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UFS Global Citizenship Development Programme(2026)

University of Eswatini & Mozambique

The selection Process

Students will be selected on the basis of strict criteria focused on their commitment to learning, academic record, leadership abilities, and student life participation.

The programme is three-fold:

- the selection and preparatory phase,
- the abroad phase and,
- the return-learning phase

The Criteria

To be considered, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Student Registration

- Must be a currently registered UFS student (Bloemfontein, QwaQwa, and South Campus) for the 2026 academic year.
- Must have completed at least three consecutive semesters of study at UFS at the time of application.

2. Academic Performance

- Must have a good academic record (minimum average of 60% is recommended).
- Must provide an official academic transcript as proof of performance.

3. Student Conduct

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- May have no history of repeat-disciplinary action
- Must not have unresolved matters with the Student Discipline and Mediation Unit (SDMU).

4. Citizenship & Travel Requirements

- Must possess a valid passport (with at least 6 months' validity from the date of departure).
- Must be eligible and available to travel for the duration of the programme

5. Leadership and Campus Involvement

- Must demonstrate strong leadership qualities, community engagement, or active involvement in student life activities.
- Must be willing to participate in all phases of the program:
 - Pre-departure preparation and training
 - Study visit abroad
 - Return-learning and student engagement phase

6. Personal Motivation

- Must submit a motivational letter (500–700 words) that clearly outlines:
 - Their motivation for applying
 - What they hope to learn
 - How they intend to contribute to UFS upon return

7. References

- Must provide two reference letters:
 - One from an academic staff member
 - One from a student affairs or student organisation advisor (e.g., SRC, residence head, society chair)

8. Preferred Attributes

While not mandatory, preference may be given to students who:

- Have participated in volunteering, mentoring, or community outreach initiatives.
- Have held leadership positions within student organisations or societies.
- Demonstrate a keen interest in African development, internationalisation, or intercultural learning

9. Programme Eligibility and Participation Limitations

- Only undergraduate students registered at the University of the Free State will be considered for this programme.

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- Students who have previously participated in this programme, or any other overseas / international opportunity offered by the University of the Free State, are not eligible to apply

10. Submission Requirements

A complete application must include:

- Completed application form (online)
- Academic transcript
- Motivational letter
- Valid passport copy
- Two reference letters

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