

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE ACCESS



- **Establishment.** The **Department of Science Access** was established in 2005.
- Location. It is housed in the Faculty of Science & Agriculture.
- ► Purpose. It provides an alternative entry into alternative entry into science degrees for students who do not meet the normal admission requirements of the Faculty of Science & Agriculture.
- Access. It widens access and improves success through two Extended Curriculum Programmes: Foundation Programme and Augmented Programme.

Matriculation

- At this point, the prospective admission candidates are afforded entry in the Department of Science Access on the basis of matric results that do not meet the normal entry requirements of the Faculty of Science and Agriculture.
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 BSc Foundation Programme
- This is for students who are interested in a science degree but do not meet the normal entry requirements. They register for science and English modules, which aim to bridge the gap and ease the transition from school to university.
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 BSc Augmented Programme
- This is for students who are interested in a science degree but whose matric results are slightly below the normal requirements of the Faculty of Science and Agriculture. They are admitted into first year Bachelor of Science, but take fewer courses with extra academic support.
- Faculty of Science & Agriculture
 Areas of Study
 - Upon successful completion of the Foundation or Augmented Programmes, students can pursue their studies in the following departments in the faculty:

 Department of Agriculture Department of Geography & Environmental Studies

 Department of Biochemistry & Microbiology Department of Human Movement Science

 Department of Botany Department of Hydrology

 Department of Chemistry Department of Mathematical Sciences
 - Department of Computer Science Department of Physics & Engineering
 - Department of Consumer Science

 Department of Zoology

Careers

- Agricultural scientist, Biology researcher, Physicist, Statistician, Botanist, Conservationist, Data analyst, Data scientist, Earth scientist, Ecologist, Entomologist, Chemist, Marine biologist, Microbiologist, Zoologist, Geophysicist, Hydrologist, Environmental scientist, etc.
- ➤ Success. Many students who went through the Science Access Department have passed their undergraduate degrees within the minimum time, and many are enrolled for postgraduate degrees in the Faculty of Science & Agriculture and in other institutions.
- Graduates' comments. The following is a small sample of comments from the students who went through the Science Access Programmes:

I am where I am because of Unizulu Science Access. Now I am working for Corteva, an international company, which is the umbrella of Pioneer, Pannar and Dupont. I hope Science Access students do not lose hope and faith! There's life after Unizulu!



Thabani: BSc Agriculture (UZ)
MSc Stellenbosch University

Augmented, and am proud to be part of the celebrations this year as I do my Honours in Microbiology!



Felicia: BSc Biochemistry and Microbiology (UZ), Honours (UZ) (On going)

I started my studies in the Foundation Programme and I am proud to be completing Masters in Botany.

Sinethemba: BSc Botany (UZ)
MSc in Botany (UZ) (On going)

I graduated in 2014. I am proud to have come through Science Access! The lecturers motivated us to do our best all the time! Today I am an educator, thanks to Science Access!



Nokuphila: BSc Biochemistry and Microbiology (UZ)

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TEACHING & LEARNING ACTIVITIES









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