



2026 Undergraduate Minimum Admission Requirements



Note: Although certain subjects and symbols below are indicated as minimum entry requirements, it does not guarantee acceptance

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Admission requirements for students with N3, N4, N5, and N6:
Refer to our website for admission requirements.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Analytical Chemistry (3 years)

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma or Bachelor's degree	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level		3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
English	4	English
Mathematics or	4	Mathematics or
Technical Mathematics or	4	Engineering Mathematics or
Engineering Mathematics (TVET N4)	60%	60%
Physical Science or	4	Physical Science or
Engineering Sciences (TVET N4)	60%	Engineering Science
Any other 3 subjects	9	Life Sciences
TOTAL	21 (excl. LO)	TOTAL
		23 (excl. LO)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Agricultural Management (3 years)

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma or Bachelor's degree	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level		3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
English	4	English
Mathematics or	3	Mathematics
Technical Mathematics or	3	Physical Science
Mathematics Literacy	4	
Agriculture/Life Science	3/3	
TOTAL	21 (Mathematics or Tech Maths excl. LO)	TOTAL
	22 (Mathematics Literacy excl. LO)	21 (excl. LO)

Recommended: Business studies, Economics, Computer Studies, Geography

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

Dip: Information Technology (3 years full time)

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	
Compulsory subjects		Compulsory subjects achievement level
English	4	3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
Mathematics or Technical Mathematics	4 or	English
Mathematical Literacy	6	Mathematics or Technical Mathematics
Other 4 Subjects (Excluding LO)		Mathematical Literacy
APS	26 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	Other 4 Subjects (Excluding LO)
	28 (Mathematics Literacy, excl. LO)	

A maximum of 6 subjects are taken into consideration when calculating the total APS score, excluding Life Orientation.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Biotechnology (3 years)

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma or Bachelor's degree	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level		3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
English	4	English
Mathematics or	4	Mathematics
Technical Mathematics or	4	Physical Science
Engineering Mathematics or	60%	
Physical Science or	4	
Engineering Science	60%	
Life Sciences	4	
TOTAL	21 (excl. LO)	TOTAL
	23 (excl. LO)	

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dip: Environmental Science (3 years)

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	Note
Compulsory subjects achievement level		3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
English	4	English
Mathematics	4	Mathematics
Physical Science	4	Physical Science
TOTAL	21 (excl. LO)	TOTAL
	21 (excl. LO)	8 = 90-99%

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

Extended Information Technology Programme

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	
Compulsory subjects		Compulsory subjects achievement level
English	4	3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
Mathematics or Technical Mathematics	4 or	English
Mathematical Literacy	6	Mathematics or Technical Mathematics
Other 4 Subjects (Excluding LO)		Mathematical Literacy
APS	26 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO)	Other 4 Subjects (Excluding LO)
	28 (Mathematics Literacy, excl. LO)	

A maximum of 6 subjects are taken into consideration when calculating the total APS score, excluding Life Orientation.

DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Dip: Non-Destructive Testing

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	
Compulsory subjects achievement level		Note
English	3	3 = 40-49%
Mathematics or	3	4 = 50-59%
Technical Mathematics	3	5 = 60-69%
Physical Science or	4	
Technical Science	4	
APS	19 (excl. LO)	TOTAL
	27 (excl. LO)	27 (excl. LO)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Health Sciences: Medical Laboratory Science (4 years)

Subjects		
NSC endorsement	Eligibility for Diploma	
Compulsory subjects equivalent (Standard or Higher grade system)		Compulsory subjects achievement level
English	4	3 = 40-49% 4 = 50-59% 5 = 60-69%
Mathematics	4	English
Physical Science	4	Mathematics
Life Science	5	Physical Science
TOTAL	27 (excl. LO)	TOTAL
	27 (excl. LO)	5 = 60-69%

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Diploma: Fashion, Photography, Graphic Design & Fine Art

Subjects		
NSCA endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Mathematics or Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	2 (30%) 2 (30%) 3 (40%)	
Total:	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 22 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Food Service Management

Subjects		
NSCA endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Other 1 subject (Hospitality, Hotel, Tourism, Catering, Accounting, Business Studies & Consumer Studies)	4	
Mathematics / Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Take note: Chef uniforms are compulsory and specifications to be obtained at the department.

