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PARTNER INFORMATION SHEET, INTERNATIONAL OFFICE 2019.

General information	
Full legal name local language:	Rhodes University
Full legal name in English:	Rhodes University
Erasmus code (if applicable):	
International website:	http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/
Institution's website:	www.ru.ac.za
General email address International Office:	internationaloffice@ru.ac.za
General telephone number International Office:	+27 (0)46 603 8225/8217
Postal address International Office:	The International Office Rhodes University P.O. Box 94 Grahamstown 6140 South Africa
Visiting/courier address International Office:	The International Office Eden Grove Building Rhodes University Grahamstown 6140 South Africa
Director International Office:	Ms Orla Quinlan
Contact person for exchange agreements:	Mrs Debby Wolhuter and Mr Dinga Booi, copied Ms Orla Quinlan
Email for exchange agreements:	studyabroad@ru.ac.za
Telephone for exchange agreements:	+27 (0)46 603 8217
Incoming exchange students	
Contact person(s) responsible for incoming exchange students:	Mrs Debby Wolhuter and Mr Simamkele Gayika
Email:	studyabroad@ru.ac.za
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Website with information for exchange students:	http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/
Website with available courses for exchange students:	http://www.ru.ac.za/rhodes/academic/departments/
List of the requested application documents or link to the website with the application procedure:	http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours/incoming/applicationprocess/
Deadlines for exchange application:	1 st semester (Feb-June 2019): 30 October 2020 2 nd semester (July-Nov 2019): 15 March 2020
Semester dates (including exam sessions):	2020: SEMESTER 1: 10 FEBRUARY – 19 JUNE Mid semester vacation: 28 th March -13 th April 2020 SEMESTER 2: 13 JULY – 20 NOVEMBER Mid semester vacation: 22 nd – 30 th August 2020
Dates orientation day/week:	An Orientation programme is offered prior to the start of each semester for all incoming International Exchange/Study Abroad students. First semester orientation: Sunday 2 nd – 6 th Thurs Second semester orientation: 8 th -12 th July The programme for 2019 will run from 2 nd -6 th FEBRUARY and 8-12 JULY (Programme dates vary each year). All incoming exchange students are expected to attend the Orientation programme, unless exceptional circumstances prevent them from attending same.
Credit conversion rates	While we do not generally use ECTS credits or American Credits at Rhodes university, courses undertaken for the purposes of exchange programmes and study abroad are weighted 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 applicants at undergraduate and postgraduate level, must have attained a certain level of proficiency in English and are required to submit evidence of this , as part of their application to study, as outlined below:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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). <p>In exceptional circumstances, the above requirement is waived if an applicant can produce a confirmation letter from the English department in their home institution, that they are proficient in written and spoken English.</p>
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 is available. Students may do an Introductory course to isiXhosa, the prevalent local language in Eastern Cape, in 1 st semester for 7.5 ECTS or 4 American credits. Students proficient in Dutch may do first year level Afrikaans for 7.5 ECTS.
Tuition, Accommodation and International Surcharge Costs:	<p>Tuition (only for Study Abroad, paying students): R22 845.00 Accommodation: R31,601.50 International Surcharge: R14 370.00 Orientation fee: R600 per/person per day</p> <p>South Africa uses Rands (ZAR). The conversion rate fluctuates regularly. A safe conversion rate is R17, 05 to 1, 01 Euro and R15, 71 to \$1, 10 (USD). All Study Abroad/Exchange students are housed in Rhodes University Residences which include 3 meals a day.</p> <p>Please also take note that the above rates apply per Semester. (These are 2019 fees, fees are subject to a +/- 10% increase in the year 2020)</p>
Health insurance/ Medical aid:	<p>International students are required to have applied for and obtained membership with an approved registered South African Medical scheme as a condition of getting a study visa. The membership must be valid for the full duration of the student's stay in South Africa.</p> <p>Proof of a South African Medical Aid membership while in South Africa, is required for registration purposes at Rhodes University.</p> <p>Please note that in terms of Government Immigration Regulations, it is mandatory to take a South African based scheme, as per the South African Medical Aid Act. NO INTERNATIONAL SCHEMES are acceptable.</p> <p>In order to get a South African medical aid scheme, please contact the ACA Sanlam Consultants. They will be able to guide you through the application process and ensure that you are adequately covered by the time you submit your visa application. The ACA Sanlam consultant assigned to Rhodes for 2020 is Mr Brandon de Jager His email address is Brandon.deJager@sanlam.co.za.</p>
Approximate costs (Miscellaneous):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Materials: R200 p/month (€ 11,90 or \$14.01) • Food and Drink: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -During term time: R1000 p/month (€ 59.48 or \$70.01) - For mid-semester break: R2000 p/week (€ 118,96 or \$140.03) • Transport: <i>Only necessary for vacations or personal outings</i>, estimated R3000 for 1 semester (€ 178.43 or \$210.04)
Facilities for students with special needs:	<i>Please consult with the International Office regarding specific special needs</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:	<p>University Calendars (with course content): http://www.ru.ac.za/rhodes/diaryanddates/ Information on Medical Aid: http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/internationalisation/programmes/exchangestudyabroadatrhodes/medicalaid/ Information on Visas: http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/about/programmesservices/ Life at Rhodes: http://www.ru.ac.za/international/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours/incoming/lifeatrhodes/ Admissions Gateway: http://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway/ Life in Residence:</p>



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	<p>http://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway/campuslife/residences/#d.en.70972</p> <p>List of Departments (with course content and contact details): http://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway/departmentsandfaculties/listofdepartments/</p> <p>Facts and Figures: http://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway/whyrhodes/factsandfigures/</p> <p>Information for Exchange students: http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours/incoming/lifeatrhodes/</p>
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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 every successful application to come to Rhodes on exchange or as a study abroad student.
Contact person(s) responsible for housing:	Debby Wolhuter and Simamkele Gayika
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Visa	
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Website with information about the visa procedure:	http://www.ru.ac.za/internationalisation/about/programmesservices/