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Partner Information Sheet International Office

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General information	
Full legal name local language:	Rhodes University
Full legal name in English:	Rhodes University
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Incoming exchange students	
Contact person(s) responsible for incoming exchange students:	Ms Helen Pienaar and Mr Aidan Prinsloo
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Website with information for exchange students:	www.ru.ac.za/international/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours
Website with available courses for exchange students:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.ru.ac.za/rhodes/academic/departments www.ru.ac.za/international/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours/incoming/choosingsubjects
Deadlines for exchange application:	2 nd semester (July-Nov 2015): 15 March 1 st semester (Feb-June 2016): 15 October
Semester dates (including exam sessions):	2 nd semester: 20 July 2015 – 27 November 2015 1 st semester: 15 Feb 2016 – 24 June 2016
Dates orientation day/week:	2 nd semester: 14 July 2015 – 17 July 2015 1 st semester: 8 Feb 2016 – 12 Feb 2016
Credit conversion rates	We do not use ECTS credits or American Credits. For the purposes of Exchange and Study Abroad programmes, the RU International Office weights courses as follows: 1 semester of a 1st or 2nd year subject = 7.5 ECTS or 4 American Credits 1 semester of a 3rd year subject = 15 ECTS or 8 American Credits 1 semester of a 4th year subject = 30 ECTS or 16 American Credits
Language of instruction exchange programmes:	All instruction is in ENGLISH All incoming students who are not English mother tongue must submit with their application forms proof that they have attained a recent overall band score of 7.0 (with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0) on the International English Language Test System (IELTS).
Attending courses at different departments:	Students are normally required to choose subjects from <i>different</i> departments, unless at 4 th year level.
Language courses for incoming students:	No Introductory English Language course available. Students may do Introduction to isiXhosa in 1 st semester for 7.5 ECTS or 4 American students. Students proficient in Dutch may do first year level Afrikaans for 7.5 ECTS.
Tuition, Accommodation and International Surcharge Costs:	Tuition (only for Study Abroad, paying students): R18 600,00 Accommodation: R25 250,00 International Surcharge: R15 600,00 <i>South Africa uses Rands (ZAR). The conversion rate fluctuates regularly. A safe conversion rate is R14,00 to 1,00 Euro and R10,00 to \$1,00 (USD). All Study Abroad/Exchange students are housed in Rhodes University Residences which include 3 meals a day.</i>
Accommodation includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single person room, fully furnished and with linen 3 meals a day (except during mid-semester vacation) In-room internet access
Approximate costs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Materials: R1500 per semester (may vary considerably)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Drink: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During term time: R1000 p/month - For mid-semester break: R4000 – R6000 p/week • Transport: <i>Only necessary for vacations or personal outings</i>, estimated R3000 for 1 semester
Facilities for students with special needs:	<i>Some buildings are wheelchair friendly.</i>
Nearest airports:	Port Elizabeth Airport (130km from Grahamstown). Transport is provided for incoming Exchange and Study Abroad Students.
Other useful information or websites for incoming exchange students:	University Calendars (with course content): www.ru.ac.za/rhodes/diaryanddates Information on Medical Aid: www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/medicalaid Information on Visas: www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/immigration Life at Rhodes: www.ru.ac.za/international/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours/incoming/lifeatrhodes Admissions Gateway: www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway

Housing for exchange students

Do you offer housing for exchange students?	All Exchange and Study Abroad Students are housed in Rhodes Residences. Placement is automatic with a successful application to come to Rhodes on exchange or as a study abroad student.
Contact person(s) responsible for housing:	RU International Office
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Visa

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Website with information about the visa procedure:	www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/immigration

Outgoing exchange students

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