Additional Admission Requirement:
An additional compulsory selection criteria: Practical interview and portfolio submission.

Diploma: Tourism Management

Subjects		
NSCA endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Mathematics/Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Age exemption:
Applicants of mature age (23 with grade 12) who do not meet the entry requirements must submit proof of permanent employment in industry, working in an area related to the field of the intended study.

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Public Relations

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Mathematics/Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Ecotourism Management

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Mathematics / Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Legal Assistance

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Eligibility for Diploma		
English	5	5
Other Language	3	3
Mathematics/Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4	4
Total:	23 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 24 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Labour Law

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Mathematics / Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 3 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Safety Management

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Eligibility for Diploma		
English	5	5
Mathematics / Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 3 4	4
Total:	21 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 22 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Diploma: Policing

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	4	
Other Language	3	
Mathematics / Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Diploma

Bachelor of Communication Studies

Subjects		
NSC endorsement		
Compulsory subjects		
English	5	
Additional Language	4	
Mathematics / Technical Maths or Mathematical Literacy	3 4	
Total:	20 (Mathematics or Technical Mathematics, excl. LO) 21 (Mathematical Literacy, excl. LO)	

Matric certificate must indicate admission to Bachelor's Degree

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TABLE 1: Diploma programmes in Engineering (Mainstream Programmes) – 3 year programmes

Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme
Diploma:		
Chemical Engineering	Mathematics	4
Civil Engineering	Physical Sciences	4
Industrial Engineering	English Language	4
Mechanical Engineering		
Metallurgical Engineering		
Electronic Engineering		
Power Engineering		
Process Control Engineering		
Computer Systems Engineering		

TABLE 2: Diploma programme in Operations Management – 3 year programme

Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme
Diploma:		
Operations Management	Mathematics	4
	Physical Sciences	3
	English Language	4

*Admission requirements for any of the 3-year Diploma programmes in Engineering is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 24 and above APS points with minimum of 4 for Mathematics, Physical Science and English (see Table 1).

TABLE 3: Diploma programmes in Engineering (Extended Programmes) – 4 year programmes

Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme
Diploma:		
Chemical Engineering	Mathematics	3
Civil Engineering	Physical Sciences	3
Industrial Engineering	English Language	3
Mechanical Engineering		
Metallurgical Engineering		
Electronic Engineering		
Power Engineering		
Process Control Engineering		
Computer Systems Engineering		

TABLE 4: Admission requirements for prospective students with NC(V)-4 qualification

Qualification	Compulsory Subjects	Minimum for the regular Diploma programme
Diploma:		
Chemical Engineering	Mathematics/Vocational/Technical Maths	4
Civil Engineering	Physical Science/Engineering	4
Industrial Engineering	Science/*Technical/Vocational Science	4
Mechanical Engineering	English language	4

**Admission requirements for any of the 4-year extended Diploma programmes in Engineering is a National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 22 APS points with minimum of 3 for Mathematics, Physical Science and English (see Table 3).

Please Note: *Technical & Vocational Science will be used for selection into Electrical Engineering.

APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC ADMISSION

Please note: To avoid disappointment, prospective students are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Make sure that VUT offers the course you are interested in (this pamphlet/poster) and that you adhere to the admission requirements. Initial selection will be based on final Grade 11 or latest Grade 12 results.

How to Apply: On line applications-www.vut.ac.za-click on admissions new students.

The following must be submitted with your application:

1. Certified copy of South African ID document. Certified copy of passport for International applicants
2. Certified copy of Grade 11 or latest Grade 12 report (e.g June examination). Certified copy of complete results for International applicants.
3. Proof of address (Not compulsory)
4. Application fee of R110.00 for SA applicants and R120.00 for International applicants. Application forms without proof of payment will not be accepted.

Banking Details: ABSA Bank, account number 530 861 945, branch code 632 005, use your ID number/Passport number as reference.

Proof of payment must be uploaded with on-line application

