

## SOUTH AFRICA

### THE HOST UNIVERSITY

In recent years, the universities in South Africa have been undergoing major transition as a result of institutional mergers. The CSU International Programs is affiliated with **The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University**, which resulted from the merger of **The University of Port Elizabeth** and the **Port Elizabeth Technikon**.

**The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU)** in Port Elizabeth is a comprehensive university and students will find course offerings in a vast array of subjects. Students should note that NMMU is nationally renowned for its work in marine ecology and environmental management. It is also well regarded for its interdisciplinary studies in humanities and social sciences, addressing such issues as development, conflict management and South African politics and political economy.

### WORLD WIDE WEB

The **Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University**, Port Elizabeth: [www.nmmu.ac.za](http://www.nmmu.ac.za)

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Students follow the southern hemisphere academic calendar. Roughly, the first semester begins in February and ends in July, and the second semester begins in July and ends in November.

In South Africa, students will concentrate their studies in one field (occasionally two), studying within their major. IP Participants should plan to take courses within a particular department in order to integrate into the academic life of the university. Based on their academic preparation students will be allowed to enroll in courses at an appropriate level.

To help students gain a greater understanding of the South African culture, IP students in Port Elizabeth will take Xhosa language classes.

All academic programs are open to IP students, as long as they meet all course prerequisites.

No graduate studies available at NMMU.

**Nelson-Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU)** - Follow the link from the IP website to the NMMU homepage. Put your cursor over "Courses" in the left hand margin. Click on "Qualifications on Offer." Scroll down and click on "Course Information for all faculties." You will find course titles and descriptions ("qualifications on offer") there.

### ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

Students will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to South Africa. NMMU may offer an airport pick-up service. If so, they will communicate this to students in their admissions paperwork.

All IP students must attend the orientation program for newly arriving international students NMMU. The orientation program is designed to help students become familiar with the academic programs and resources available to them on campus, as well as and to learn more about the local community. This orientation will be organized and provided by the staff at NMMU.

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

There is no CSU Resident Director or CSU staff in South Africa. IP students will be advised and assisted by the international programs staff at NMMU. The international office at NMMU is well-equipped to help new international students.

Port Elizabeth has more sunshine than any other coastal town in South Africa. Temperatures are moderate all year round. Port Elizabeth can be windy! Monthly mean temperatures vary from 23°C (73°F) to 13°C (55°F) between summer and winter. There is no central heating, so bring warm clothing for winter.

The currency in South Africa is the Rand. In August 2010, US\$1.00 was equivalent to 7.32 South African Rand.

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

### **HOUSING**

Students at the **Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University** in Port Elizabeth will live off campus. Off campus housing is situated in suburbs surrounding the campus. Housing is included in the IP Pre-Paid Program Costs and students must accept housing placements made by NMMU.

### **CALENDAR (*APPROXIMATE DATES*)**

Application deadline	May 1
Notification of Acceptance	Mid August
Program Start	Early February
Program End	Early December