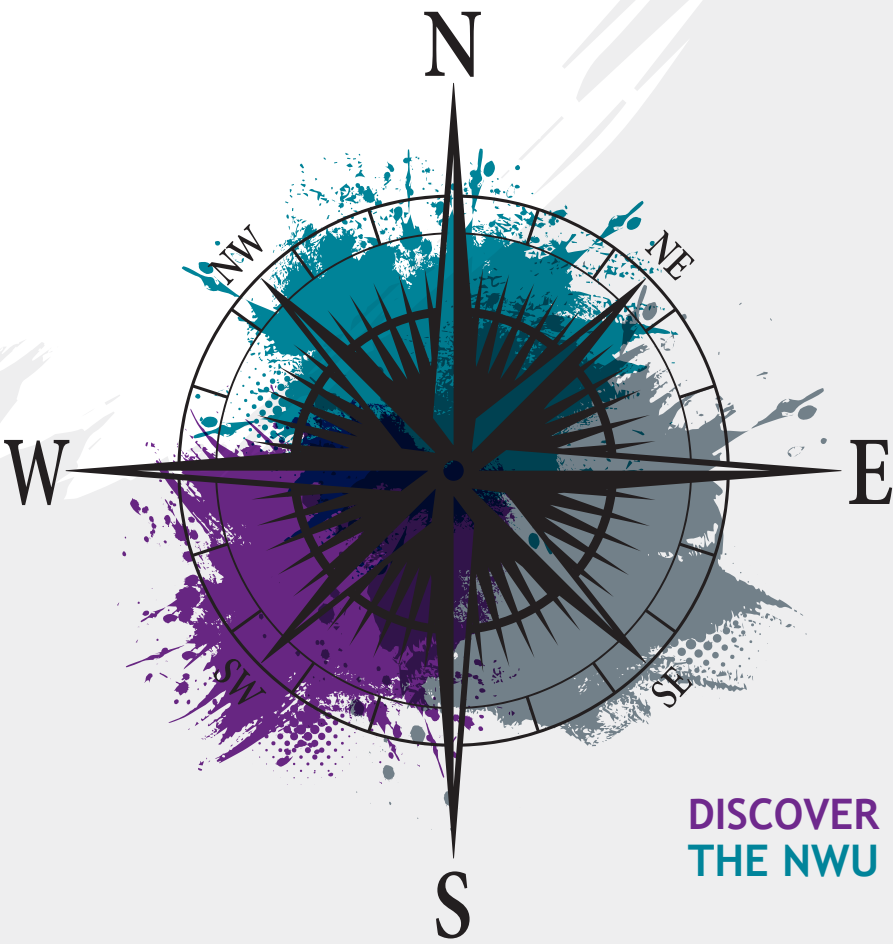


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DISCOVER
THE NWU

This image symbolises our invitation to discover the NWU. It also symbolises movement, adventure and growth, and points you in the right direction to ultimately reach your destination.

4th highest number of students enrolled

In 2021 the NWU was the fourth-largest university in South Africa based on the total headcount. Of the 53 469 students enrolled here in 2021, a total of 9 830 were distance students.

University of South Africa (only distance students)	363 020
Tshwane University of Technology	58 369
University of Pretoria	53 912
North-West University	53 469
University of Johannesburg	50 669

3rd highest number of graduates

For the total number of degrees and diplomas awarded in 2021, namely 14 484, the NWU rated third in the sector.

University of South Africa	54 677
Tshwane University of Technology	16 179
North-West University	14 484
University of Pretoria	13 592
University of Johannesburg	12 998

Student statistics as at 3 April 2023*

Total student enrolments	2021	2022*	2023*
First-time entering undergraduates	9 708	12 618	13 294
Undergraduate diplomas	7 664	6 924	6 208
Undergraduate degrees	38 247	40 234	41 824
Total undergraduate	45 911	47 158	48 032
Postgraduate diplomas	857	983	972
Honours	2 109	1 856	1 898
Master's	2 803	2 803	2 154
Doctors	1 535	1 540	924
Total postgraduate	7 304	7 182	5 948
Occasional students	253	215	227
TOTAL ENROLMENT	53 469	54 555	54 207

