

Unofficial guide to NMMU

On the go

Transport

BY PLANE

Airport: The Port Elizabeth airport is about a ten-minute drive from the university. You can get to NMMU by cab or shuttle. There is no bus or mini-bus service from the airport.

Cab services: Air Taxi 082 211 3874; Beach Cab 083 476 1079; Sisa 076 426 0145; Hunter Cabs 041 585 5500.

Shuttle: Blunden 041 451 4803; Van Rensburg Shuttle Services 041 583 4435 or 083 654 3242

Alternatively, enquire at the Info Centre at the airport.

Cab services: See telephone numbers under Airport information.

BY BUS

Bus station: The main long-distance bus services travelling to Port Elizabeth are Translux, Greyhound, Intercape and Roadlink. They all stop at, or close to, Greenacres Shopping Centre. You can travel from Greenacres to NMMU with Algoa Bus Service, the city's public bus service, or by cab or mini-bus taxi.

PUBLIC BUS SERVICE

Algoa Bus Service: 041 404 1200 or 080 142 1444 (free call for timetable information). A public bus service runs from Virgin Active (opposite Greenacres in Ring Road) to NMMU. The buses run daily to NMMU (except on Sundays) from 08:25 to 18:15, but more frequently in the morning. The name at the front of the bus will read NMMU or number 0.

CAB

See telephone numbers under Airport information.

MINIBUS TAXI

The minibus taxi services runs from Greenacres (near Shoprite entrance/Translux Bus offices), , between 8:00 and 18:00. They will transport you to the city centre (Norwich terminal), where you transfer to a taxi that will take you to the university. Because of the change, this service is not recommended for a first-time visitor.

BY TRAIN

Train station: The Algoa Bus Service (see above), as well as the mini-bus taxi service runs from the Norwich Terminal across the road from the train station. Alternatively, you can take a cab. For cab numbers, see Airport information.

Please note: Like in any big city, travel after dark is not recommended. During the day, students are advised to take care of their belongings. If arriving by train, it is advisable to stay inside the station until your cab arrives.



Eating in, eating out

Feeding the inner man / woman is pretty important, so we've put together students' favourite food spots.

EATING IN

If you're stymied for time, and you need a quick bite to eat then head for:

- ▶ Madibaz, Rendezvous, Cassies and Flavas Halaal Cafe at South Campus next to the Kraal
- ▶ Van's Tuckshop at the taxi rank at South Campus
- ▶ Flavas Halaal Café & The Deli at the North Campus Cafeteria
- ▶ 2nd Avenue cafeteria
- ▶ Missionvale Campus cafeteria in the Student Life Centre
- ▶ Fruit vendors who pop up near the various campuses

BUYING IN

NMMU's main campuses are within walking distance of two major retailers – Pick 'n Pay at Summerstrand Village, and Spar at the Mercado Centre in Admiralty Road. Govan Mbeki Road has major retail outlets where you can purchase a variety of groceries.

FOOD ON THE MOVE

All the major fast food outlets can be found at various points in Nelson Mandela Bay, but there is a drive-through McDonald's in Beach Road, Summerstrand. There's also KFC & Barney's, located on the Shark Rock Pier. Great fish and chips are available from Fish Tales at Summerstrand Village. There are many other franchises such as KFC, Wimpy, Debonairs, and Steers, located mainly in the Boardwalk or Summerstrand area.

Mr Delivery, KFC and Debonairs Pizza are well known for their delivery services, give them a try.

EATING OUT

If you just fancy something light, reasonable and close by, then try:

- ▶ Debonairs Pizza
- ▶ Roman's Pizza
- ▶ Charlies
- ▶ Nandos
- ▶ Steers
- ▶ Fish Tales
- ▶ Fish Aways
- ▶ La Fiesta (Halaal)
- ▶ For more restaurants, refer to "Food on the move" section

For bigger appetites at a reasonable cost, there's:

- ▶ The Boardwalk, which has many restaurants
- ▶ Blue Waters Café
- ▶ Angelo's
- ▶ The Mediterranean
- ▶ Primi Piatti
- ▶ Ocean Basket
- ▶ John Dory's
- ▶ Spur

BOOZIN' AND CRUISIN'

And when your thirst and hunger need a boost, you might want to check out the following hotspots:

- ▶ News Café
- ▶ The College
- ▶ Lush
- ▶ The Beer Shack
- ▶ Balizza
- ▶ Gondwana's
- ▶ Buzz Bar
- ▶ Cubana

Show me the money

Most campuses have automatic teller machines, but for those that don't, Summerstrand Village and Summerbreeze are home to most banking groups.

Show me entertainment

Student life is not just about studying, eating and boozing...there are other forms of entertainment, namely:

- ▶ Boardwalk (Summerstrand): movies, ten pin bowling, go karts, putt putt, game arcade, casino, Lighthouse pool area, etc.
- ▶ Walmer Park Shopping Centre and Greenacres Shopping Centre have movie theatres and many restaurants
- ▶ Bayworld and Museum in Marine Drive
- ▶ Seaview Lion and Game Park
- ▶ Opera House in Central has many theatre performances all year round
- ▶ Paintball entertainment in and around PE
- ▶ The PE beaches - loads of free fun in the sun
- ▶ Baywest Mall: Ice skating rink, movie theatre, arcade games, IMAX, etc

Show me the shops

- ▶ Walmer Park Shopping Centre
- ▶ Greenacres Shopping Centre
- ▶ Cleary Park Shopping Centre
- ▶ Pier 14 Shopping Centre
- ▶ Govan Mbeki Street has many shops that offer variety and affordability
- ▶ Baywest Mall
- ▶ Kenako Mall

Show me the health care

- ▶ Bay Medical Centre (Summerstrand)
- ▶ Mercantile Hospital (Korsten)
- ▶ Greenacres Hospital (Greenacres)
- ▶ Provincial Hospital (Mount Croix)
- ▶ St Georges Life Hospital (St Georges Park)
- ▶ Livingstone Hospital (Korsten)
- ▶ Dora Nginza Hospital (Zwide)

