**Applications for the second semester of 2015**

**15 March 2015,** Freemover application deadline for the second semester of 2015 (July 2015).

 **15 March 2015** - **15 May 2015** , Freemover applications are being processed

-Students can apply for university housing with Grant Leukes at the Postgraduate & International Office 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 sent to the relevant academic departments for consideration. \*prospective Freemover students may not contact academic departments directly!

 -the PGIO provides feedback on Freemover course approval and may request possible outstanding documentation and information.

-the PGIO provides students with their course approval status table which provides an overview of course applications, the courses approved and rejected so far. Students have the opportunity to apply for alternative courses until the second application round deadline.

**15 April 2015**, deadline for the additional application required for the course, Learning for Sustainable Community Engagement (LSCE) which needs to be sent to Georgina Humphreys at the Postgraduate & International Office (gina@sun.ac.za). The application form for the LSCE course is available to be downloaded at the below link:

<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>

**30 April 2015**, this is the last day for students to apply for alternative courses. Students fill our the course resubmission document and lists any alternative courses they would like to be considered for. 30 April is the mainstream application deadline. No mainstream applications will allowed after this deadline: neither by email request nor on arrival!

**15 May 2015**, students can expect to receive their Freemover admission letter (if approved) by **15 May 2015**.

Once astudent receives the official admission letter, it is the student’s responsibility to book a flight ticket to South Africa, apply for a study visa to South Africa at the nearest South African embassy, find and confirm accommodation in Stellenbosch if it has not yet been booked already prior to admission confirmation, obtain approval for Stellenbosch University course credit transfer 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. These 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 May 2015**, this is the deadline for the submission of your 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).

**Remainder of June and beginning of July**. Students should book their free 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 on our website, <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).