*2022 and 2023 figures are not final

Qualifications awarded by major field of study in 2022*

Science, engineering and technology	2 669
Business/management	3 344
Education	4 762
Other humanities	2 962

*2022 figures are not final

Permanent staff as at 3 April 2023*

Permanent, professional and non-professional	2021	2022*	2023*
Instruction/research professionals	1 648	1 672	1 580
Executive/management professionals	85	91	89
Support professionals	510	512	472
Total professional staff	2 243	2 275	2 141
Technical staff	246	253	238
Non-professional administrative staff	1 321	1 375	1 250
Crafts/trades staff	26	25	22
Service staff	304	302	287
Total non-professional staff	1 897	1 955	1 797
TOTAL PERMANENT STAFF	4 140	4 230	3 934

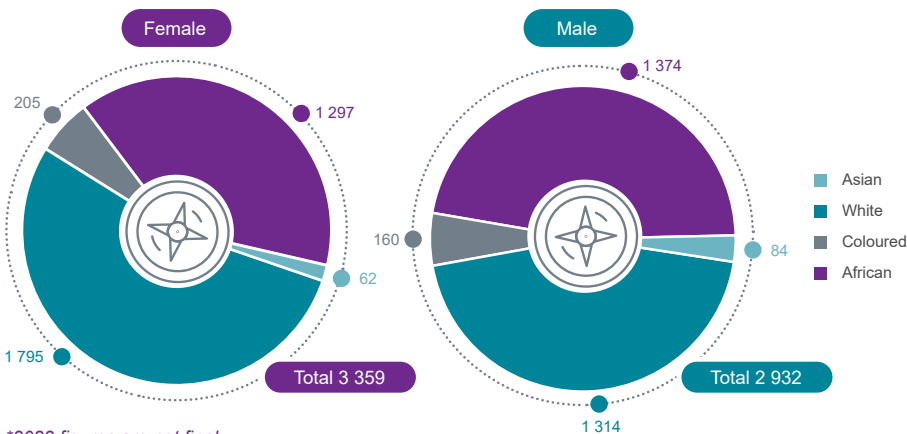
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University profitability and growth

	2020	2021	2022
Recurrent income	5 088,8	5 234,9	5 743,9
Recurrent expenditure	3 981,1	3 952,7	4 471,7
Net recurrent surplus	1 107,7	1 282,2	1 272,2

*Draft consolidated amounts (audit in progress at the time of writing.)

Racial and gender composition of NWU staff as at 3 April 2023*



Strategy statement

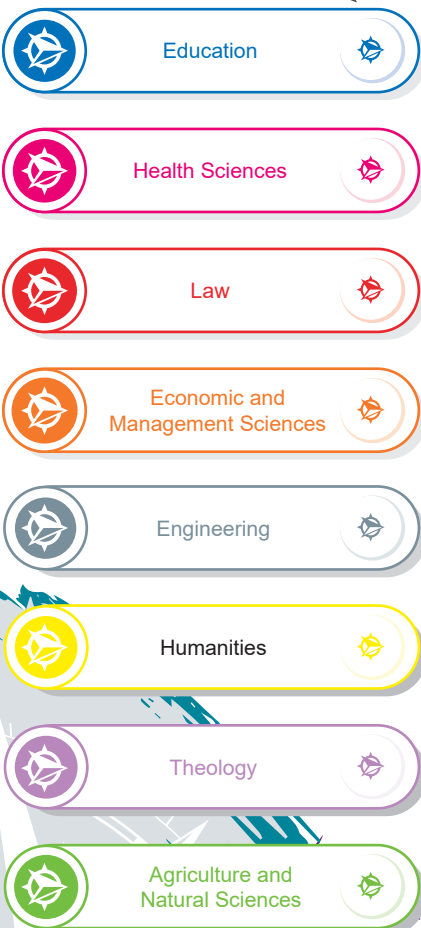
To transform and position the NWU as a unitary institution of superior academic excellence, with a commitment to social justice.

