

Is wsu.ac.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

wsu.ac.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

wsu.ac.za appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-10 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official Walter Sisulu University site providing comprehensive information on programmes, faculties, admissions, research centres, student services and contact information. No obvious financial schemes or credential-harvesting elements in the captured page.

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	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Archived since 2004 569 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by HARICA OV TLS ECC	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Public web-archive history exists since 2004.
- 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

Walter Sisulu University's official academic website presents information on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, faculties, admissions, research, governance, student accommodation, online services, events, and institutional contacts. Its apparent purpose is to support education, student recruitment, university administration, and public information rather than to promote financial investments or other transactional schemes.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the site's identity, content, technical, historical, and external-reputation evidence. The homepage identifies Walter Sisulu University and provides a coherent institutional structure covering faculties, leadership, governance, admissions, research, student services, and contact channels. The captured pages contain no obvious financial scheme, credential-harvesting mechanism, brand-impersonation indicator, or phishing behavior. External reputation telemetry also records no malicious or suspicious detections, and no matching broker-reputation concern was identified. The domain's long-running academic presence and continuous archival record further support an established institutional identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents “Welcome to Walter Sisulu University” together with faculties, governance structures, admissions, student services, research, and institutional contacts.
- The site's forms analysis identified one contact/login-related form with no sensitive form and no untrusted destination; behavioral analysis recorded no hidden forms, external password submissions, wallet activity, or clipboard-hijacking behavior.
- External reputation telemetry recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no blacklist match for the assessed domain.
- Domain registered 2004 (~21.93 years old); 569 archive snapshots spanning 2004–2026, covering 23 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The website presents institutional governance and legal-framework material, including Governance & Leadership, the Higher Education Act, Statute, policies, strategic planning, annual reports, and executive leadership information. The captured evidence does not establish a separate third-party regulatory registration, and no financial-services licence is claimed; this is consistent with the site's stated academic and administrative

purpose rather than an investment or brokerage model. For institutional due diligence, the governance and statutory pages provide the appropriate basis for confirming current institutional details. A valid organization-validated transport certificate and established academic hosting context provide additional integrity support, although technical controls are not a substitute for legal or institutional verification.

EVIDENCE

- The Governance & Leadership section lists the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Registrar, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, governance structures, and institutional policies.
- The legal and governance navigation includes the Higher Education Act, Statute, 2030 Strategic Plan, Annual Performance Plan, and Annual Report.
- Hosted on AS2018 (TENET (The UNINET Project) - TENET (The UNINET Project), ZA).
- TLS certificate issued by HARICA OV TLS ECC (OV), subject organization Walter Sisulu University, valid to 2027-02-06.

What to Verify Next

For formal engagement, institutional records should be reconciled against the university's governance, statutory, and annual-report materials, with admissions or student-service instructions confirmed through the official Contact and Study With Us pages. Any payment, enrollment, or account action should be tied to the specific programme and administrative process being pursued, while official contact channels can be confirmed through an independently sourced university directory or offline institutional route.

EVIDENCE

- The Study With Us section links to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, admission requirements, accommodation, international-student information, and student online services.
- The Contact section and homepage provide the site's stated institutional enquiry and support pathways.
- Governance pages expose leadership and statutory references suitable for institutional due diligence.

Summary Verdict

The website has a **high-trust, established institutional posture**. Its coherent university content, long-term provenance, clean external reputation, stable behavior, and consistent identity support legitimate normal use, including account login and standard university services.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to one identified likely origin address hosted by TENET (The UNINET Project) in South Africa, with no CDN or WAF identified in the supplied infrastructure evidence. This is a straightforward hosting architecture and presents no observed contradiction to the site's institutional identity.

EVIDENCE

- Infrastructure resolution identified 1 unique IP address and 1 likely origin IP address.
- No CDN vendors or trusted CDN edge addresses were identified.

Closing Assessment

Normal interaction with the website is appropriate for its stated academic and administrative purposes; formal enrollment, payment, or institutional engagements should follow the university's published procedures and independently confirmed official channels.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-10 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 wsu.ac.za.

- The request stayed on wsu.ac.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2004-09-03. CLEAR
- It is hosted on TENET (The UNINET Project), from a server in ZA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	TENET (The UNINET Project) - TENET (The UNINET Project), ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	196.21.118.35
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	HARICA OV TLS ECC
SSL expiry	2027-02-06
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	2004-09-03
Archive snapshots	569

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about wsu.ac.za 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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