



NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Corporate Engagement and
Internationalisation

International Relations Fact Sheet





Institutional Details	
Name	Namibia University of Science and Technology
City, Country	Windhoek , Namibia
Website	www.nust.na
About the University	<p>The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) is a leading public funded university located mainly in Windhoek, Namibia's capital city. It was established as an autonomous higher education institution by an Act of Parliament (Act No. 33 of 1994). NUST is a former Technicon, from inception it was known as the "Polytechnic of Namibia" until it was amended into a fully-fledged university in the year 2015, by an Act of Parliament (Act No. 7 of 2015).</p> <p>Its current enrolment stands at about 14 000 students annually, spread across four distinct faculties, mainly focused on STEM Fields and one faculty that offers non- STEM qualifications. Today, NUST is at the forefront of higher education in Namibia, focusing on science, technology and innovation through smart partnerships with industry.</p> <p>The University offers various Certificates (under- and post-graduate), Diplomas, Bachelor, Bachelor Honours, Master's and Doctoral degrees in more than 60 programmes.</p> <p>NUST is the first Namibian higher education institution to have established a dedicated Quality Assurance Unit; its programmes are accredited by, among others, the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA). NUST offers the only Architecture programme in the country, which is accredited globally and is widely sought after.</p> <p>The University enjoys a cherished partnership with industry, public sector and civic society through various initiatives such as curriculum advisory boards, work intergrated learning and joint research.</p> <p>Students are equipped with a blend of contemporary knowledge, skills and competence acquired in classrooms, simulation laboratories, through fieldwork and job attachments, to drive competitiveness in the knowledge economy.</p> <p>NUST graduates are sought after in the Namibian labour market, the region, and are accepted for further studies in other universities internationally.</p> <p>The Main Campus is in the heart of the CBD and offers students a walking distance to many amenities.</p>



International Relations Service	
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Academic Information

Academic Calendar:

The Academic Calendar is divided into two semesters:

February – June (First Semester)

July - November (Second Semester)

Each semester consist of 14 weeks of classes and two weeks of exams. Orientation days are planned to welcome exchange and degree seeking international students at the beginning of each term. Attendance to these sessions is compulsory.

Courses/subjects choice, syllabi and credit points:

Students need to select courses, including credits, with the assistance of their home university Head of Department and International Office. For course/subject choice, syllabi, and credit points please visit our website at <https://www.nust.na/documents-and-forms>



Grading System

Description

The evaluation of a student's performance is based on:

- (a) Examinations and Continuous Assessment (Examination and Semester Marks)
- (b) Continuous Assessment only.

Overall performance in a course (subject) is assessed on a percentage scale divided as follows:

- (i) 75 and above: Distinction
- (ii) 70 -74: Merit
- (iii) 60 -69: Credit
- (iv) 50 -59: Pass
- (v) 0- 49: Fail

In order to pass a course, a student must obtain a final pass mark of at least 50% and a sub-minimum of at least 40% in the examination.

Credit System: Namibia National Qualifications Framework (NQF)

1. Credits per semester = 60 NQF Credits (minimum)
2. Credits per year = 120 NQF Credits (minimum)
3. Years until completion of a bachelor degree = 3 years
4. Total credits for a bachelor degree = 360 Credits minimum, but many degrees exceed this minimum depending on professional and industry requirements.

Conversion of NQF to ECTS

Native Credit Point ECTS
 3 NQF Credits = 1 ECTS

Further Comments:

The above conversion is used by the institution for incoming students, but we are aware that the universities in Europe vary greatly in how they allocate ECTS credits to learning hours. It is important to note that in the Namibian National Qualifications Framework one NQF credit is always equal to ten notional hours of learning.

Incoming Exchange Students

NUST Nomination and Application Dates

Semester 1 (February - June)

Nomination Period	Submission of Student Passports	NUST Applications and Enquiries Open	NUST Application Deadline
01 – 22 September	25 September	01 September	15 November

Semester 2 (July - November)

Nomination Period	Submission of Student Passports	NUST Applications and Enquiries Open	NUST Application Deadline
01 – 22 April	25 April	01 April	15 June



Submission of NUST Application Forms

Applications can be forwarded to the International Office by email to speed up the application process **[MS Word and PDF format only]**. Alternatively, documents may be sent by courier or priority mail.

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Please note that relatives and friends of students may courier packages and letters using the NUST Physical address.

Language of teaching and learning:

The medium of instruction at NUST is English. The University recommends exchange students to have at least a B2 level of English.



**Practical Information**

Visa and Permits	<p>All non-Namibians are required by law to satisfy the immigration passport requirements before entering the country such as; a valid visa and or permit in a valid passport.</p> <p>The passport must be valid for a minimum of six (6) months prior to expiry from the date of entry in Namibia.</p> <p>Passport holders from countries with visa-free or visa on arrival agreement qualify for a business visa to be issued at the port of entry. Information on countries with visa-free or visa on arrival agreement to Namibia can be found online at www.namibiaembassy.be/visa_business.html</p> <p>Visa applications must reach the International Relations Department (IR) six (6) weeks before arrival or must be submitted to the nearest Namibian Embassy. Permit applications must reach IR six (6) months before arrival.</p>
Health cover	All international students are required to have full coverage of eventual risks during their stay in Namibia.
Housing	The University has very limited on-campus accommodation. The Department of International Relations can be contacted at inr@nust.na to request for a list of self-catering accommodation establishments close to the University
Cost of living	Students should plan the following monthly expenses (approximate) for individual living costs:

Housing	Estimated cost per month
Rent	N\$ 4500 - N\$6000 per month
Food	N\$ 1000 - N\$2000 per month
Public Transport	N\$ 650 - N\$ 800 per month
Other expenses	N\$ 800 per month



Policy Statement

Students with disabilities

NUST supports the rights of people with disabilities involved in tertiary education including students, academics, staff and lecturers. NUST recognises that disability whether permanent, recurring or transitory and whether sensory, physical, cognitive or psychological does not constitute a disability in itself and that people with disabilities only become impaired when education, work, leisure and other opportunities are denied to them on the basis of their disability.

Accordingly, the criteria used by NUST to assess and admit students (based on academic ability and suitability for course/degree) shall apply equally to students with disabilities.

Support systems provided by NUST to enhance the academic and social lives of students with disabilities will be limited only by the available financial and human resources. NUST anticipates that there may be particular cases where the student expects to provide his/her own support systems.

Welcome and Integration Activities

The Department in collaboration with the Department of Student Services and the Student Representative Council organizes welcoming functions for all international students at the beginning of each semester. This is in addition to the University's Orientation programme. The event provides an opportunity for the Department to welcome international students and facilitates that they meet national students to form friendships during their stay in Namibia with the view to ensure a positive learning and staying experience .





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