



UNAM
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WINDHOEK MAIN CAMPUS
Student Life



INTRODUCTION

The Windhoek Main Campus, as central hub of the university, is unrivaled in size in comparison to the other campuses of the institution. Being the largest, it offers students a rich life and wider access to academic programmes. Students can look to a broader scope of things. Despite its size, the Main Campus has a warm and fun loving community, where most people generally know each other.

LIVING *on Campus*

Situated in the southern upmarket suburb of Pioneers Park, Windhoek, the Main Campus boasts desirable student housing facilities, all within walking distance from lecture venues and campus administration. Rooms have free Wi-Fi and each living unit is headed by a student representative, called a Housing Committee Member. He or she serves as the immediate contact person for queries and emergencies. A matron is available for additional support on campus, as well as a professional counsellor during working hours.

There are three distinct student residences:

Old Hostel

This Hostel caters for just over 400 students, and has a number of single rooms and a few double rooms, mainly for freshmen. Senior students enjoy priority when it comes to single rooms. The Old Hostel is located near the dining hall, south of the Campus and units are fitted with central cooking areas and washing lines. The Old Hostel also has recreational areas where students can play pool.

New Hostel

Located on the northern side of the Campus, the New Hostel caters for just over 700 students. The Hostel is located close to a student cafeteria that offers a variety of meals for sale, flanked by tennis, netball and basketball courts. It is certainly the more vibrant side of the Campus. Bedroom types are single and double or quadruple, typically with a shared leisure lounge for watching television, playing games and unwinding.

Emona Residences

Situated right behind the New Hostel, Emona residence is the newest acquisition to the University's housing facilities. Catering for just over a thousand students, the residence is equipped with modern, open-plan dining areas with self-catering kitchens. Rooms are all double bunk beds, and payment terms differ slightly from the other two residences, since Emona is a public private partnership initiative. However, strict terms are enforced by the University to ensure that all students have a similar experience.

CAMPUS *Activities*

Cultural Festival

Taking place in August/September every year, the UNAM Cultural Festival is an event not to be missed! It is one of the biggest annual socio-cultural events in the country and students can look forward to participating in various different activities, at one of the UNAM campuses. Main highlights include cultural activities, music shows by prominent artists, religious activities and beauty pageants.

Faculty Cups

Each year, sports enthusiasts look forward to football, netball and basketball competitions between various faculties. The date is normally determined by the sports office and varies from year to year. Campuses with smaller numbers, like Khomasdal, often take trips to other campuses to compete.

Tours

Each year, student societies arrange trips around the country and even outside. This happens normally during Spring, Easter and semester breaks. Chief among them is the UNAM Accounting Society's (UNAS) trip to various exotic locations like Sun City and Victoria Falls. These trips, normally also include visits to schools for philanthropic purposes. The UNAM Debating Society (UDEBSO) is another much sought after society. They travel all over the world to participate in debating competitions. Locations like South Africa, Kenya, Botswana, Philippines, Zimbabwe, and Nigeria are commonplace if you join this society.

Campus Sports and Fitness

The Main Campus is home to a dynamic community of students that often compete in soccer, rugby and netball. The Campus also has a newly built gym and fitness centre. Students regularly compete against teams from rival UNAM campuses at different tournaments throughout the year and the UNAM football league, more popularly known as the 'Home League'.

Meals on Campus

Students who reside on campus receive a mandatory breakfast. It is up to the student to decide whether to purchase lunch and dinner from the campus Dining Hall, or to take a short 15 minutes trip to town for a meal of choice. The campus happens to be close to neighbourhood supermarkets from which groceries are available.

Student Council and Recreation

All UNAM campuses offer students representation via the Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC, through their cultural representative, coordinate activities of all student societies and clubs. Prominent among them are: Accounting Society, Debate Society, Spanish Society, Entrepreneurship Society and various others. New societies are formed every year, and all benefit equally in terms of funding.





LEARNING RESOURCES *and Facilities*

The Campus boasts some state-of-the-art lecture rooms with the latest audio-visual technology, computer labs and a library. Academic programme offering on campus are spread across 6 Faculties. Law, Humanities & Social Sciences, Education, Economic & Management Sciences, Agriculture & Natural Resources and Science. The campus also has a student hub and a 24 hour study facility.

Library

The Campus Library has computer workstations for student use and subscribes to a number of online databases. Off-Campus access to those databases is also available through the UNAM website. In addition

to Short-Loan Provisions, Special and Digital Collections, the University Libraries house a volume of over 180 000 books located on Open Shelf Collection (obtainable from other Libraries through the Inter-Library Loan service) and nearly 300 print journal titles.

Other service provisions from the Campus Library include: Subject Information Services, Audio-Visual Materials, Electronic Copies of theses and dissertations produced by UNAM Postgraduate students, Newspaper Subscriptions, Photocopying & Printing as well as Wireless Internet. Library staff are always available to assist in finding materials or using appropriate reference tools to answer students questions.

At the beginning of the year, students can load a photocopying & printing quota through the Finance Office. The photocopying & printing quota may, through the same Office, be replenished during the course of the year until a specific date as communicated in the University calendar.

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ABOUT *Windhoek City*

Windhoek is the Capital City of Namibia, situated in the heart of the country. It is a very cosmopolitan city and has about 400 000 inhabitants. The city has several Shopping Malls, with three of them comparable to the best in Southern Africa. The Grove Mall is the latest addition with some of the most upmarket shops.

Students can enjoy from shopping through to cinema in 3D at these malls.

Leisure activities around Windhoek include: clubbing, go-karting, dining in the best of restaurants, premier league sport action, etc.



FINDING Your Way

The main campus is relatively big compared to the other campuses of the institution. Most of the buildings are very similar. Peruse the map below to find your way around. However, it should not take you long to be familiar with all venues and routes. Plus, getting lost is the fun part!





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