**Freemover application timeline for 2015 semester 1: January to June registration**

Freemover processing overview

-It is recommended that students apply for university housing with Grant Leukes [interhouse@sun.ac.za](mailto:interhouse@sun.ac.za) even before confirmation of admission to a study abroad semester at Stellenbosch University. Visit our website for more information: <http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/about/accommodation-in-stellenbosch.html>

-Course applications are processed and mainstream course applications are sent to the relevant academic departments for admission consideration

-the PGIO provides feedback to Freemover applicants and may request possible outstanding documentation and information (\*note, a student may be requested to supply a course description of courses completed in the field in which they are applying for courses at Stellenbosch University)

-the PGIO provides students with their course approval status in order to provide an overview of approved or rejected course applications. Students have opportunity to apply for alternative courses. Students are requested to work out their personal timetables for the semester ahead.

**15 September 2014** - Freemover application deadline for the first semester of 2015

**15 September 2014** - **15 November 2014 (Overview)** – Freemover applications are processed by the Postgraduate & International Office (PGIO)

**15 October 2014** - deadline for the additional application required for Learning for Sustainable Community Engagement course (LSCE). All students who apply for this course need to send a course application (additional to the semester application) to Ms Georgina Humphreys at the Postgraduate & International Office (gina@sun.ac.za). Please download the information sheet for LSCE applications, and the LSCE application form at the following weblink: <http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking--short-term-students-1/i-want-to-enrol-at-su-1/freemovers/course-information-general-1.html>

**15 October 2014** – last day for students to apply for alternative courses

**15 November 2014** - students can expect to receive their Freemover admission confirmation by latest **15 November 2014**.

After receiving the official admission confirmation as a Freemover student to Stellenbosch University, it is the student’s responsibility to book a flight ticket to South Africa, apply for a study visa for South Africa, find and confirm accommodation in Stellenbosch. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain approval for Stellenbosch University semester courses from the home university. A student is requested to find out the list of needed documents for the study permit (visa) application well in advance, and to have these documents ready prepared by the date of admission provision, by latest 15 May 2015. Documents needed for the visa application may include, proof of health insurance valid in South Africa for the full duration of stay, proof of police clearance in all countries resided in, proof of health condition, including X rays – students are requested to make their Doctor’s appointments well in advance! The visa application to South Africa needs to be handed in 3 to 4 working days as of the date at which the admission letter is provided. Therefore, a student needs to have all documentation ready for submission at the nearest South African embassy well in advance.

**20 November 2014** - deadline for the submission of the compulsory proof of medical insurance document. This document must be an official document from the health insurance provider which confirms the beginning and end dates of insurance validity, specification that the medical insurance is valid within South Africa or worldwide and details of membership (independent member or dependent on parents/guardian), stating the health insurance holder’s full name.

**Remainder of December and beginning of January**. Students should book their free online airport pick up online, <http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking--short-term-students-1/i-have-applied-i-have-been-accepted-1/arrival---airport-transfer-1.html> and students are also requested to sign up for orientation when that link is available at <http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking--short-term-students-1/i-have-applied-i-have-been-accepted-1/welcome-and-orientation-schedules-2.html>

Students are encouraged to sign up for a “Matie Buddy”, i.e. someone who is either currently studying as a full degree seeking student or someone who has studied as a semester abroad student in the past. The aim is to establish a kind of ‘pen pal’ platform at which the student can get information on living in Stellenbosch prior to arriving for the semester of study abroad. Students can sign up at the below link, once admitted for the semester:

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking--short-term-students-1/i-have-applied-i-have-been-accepted-1/get-a-matie-buddy-1.html>

Upon arrival at Stellenbosch University, students are required to hand in the following documents at the Postgraduate & International Office Welcome Centre: a copy of the passport with which they have travelled to South Africa, a copy of the Study Permit (visa) which must indicate the validation stamp as received upon entering the country, proof of payment (\*students from provider companies are excluded from having to provide proof of payment – all other documentation needs to be handed in as stated above)

Students are requested to work out their semester timetables, i.e. class times and venues, well in advance to the start of class. Mainstream course timetables must be worked out by means of the Mainstream Course Timetable. IPSU course timetables must be worked out by means of the IPSU course booklet. (\*note, this booklet is only available online, close to the start date of the semester).