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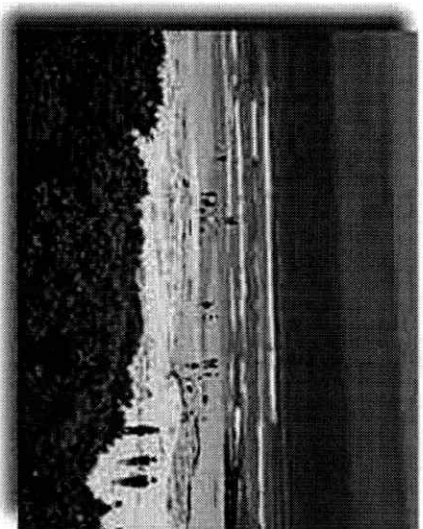
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**University of the Western Cape** CAPE TOWN

**Location:**

The campus is situated in Bellville, a town east of Cape Town. Bellville is situated in the region of Tygerberg which is part of six municipal regions of the broader Cape Metropolitan Council. Cape Town is the parliamentary capital of South Africa and is situated in the Western Cape province. Cape Town International Airport is approximately 5km from the University. The Tygerberg is south of the historic town of Stellenbosch, tucked between the mountains and the sea. It has rolling vineyards, glorious sea and mountain vistas, surprising facilities, balmy weather and easy access to all that's beautiful in the Cape. It's also known to the people who live there as simply 'The Tygerberg'. Tygerberg offers an attractive array of interests for the culture enthusiast, the sportsperperson, the leisure traveler, nature lover, the young to the mature and for the serious up-market shopper to the browser. Apart from the many craft markets, which appear on the parklands every weekend, Tygerberg has two major shopping malls of international sophistication and style. The challenging golf courses, numerous sports venues and the racecourse are all in peaceful rural surroundings. Beautiful open areas, like the Durbanville and Tygerberg Nature Reserves and the nationally renowned Rose Garden, all add their special flavor to Tygerberg's unique tranquil character. Tygerberg is rich in cultural and historical diversity. Art and craft centers Philani and Zezele, in the growing township of Khayelitsha reflect the political turbulence and tokens of the apartheid past. While National Monuments like Onze Molen, one of the few original windmills in the Cape and the old churches in Durbanville and Parow bear witness to the origin of some of the early settlers in the Tygerberg. Cape Town, which is situated minutes from Tygerberg, is the oldest city in South Africa. It began as a food replenishment station in 1652 for sailing ships on route to and from Europe and Southeast Asia. Each day's noon is marked with the puff of smoke and boom of the cannon on Signal Hill that rumbles like thunder as its echoes off Table Mountain. To stand on top of Table Mountain itself, which is one of the best known natural splendors on earth, is an awe-inspiring experience. The changing lifestyles of the inhabitants of this city are reflected in beautifully restored old buildings – the churches, town houses and Cape Dutch farmhouses, many of which are open to visitors. Walking trails along Signal Hill offer wonderful views of the city, sea and mountain and a hike up Lion's Head will take your breath away. The bustling waterfront holds more attractions than can be listed: Shopping, theaters, restaurants, pubs, boats, yacht cruises, helicopters, sea plane, museums, aquarium, as well as regular tours to Robben Island. The South African Maritime Museum traces the history of the explorers and the country's defence with its fine collection of model ships and artifacts. In the heart of the city surrounded by parklands, are museums, art galleries and the planetarium-housing treasures and exhibits, the Castle, with museums



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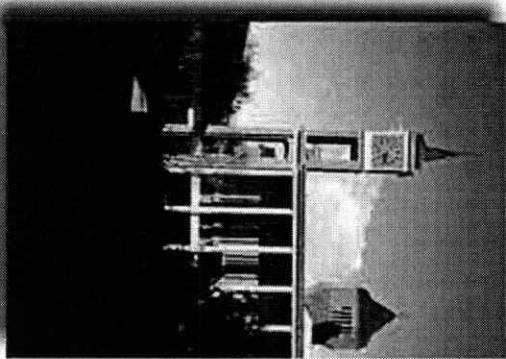
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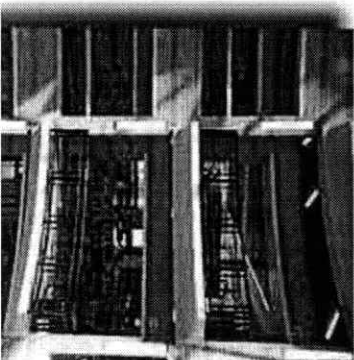
and dungeons, once residence of the Governor, was built at the time when the waters of Table Bay washed up on a north wall. Cape Town is blessed with some of the most beautiful stretches of beaches, a temperate climate, extensive sports facilities, wonderful vistas, historical and cultural sights, that coupled with vibrant night life and its easy to see why Cape Town is the "hot spot" of the new millennium.

**Campus Profile:**

In 1959 Parliament adopted legislation establishing the University College of the Western Cape as a constituent college of the University of South Africa in Pretoria. It was an apartheid institution for people classified as "Coloured". The new college was entirely under white control, with coloured people given only an advisory role. The first group of 166 students enrolled in 1960. What they were offered was limited training for lower to middle level positions in schools, the civil service and other institutions designed to serve a separated Coloured community in 1970, the institution gained University status and a severely qualified independence. It was now able to award its own degrees. The University of the Western Cape has a history of creative struggle against oppression, discrimination and disadvantage. UWC's key concerns with access, equity and quality in higher education arise from extensive practical engagement in helping the historically marginalized, participate fully in the life of the nation. In the early 1970s, protest action by students and black academic staff led to the appointment, in 1975, of the first black Rector. The new, freer climate was hospitable to intellectual debate and internationally respected scholarship. There was a rapid rise in enrolment (from 2073 to 7701 in ten years); the original four faculties grew to eight. The University has eight faculties and some one hundred departments, schools and units. It offers a varied and cosmopolitan campus community of about 9,500 students and a permanent academic staff of 374. UWC offers a comprehensive range of programs in its seven faculties: Arts: including the School of Religion and Theology; Community and Health Sciences; Dentistry, Economic and Management Sciences; Education; Law and Natural Sciences. Besides the main campus, UWC has a Dental School and Oral Health Center situated in Mitchells Plain. The Dental School caters to the surrounding community and is a World Health Organization Collaborative Center. Each year over 80,000 patients are served by the OHC, very often after hours. Some of the university's numerous centers, institutes and units which operate under its auspices are: the Academic



Development Centre (ADC); Centre for Adult and Continuing Learning (CACE); Centre for Southern African Studies (CSAS); Centre for Student Counselling; Community Law Centre (CLC); Community Partnerships; Education Policy Unit (EPU); Environmental Education and Resource Unit (EERU); Lilwima Sentrum; Institute for Child and Family Development; Institute for Historical Research; Institute for Social Development (ISD); Maybuye Centre; School of Science and Mathematics Education; Social Law Project; Thintana Project and the Workers College. The Cape Flats Nature Reserve is situated within the parameters of the University and is administered and managed by the Environmental Education and Resources Unit, UWC. The 30 hectare Nature Reserve, consisting of strandveld and alkaline coastal fynbos vegetation, provides a habitat for over 212 plant species and numerous insects, reptiles, birds and mammals. It is managed for the purposes of nature conservation, environmental education, recreation and research.



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