



REQUIREMENTS

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Entry requirements

Minimum Faculty Requirements:

Subject Required	Extended Studies	Dean's Discretion	Points
Commerce:			
Bcom	34 – 37		40+
Programmes:			
English Level 4 (50 - 59%), Mathematics Level 4 (50 - 59%)		34 – 39	
	34 - 37		45+
Bachelor of Business Science:		38 -44	
English Level 4 (50 - 59%), Mathematics Level 6 (70 - 79%)			
Education:			

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English level 4 (50 - 59%), Maths Level 3 (40 - 49%), Maths Lit. Level 4 (50 - 59%)	-	39 - 43	44+
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Humanities:

English Home Language (60%), English First Additional Language (65%)	34 - 37	37 - 44	45+
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Pharmacy:

Dean's Discretion: Mathematics level 5 (60 - 69%), Life Science Level 5 (60 - 69%), Physical Science Level 5 (60 - 69%)	-	40 - 44	45+
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Provisional Offer:

Mathematics Level 6 (70 - 79%), Life Science Level 6 (70 - 79%), Physical Science Level 6 (70 - 79%)			
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Science:**BSc Programmes:**

English Home

Language (60%),

39 - 44

45+

English First

Additional

Language (65%),

Mathematics Level

4 (50 - 59%), Life

Science Level 5 (60

- 69) OR Physical

Science Level 5 (60

- 69%)

Bachelor of**Science****(Information****Systems):** English

level 5 (60 - 69%),

Mathematics (70%),

Life Science Level 5

(60 - 69%) OR

Physical Science

Level 5 (60 - 69%)

Law:

English Home

Language Level 5

(60 - 69%) English

First Additional

Language Level 6

(70 - 79%)

Mathematics Level

4 (50 - 59%)

Mathematics

Literacy Level 5 (60

- 69%)

Your application will only be considered for admission to the University if you qualify for Bachelor's degree study AND you satisfy the faculty requirements. To qualify for with a Bachelor's pass status, learners are required to take seven subjects, four of which are compulsory (two languages, Life Orientation and either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy) and three of the learner's own choice from the subjects on offer at the school.

To qualify for degree studies at Rhodes University, learners must pass:

English language at an achievement rating of 4 (50 - 59%) or above.

At least four of the seven subjects must be from the list of recommended subject list set out below and students must have obtained an achievement rating of 4 (50 - 59%) or above.

Meet Faculty requirements: subject requirements and percentage required.

PLEASE NOTE: Obtaining the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance!

Recommended subject list:

Accounting, Agricultural Science, Business Studies, Consumer Studies, Dramatic Arts, Engineering Graphics & Design, Economics, Geography, History, Information Technology, Languages, Life Sciences, Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy, Music, Physical Science, Religion Studies, Visual Arts.

The minimum entry requirements for admission to Rhodes University in 2024 are set out in the following table below. Note (a) the point levels that are required (b) the differences in the achievement levels that are needed for Mathematical Literacy, (c) the need for Life and/or Physical Sciences for degrees in Science or Pharmacy.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR ADMISSION POINT SCORE (APS)

The percentages achieved in National Senior Certificate examinations (preliminary and final examinations) will be allocated an admissions score using the percentage obtained for each subject. The sum of six subject scores, excluding Life Orientation but including English and any other required subject(s) for the relevant programme is considered when deciding on admission. Results below 40% for any subject do not attract a score. Mathematics Paper 3 does not contribute to the APS score but the results will be captured for the Dean to note when making an admission decision.

EXAMPLES OF POINTS CALCULATIONS

English Home Language	78%	7.8 points
Afrikaans/isiXhosa first/Additional Language	73%	7.3 points
Mathematics	69%	6.9 points
Life Sciences	70%	7.0 points
Dramatic Arts	89%	8.9 points
Accounting	73%	7.3 points

Life Orientation	90%	0 points
Additional Mathematics	60%	0 points
TOTAL POINTS		45.2 points

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6. Once you have completed your application you need to tick the button accepting the terms and conditions and submit.
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8. If you pay your application fee to the bank you need to use your application number as the reference and email the deposit slip to us.

