

Is uds.edu.gh legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

uds.edu.gh

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

uds.edu.gh appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-04 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official-looking homepage of Ghana's University for Development Studies, presenting admissions, academic programmes, faculties, institutional leadership, news, student resources, and verifiable contact details in Tamale. No phishing, investment, cryptocurrency, or suspicious financial solicitation is evident.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	19 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the institutional homepage of Ghana's University for Development Studies, presenting degree programmes, admissions, faculties, university leadership, research, student services, campus information, and institutional news for prospective students, current students, staff, and other stakeholders.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, phishing indicators, brand impersonation, or confirmed malicious activity were observed. The site consistently identifies itself as the University for Development Studies, uses an academic Ghanaian domain, and presents institution-specific governance, academic, and administrative content. Its long-established registration and consistent university purpose strongly support authenticity rather than opportunistic impersonation.

- The homepage consistently identifies the institution as the University for Development Studies and provides dedicated navigation for its governing council, principal officers, faculties, campuses, policies, and staff directory.
- The admissions and student-resource areas cover entry requirements, admission cut-off points, academic calendars, fee schedules, student portals, and e-learning resources without suspicious financial or credential-harvesting solicitations.
- The domain registration identifies University For Development Studies / UDS as the registrant; registered 2007-11-26 (~18.7 years old), with registration through Ghana Dot Com and expiry on 2031-11-25.
- Automated interaction with the homepage found no hidden forms, external password forms, cloaking, clipboard manipulation, wallet activity, suspicious inline scripts, or untrusted external requests.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an educational institution rather than a financial, investment, brokerage, or cryptocurrency service, so financial-services licensing is not relevant to its apparent business model. Its institutional identity is supported by the registrant record, an `edu.gh` academic namespace, a physical presence in Tamale, and extensive academic and administrative disclosures. One external reputation engine recorded an isolated suspicious classification, but there were no malicious detections, confirmed threat-list entries, abuse reports, or corroborating page-level indicators; this is therefore a weak reputational signal rather than evidence against legitimacy.

- The homepage describes a public-university model based on tuition, public funding, research, and related academic activity; it makes no investment, brokerage, token, or financial-return claims.

- The contact and institutional content displays an official-domain registrar address, a Tamale contact location, and a telephone number alongside detailed university leadership and organizational information.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious classifications and 1 isolated suspicious classification, with no confirmed phishing finding or external threat-list match; the hosting address had 0 reported abuse incidents.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by YR2, valid to 2026-10-16.

What to Verify Next

For sensitive administrative transactions, applicants and students should confirm that payment instructions and application destinations remain within official university channels, especially when arriving through unsolicited messages. Material academic decisions should be checked against the current admissions, fees, and programme pages, while unusual requests can be independently confirmed through the institution's published switchboard or registrar channel.

- The homepage provides separate official sections for application procedures, entry requirements, admission cut-off points, undergraduate admissions, postgraduate admissions, and international applicants.
- The student-services navigation includes a fees schedule, academic calendar, student portal, library, e-learning resources, and graduands list, providing institution-controlled reference points for validating requests.
- The homepage publishes current institutional announcements, including admissions-related notices, health-screening procedures, and programme openings.
- The inspected homepage contained no embedded sensitive form; account and application activity is directed through separately identified institutional resources.

Summary Verdict

The website is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy institutional presence. Its identity, mature operational footprint, detailed university content, stable behavior, and clean threat profile converge strongly, with no substantive contradictions. Normal interaction, including account login and standard use, is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to a single likely origin hosted on AS46606 (Unified Layer, United States), without a detected CDN or WAF layer. Direct origin exposure provides less edge-layer shielding than a CDN-backed configuration, but the resolved infrastructure is identified, stable, and shows no associated abuse evidence; this is a routine hosting posture and not an authenticity concern.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may use the site normally, while applying standard institutional safeguards by entering through the official domain and independently confirming any unexpected or unusually sensitive request.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-04 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of uds.edu.gh.

- The request stayed on uds.edu.gh. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Ghana Dot Com. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by webhostbox.net, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2031-11-25. CLEAR
- It is hosted on UNIFIEDLAYER-AS-1, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Ghana Dot Com
Hosting	UNIFIEDLAYER-AS-1 - Unified Layer, US
Country	US
Server IP	199.79.62.146
Name servers	ns1.md-61.webhostbox.net, ns2.md-61.webhostbox.net
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-10-16
Domain age	18.7 years
Domain expiry	2031-11-25
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about uds.edu.gh at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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