Exchange Scheme with Rhodes University

Where is Rhodes? — Founded in 1904 — Rhodes University is one of the top ten universities in South Africa with a student population of over 7,000. Located in Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, Rhodes is also one of the oldest universities in the country.

Who can go?

● One place will be made available to York Arts and Humanities undergraduate students in 2017/18.
● This will replace your 2nd year of study at York (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme) for integrated programmes. Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
● Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/

Courses

● Students will be expected to take a minimum of 32 credits during their year at Rhodes (i.e. 16 credits per semester). All 32 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits. http://www.ru.ac.za/international/students/exchangeandstudyabroad/undergraduateincludinghonours incomingsubjects/
● This exchange is not available for Education and Pharmacy students.
● Students are expected to take the majority of their classes in their school; no departmental restrictions.
● If a student wishes to take extra courses in other non-degree related subjects, they should limit this to an additional 3 credits per semester.
● The course catalogue serves as a general guide to the courses available. However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. You should check the Rhodes scheduling for a directory of courses available in the following academic year
● The course catalogue can be accessed via http://www.ru.ac.za/academic/departments/

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

● Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
● Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) Tuitions Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to Rhodes and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
2) Visa: Exchange visa costs approximately £35.
3) Medical insurance: International students are required to have applied for and obtained membership with an approved registered South African Medical scheme before applying for their study visa. For assistance relating to appropriate medical cover, students should contact the appointed ABSA Health Care Consultants via email on absahealthcare@absa.co.za.
Proof of a South African Medical Aid membership while in South Africa, is required for registration purposes at Rhodes University.
Please note that all international students must have their South African medical aid cover facilitated via ABSA Health Care Consultants.

4) **Additional costs to consider**: the York student on the Rhodes exchange will pay for a standard room with a meal plan here at York and their accommodation and meals on exchange will be paid by the student outgoing from Rhodes to York. Other costs to consider will be flights, travel insurance, additional meals, books and visas.

**Visa & Study/Exchange Permit**

- All international students must obtain a valid exchange permit (for students under 25). This can be obtained by submitting an application along with supporting documentation and a £35 (approx.) administration fee to the South African High Commission, Home Affairs Consular Section, 15 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2DD.
- For more information, visit [http://southafricahouseuk.com/visas/vis_studyprmt.html](http://southafricahouseuk.com/visas/vis_studyprmt.html)

**Where will I live?**

- Large numbers of undergraduates live on campus; there are twelve Halls of Residence, each including three or four houses of between 50 to 120 students, grouped around a central dining hall. All exchange students are required to stay in campus accommodation, you will be allocated to one of the various residences.
- For more information, visit [https://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway/campuslife/hallsofresidence/](https://www.ru.ac.za/admissiongateway/campuslife/hallsofresidence/)

**Contact details at Rhodes** — Your principal source of general advice at Rhodes will be Programme Coordinator - Miss Tlamelo M Mothudi. Address: The International Office, Rhodes University, P.O. Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140, South Africa. Email t.mothudi@ru.ac.za

**Useful web links:**

Main Rhodes University site: [http://www.ru.ac.za/](http://www.ru.ac.za/)

International Students page: [http://www.ru.ac.za/international/students/](http://www.ru.ac.za/international/students/)


Visa application: [http://www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/immigration/](http://www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/immigration/)

[http://www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/documentsresources/](http://www.ru.ac.za/international/resources/documentsresources/)

Third Year Abroad: [http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/](http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/)


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