

Students rank NWU among the best of the best

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Students rank the North-West University (NWU) among the cream of the crop of South African universities when it comes to student experience and remote learning. This is according to the newly released StuDocu World University Ranking 2021.

The NWU received an impressively high remote-learning score of 9 out of 10 and ranked fourth overall in the country. The ranking survey asked current students and recent graduates to rank their universities on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being the lowest and 10 being the highest. This indicates the quality of NWU students' perceived experience during remote operations during the pandemic.

The StuDocu World University Ranking is different from other rankings. Although it looks at academic reputation, it also includes campus life and factors that are specifically important in the student experience. It is the first time that South African universities have been included in the ranking.

This ranking takes into account the experiences of more than 45,000 students from 1,800 universities across 30 countries. The NWU was ranked 34th in the EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa) region.

The ranking survey asked students to evaluate the universities in terms of 15 categories. These included elements like food, quality of life, the dating scene, studying remotely, safety, sports, culture, quality of courses, (on-campus) housing, location, facilities and common areas, academic reputation and job opportunities, fraternities, social clubs and students' associations, accessibility for disabled students, financial aid, and diversity.

Prof. Dan Kgwadi, vice-chancellor and principal of the NWU, says it is encouraging to see that the NWU's valued student stakeholder group views the university in such a positive light.

"We see this as an affirmation of the quality education and vibrant student life that the NWU has always been known for and what we continuously work towards enhancing and improving. We can see the results of the implementation of our strategy and ethic of care, into which our staff in both the academic and support areas have invested their time and expertise. We hope that the national vaccination programme will enable us to open our campuses fully for contact activities and classes in 2022."

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