / 9311
2. Faculties:
 - Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences (016) 950 9922 / 9012
 - Faculty of Engineering and Technology (016) 950 9126 / 9013
 - Faculty of Human Science (016) 950 9360/9014
 - Faculty of Management Sciences (016) 950 9621 / 9011
3. General Account queries: **Fees** (016) 950 9673/9213/6637/7570
4. General Account queries: **Residences** (016) 950 9829/7819/7811
5. Student Revenue/**Fee** (016) 950 9673/9213/9374/6637/7570
6. Overdue Accounts- Credit Management (016) 950 9672/9675
7. Bursary Information - NSFAS bursaries:
 - FUNDI (former Edu-loan) (016) 950 9486/9247/9285/9972
 - Company sponsored students (016) 950 9948/0860 55 55 44
 - (016) 950 9342/7652

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