9. Once you have completed the process above we will process the application and you are provided a student number and login.

DEANS DECISIONS

If you do not meet the APS score of 45 points for automatic acceptance, you may still be considered for a place at the Dean's discretion. Such places are usually offered with some extra conditions. Some places are usually offered to students with an APS score of 38 - 44 with some extra conditions (see extended studies below). It is therefore very important to give full information when completing the application form as this is the information that the Dean will use for making a decision.

Extended Studies Programme

As an alternative route to university studies at Rhodes, a limited number of students who show potential to succeed are exposed to a carefully designed and supportive learning environment which enhances their ability to succeed. This option is for students coming from disadvantaged backgrounds on condition that they take their degree over an extra year at University. It is therefore, essential full information is provided when completing the application form as this forms part of the decision-making process by the Dean.

NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS (NBT'S)

It is recommended that all first-time university entering South African applicants write the NBT's. If the applicant does not meet the automatic entry requirements the NBT results will form part of the Dean's decision-making on applications. These test results can also be used if a candidate does not meet the entrance requirements in their final examinations.

There are two tests which are written throughout the year at various centres:

* **The Academic and Quantitative literacy test (AQL)** consists of two components, namely academic literacy and quantitative literacy. All applicants

should write the AQL test.

* The **Mathematics test (MAT)**, this test is for applicants who wish to enter the following faculties: Commerce, Pharmacy and Science.

For further information about the NBT, dates and venues, please visit:

www.nbt.ac.za or call

021 650 3523.

International requirements

An APS score of 40 points and above will receive a firm offer, 37-39 points will remain on hold until the end of September to be considered by the Dean if space is available. Candidates who offer a combination of Advanced level (A), Advanced Subsidiary level (AS), Ordinary level (O), Higher International General Certificate of Secondary Education (HIGCSE) and International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), five (5) different subjects are counted. The basic minimum requirements for admission to the University is a certificate of Full Exemption or Foreign Conditional Exemption from the Matriculation Board.

(visit: <https://mbit-application.usaf.ac.za/assessment/>).

Applicants who have passed A levels are eligible for full exemption provided the passes in approved subjects meet the following requirements:

A-level: symbols A-E (minimum of 2 subjects)

AS-level: symbols A-D (4 subjects and 1 at O-level)

O-level: symbols A-C (maximum of 3 subjects)

At least 2 subjects at A-level and 3 different subjects at O-level or 3 subjects at A-level and 2 at O-level

HIGCSE/IGCSE qualification:**HIGCSE: symbols 1-3 (4 subjects)****IGCSE: symbols A-C (1 subject)****International Baccalaureate (B)****3 High level (HL) subjects: Grade 4****4 Standard Level (SL) subjects: Grade 5****Points rating**

Symbol/Result/ Grade			Points Awarded					
A, O & IGCSE	HIGCE	IB	A Level	AS Level	HIGCSE	O Level & IGCSE	IB HL	SL
A	1	7	10	9	8	5	10	7
B	2	6	9	8	7	4	9	6
C	3	5	8	7	6	3	8	5
D	4	4	7	6			7	4

E

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If you are applying for Pharmacy your A Levels or AS Levels must include Mathematics, Science and Biology. If you are applying for Science your A Levels, AS Levels or O Levels should include Mathematics, Science and Biology.

For candidates who offer A and O levels and HIGCSE and IGCSEs five different subjects are counted. An additional one fifth of the total is added to this total. Zimsec students only deduct three points for a final count.

With at least 1 subject from each of the following groups:

Group I English

Group II Afrikaans, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Nederlands, Portuguese or

any other language approved by HESA

Group III Biology, Botany, Chemistry, General Science, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Physics & Chemistry, Zoology or any of the following if not offered under Group II – Afrikaans, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Nederlands or any other language approved by HESA

Please note that Psychology, Sociology, Physical Education, General Paper and Thinking Skills are not recognised subjects for entry to a South African University.

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