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STUDENT AFFAIRS

STUDENT LIFE

Welcome as a student to the VAMF. Full-time students as well as Day students function during the day in official study times as a close-knit unit. They jog class together, attend special lectures, complete studies and assignments online in the computer lab and attend practical workshops. Even though we are relatively few in number, we also have a delightful student life with experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

ACCOMMODATION

Full-time resident students of the VAMF stay at home in the VAMF residence in double rooms and single rooms. Upon arrival, students are assigned a room number where they then move in but may move from rooms after two weeks. Three meals a day are provided.

Attendance at dinner and study time (until 21:30) are compulsory. Students sleep in their rooms in the VAMF residence every night unless special arrangements apply. The doors close at 21:30 and a little earlier in the winter.

BEHAVIORAL RULES

VAMF's rules of conduct apply to all students. The students sign an undertaking to abide by the rules.

Smokers must indicate in their APPLICATION FORM that they smoke and may only smoke in the indicated area.

The studies of men who hang out in the ladies' rooms or ladies who hang out in the men's students' rooms are immediately suspended. Parents remain responsible for the outstanding fees.

PRACTICAL

When practical needs to be done, the students are taken by bus to the specific area/place/farm and taken back the same day. These places are within a 20km radius of VAMF. Lectures mostly take place on the VAMF campus but can also take place elsewhere.

Practical is mandatory.

ACCOMMODATION ON VAMF

Students are responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms. Inspection is carried out regularly. Students do their own laundry with a washing machine in the laundry room. They self-iron if ironing is necessary.

Students are allowed to hang their own curtains in their rooms. If their own curtains are used, the student remains responsible to hang back VAMF's curtains upon his/her departure at the end of the year.

Each student has a bed, hanging cabinet, bedside table and a chair in his room.

Workspace and internet access are provided in the lecture room.

The use of mobile phones, computers and other electrical appliances is managed judiciously. There are charging points for computers and cell phones in the student centre. Students are not allowed to watch videos on their computers or phones throughout the night.

ASSIGNMENTS

A laptop or a tablet can be used. A second recliner screen is optional but is best for online studies.

Assignments are done in writing and/or electronically. WiFi is available.

BRING WITH

Boots or tempered shoes. Denim trousers. Comfortable walking shoes. Collared shirts with sleeves (for protection from the sun) are a requirement.

Water shoes (gumboots)

Class Wear: Short pants/long pants and shoes. Neat shirt.

Farm clothes that can be worked with. Khaki or denim. Ladies wear knee-length shorts.

On days when guests are received, VAMF's formal attire is worn. Formal attire is also worn when VAMF goes on a formal excursion.

Bedding – duvet and pillow. Extra blanket for the wintertime.

Flashlight, backpack & water bottle

Coffee mug

Container for packing sandwiches when practical is done on other farms

4 copies of their Identity Document

Stationery (3 x exam blocks, pens and one thick filing file)

Computer and extra screen if possible

Shredder basket for bedroom

Laundry basket. Washing powder for double-ball washing machine.

HOLIDAYS and LONG WEEKENDS

We close and start with the school terms. If the Education Department changes dates, VAMF's dates do NOT change.

Students from all over the country enroll in VAMF and some students stay too far away to go home often. Because we keep busy with our activities every Saturday, and also public holidays that fall during the week, we can create a long weekend after four weeks (or longer). Then we close at 12:00 on Thursday afternoon so that the students can leave home early. With these special long weekends, the students must be back before 12:00 on Monday afternoon. Such a long weekend is communicated with the students in advance and on time.

COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

Students are asked to make use of the open communication channels and discuss their concerns, problems and requests with the SRC Representative or the VAMF MANAGEMENT.

ACADEMIC YEAR

There are 2 intakes during the year:

The academic year starts on 1 February and ends on 30 November.

The academic year starts on 1 July and ends on 30 June

For more information read www.VAMF.co.za or email admin@VAMF.co.za