Our dream

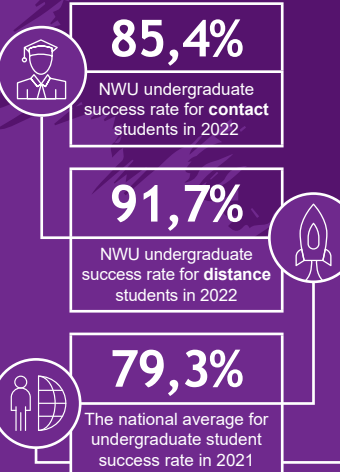
To be an internationally recognised university in Africa, distinguished for engaged scholarship, social responsiveness and an ethic of care.

The NWU has eight faculties:

Click here for more information on faculties.



This is how our **success rates** compare to other South African higher education institutions:



This is how our **graduation rates** (for undergraduate students) compare to other South African higher education institutions:

23%

NWU graduation rate for students in 2022
(The national average for 2021 was 21,8%.)

Dr Bismark Tyobeka

Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Chief executive and accounting officer, responsible to the NWU Council

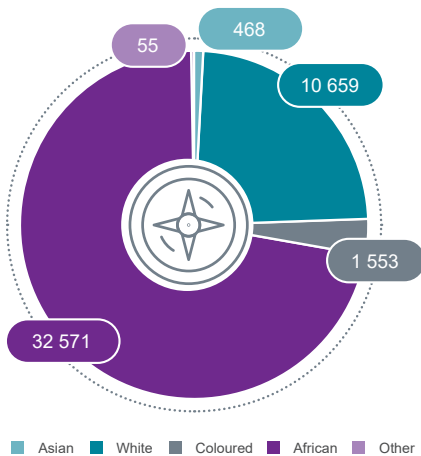


By qualification type: Contact

First-time entering undergraduates	8 976	11 620	11 786
Undergraduate diplomas	1 651	1 803	1 852
Undergraduate degrees	35 276	36 978	38 261
Total undergraduate	36 927	38 781	40 113
Postgraduate diplomas	428	403	360
Honours	1 733	1 570	1 565
Master's	2 801	2 803	2 154
Doctors	1 520	1 532	924
Total postgraduates	6 482	6 308	5 003
Occasional students	229	183	190
TOTAL ENROLMENT	43 638	45 272	45 306

*2022 and 2023 figures are not final

Racial composition of contact students as at 3 April 2023*



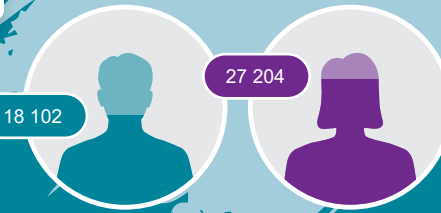
Qualifications awarded in 2022*

Undergraduate diplomas	2 753
Undergraduate degrees	8 053
Total undergraduate	10 806
Postgraduate diplomas	615
Honours	1 407
Master's	695
Doctors	213
Total postgraduate	2 930
TOTAL	13 736

*2022 figures are not final

Gender composition of contact students as at 3 April 2023*

*2023 figures are not final



Research scoreboard

Research output	2018	2019	*2020	*2021
Journal articles	1 173,05	1 233,18	1 264,2	1 395,67
Conference proceedings	133,38	118,75	38,84	79,45
Books and chapters	131,85	189,22	233,43	250,98
Total article equivalents published	1 438,28	1 541,15	1 536,59	1 726,10
Master's degrees conferred	753	798	722	698
Research master's degrees	526,66	574,87	521,84	509,98
Doctoral degrees conferred	248	314	251	264
Doctoral degrees weighted	744	942	753	792
NRF-rated researchers	232	248	263	280
Postdoctoral fellows	215	231	215	212

*Please note that the research figures lag two years behind, and that the 2021 figures are not final.

NWU in top 4,5% of global universities

The Center for World University Rankings placed the NWU in the top 4,5% of universities in their 2022/2023 edition of the Global 2000 list.



279% growth

Total weighted research output units increased from 798 in 2004 to 3 028,08 in 2021



283% growth

NRF-rated researchers 2004 → 2021
73 → 280



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