

Qualification Evaluations (NARIC)

Science Faculty guidelines:

1. CertHe/GCE advanced – admit to UCT BSc
2. DipHE – admit to UCT BSc Honours degree if very good marks with motivation (and if highest available pre-Masters qualification in country)
3. British Bachelor (Ordinary) – admit to BSc Honours degree
4. British Bachelor Standard – If a specialist curriculum and a final year project – then admit to Masters, otherwise admit to BSc Honours or with motivation and excellent marks, coursework Masters
5. British Bachelor (Honours) – admit to UCT Masters by dissertation
6. South African BTech/National Higher Diploma – admit to BSc Honours degree via RPL if has 3 years relevant experience
7. South African BTech/National Higher Diploma – admit to Masters via RPL if has 5 years relevant experience
8. Departments are responsible for checking the applicants proficiency in the subject field
9. Departments are responsible for assessing the English language ability of potential applicants. Departments can request that an applicant write an English Language Proficiency test if required.
10. Please note that the information provided below are guidelines only. The Faculty will check that the qualification was obtained at a recognised institution.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) – typically three to five years of experience in the relevant field, good referee reports, examples of published work, and if necessary a test set to determine that the applicants knowledge is equivalent to the normal entrance qualification for the degree. The Head of Department must attest that the applicant's level of technical knowledge is equivalent to the normal entrance requirement for the degree.

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Algeria

Licence / Diplôme de [subject area] / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Magister

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Angola

Bacharel

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Must complete Licenciado before admitted to UCT Honours degree

Licenciado

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Doutorado

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Argentina

Titulo/Grado de Licenciado/a / Titulo de [subject area]

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Titulo de Maestría/Magister

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Australia

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Bachelor degree (Honours)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Austria

Fachhochschuldiplom / Diplom (FH)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Bachelor degree / Diplomstudium / Magister

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters degree

Master's Degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Botswana

Bachelor degree (from University of Botswana)

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard (4 years or less than 5 years)
/ British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard (5 years or less than 6)

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Brazil

Titulo de Bacharel / [subject area] / Licenciado/a

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Titulo de Mestre

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Burundi

Diplôme de Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Cameroon

Bachelor degree / Licence

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Maîtrise / Master's degree (without thesis)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Diplôme d'Études Approfondies / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées / Master's degree (with thesis)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Canada

Bachelor degree / Professional Degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Bachelor degree (Honours)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master of Philosophy / Master's degree / Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Central African Republic, the

Licence

Is considered comparable to Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) standard

Must complete Maîtrise

Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Chad

Licence

Is considered comparable to Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) standard

Must complete Maîtrise

Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters

Chile

Grado de Licenciado / Título (Professional) de [subject area]

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Magister

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Colombia

Licenciado / Título (Professional) de [subject area]

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard (when awarded after 4 years of study)

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Magíster / Maestría

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Congo

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Maîtrise / Diplôme des Études Supérieures

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree if good marks

Costa Rica

Bachiller

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Licenciado

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Maestría

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Graduat

Is considered comparable to the overall GCE Advances level/ Scottish Advanced Higher standard

Must complete Licence

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies / Diplôme d'Etudes Spéciales

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Ecuador

Título de Licenciado / Título (professional) de [subject area]

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Título de Magíster

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Egypt

Bachelor degree (from a Higher Institute)

Is considered comparable to BTEC/SQA Higher National Diploma (HND) standard/ Foundation degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Bachelor degree (from a public or private University)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree / Majister

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Ethiopia

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHe) standard (when awarded after 4, 5 or 6 year of study)

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Eritrea

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHe) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

France

Licence / Grade de Licence / Licence Professionnelle / Grade de Licence Professionnelle

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard (when studied before 2008)

Admit to UCT Master's degree if completed after 2008

Admit to UCT Honours degree if completed before 2008

**Diplôme d'Études Approfondies / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées /
Diplôme de Master /Grade de Master / Magistère**

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Gabon

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHe) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master / Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Ghana

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard (when studied for 2 years or less than 3)

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Germany

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Guinea

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHe) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master / Maîtrise / Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures / Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Guyana

Bachelor degree (from University of Guyana)

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHe) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree (from University of Guyana)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

India

Bachelor degree (Ordinary / Pass)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Bachelor degree (Honours / Special / in a professional subject)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Iran

Bachelor degree (Licence / Karshenasi)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree (Karshenasi Ershad)

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Ireland

Ordinary Bachelor Degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Honours Bachelor Degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Israel

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Italy

Laurea

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Laurea Magistrale / Laurea Specialistica

Is considered comparable to British taught Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Ivory Coast, the

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if good marks

Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Diplôme d'Études Approfondies / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Doctorat de Spécialité de Troisième Cycle

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Kenya

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master of Philosophy / Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Lesotho

Bachelor degree part 2 (further 2 years of study)

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Doctorate

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Liberia

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Madagascar

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Must complete Maîtrise

Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Diplôme d'Études Approfondies

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Malawi

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Masters's degree (from Mzuzu University/ University of Malawi)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Mali

Master / Diplôme de Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Must complete Diplôme d'Etudes

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Mauritius

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Mexico

Titulo de Licenciado / Titulo (Professional) de [subject area]

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Grado Académico de Maestría / Grado de Maestro

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Morocco

Licence / Licence d'Études Fondamentales / Licence Professionnelle / Maîtrise / Diplôme du Cycle Normal

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master / Master Spécialisé / Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Approfondies

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Mozambique

Grau de Licenciado/a

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Grau de Mestre

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Namibia

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

New Zealand

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Bachelor (Honours) degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Nigeria

Bachelor degree with Honours

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Pakistan

Bachelor of degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard (when awarded after 4 years or less than 5)

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Master's degree (following a two or three - year Bachelor degree)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Master's degree (following a four - year Bachelor degree)

Is considered comparable to Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD Degree

Peru

Grado de Académico Bachiller

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours

Titulo de Licenciado / Titulo (Profesional) de [subject area]

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Titulo de Maestría / Grado Académico de Magíster

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD Degree

Portugal

Licenciado

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master's degree / Mestrado / Mestre

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD Degree

Romania

Diplomă de Licență (Bachelor degree)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Diplomă de Master (Master's degree)

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Russian Federation, the

Bachelor Degree / Specialist Diploma

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Rwanda

Baccalauréat / Diplôme de Bachiller

Is considered comparable to the overall GCE Advanced / Scottish Advanced Higher standard

Admit to UCT BSc degree

Licence

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Ordinary Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Bachelor (Honours) degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Sierra Leone

Bachelor degree (General)

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree if very good marks

Bachelor degree (Honours)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Spain

Titulo de Grade en [subject area] / Titulo de Licenciado

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters

Titulo de Máster

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Sudan

Bachelor Degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to PhD degree

Swaziland

Bachelor degree (awarded on completion of Part 2)

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard (awarded after 4 years or less than 5)

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to Master's degree

Tanzania

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Tunisia

Licence / Maîtrise

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master Professionnel / Recherche / Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Uganda

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

United States of America, the

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor degree standard (when awarded by a regionally accredited institution)

Admit to UCT Masters if final year project completed, otherwise Honours, or with motivation and very good marks, coursework Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree

Zambia

Bachelor degree

Is considered comparable to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard

Admit to UCT Honours if very good marks

Postgraduate Diploma

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Master's degree

Zimbabwe

Bachelor degree (General)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard

Admit to UCT Honours degree

Bachelor degree (Honours)

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard

Admit to UCT Masters

Master's degree

Is considered comparable to British Bachelor Master's degree standard

Admit to UCT PhD degree