

Academic merit awards (first year students)

The University reserves the right to amend without prior notice, the regulations and award values and/or conditions applicable to the allocation of awards.

The class fee accounts for students who qualify for academic merit awards will be credited with the amount of the award after they register as students at this University.

The following scale is used to allocate awards:

Admission point	Amount	NSC-level of Achievement	Achievement level required by UFS	UFS Admission Point (AP)
35 - 37	R6 000	7(90% - 100%)	8(90% - 100%)	8
38 – 40	R10 000	7(80% - 89%)	7(80% - 89%)	7
41 - 43	R15 000	6(70% - 79%)	6(70% - 79%)	6
44+	R20 000	5(60% - 69%)	5(60% - 69%)	5
		4(50% - 59%)	4(50% - 59%)	4
		3(40% - 49%)	3(40% - 49%)	3
		2(30% - 39%)	2(30% - 39%)	2
		1(0% - 29%)	-	-

The subject Life Orientation receives only 1 point if a student achieved a level of 5 (60%) or more.

These awards are automatically allocated to new students based on performance in the final matriculation examination.

- Students from the University Access Programmes**

Academic merit awards will be allocated to qualifying students registered for one of the following:

- The University Preparation Programmes
- Extended Programmes
- The Higher Certificate in Humanities
- The Higher Certificate in BCom
- The Higher Certificate in BAdmin

The calculation for the above-mentioned merit awards only apply to the courses offered by this University.

- **Varsity College Students**

UFS Varsity College LLB students are eligible for academic merit awards to the value of 50% of an award of a Bloemfontein Campus student. All other terms and conditions also apply to these students.

- **First-year students who first registered at other higher education institution**

First-time entering first-year students, who first registered at other higher education institutions, discontinued their studies and then registered at this University, will not qualify for academic merit awards during their first year of study.

- **Interruption of studies**

To qualify for an academic merit award, a student must again register at the University as a student. If there is an interruption of more than 5 years between the last examination, **matriculation** or university and the year in which the award must be allocated, the student does not qualify for an award.

- **Discontinuation of study**

- If a student discontinues his/her course before 31 March, the full award will be reversed and 50% of the award for cancellations after 31 March, irrespective of the account balance.
- In cases where a student discontinues their studies and the bursary is cancelled in full, the student may contact the Financial Aid Office upon re-registration, provided this occurs within the five-year period specified in the bursary rules.

- **Final year students**

Students who qualified for the academic merit award at the end of their final year of study need to register for a degree at the UFS within 5 years. If a student does not register within 5 years from their final year of study the academic merit award will be forfeited.

- **Payment of academic merit awards**

Students who qualify for an academic merit award will have the award amount credited to their class fee account after registration at the UFS.

- **Undertaking**

The student undertakes to complete his degree studies at this university. If he/she does not complete the course, Council reserves the right to claim back the award as a whole or a part thereof which may already have been paid out to him/her. However, every case will be treated on merit.

- An award may at any time be withdrawn if the behaviour, diligence or progress of the student is found to be unsatisfactory. If the examination results of a qualifying student are such that he/she will have to repeat the studies of a full year/semester, the award will be regarded as a study loan, and it will have to be paid back.

- **Occasional studies**

Students who register for occasional studies do not qualify for merit awards based on their academic achievement of the previous year nor academic achievements during their occasional studies.

- **BML (Baccalaureus in Management Leadership)**

Students who register for BML studies do not qualify for merit awards based on academic achievements during their BML studies.

Terms and conditions apply.