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# 2021 Undergraduate Prospectus



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UCT is aware that the current crisis related to COVID-19 will impact the regular operational timelines. Given the fluid situation that prevails all dates contained in our publications and correspondence are subject to change.



Welcome to the University of Cape Town!

I'm so glad you are thinking about studying at our beautiful institution. This prospectus tells you about what UCT has to offer you as a student, and includes information about admissions testing, degree requirements, financial aid options, accommodation and much, much more.

Our aim is to prepare future leaders who can help improve our university, our country and our world. As a university, we are committed to promoting transformation and to guaranteeing the sustainability of our institution by striving for excellence in all we do.

## Umyalezo ovela kwiSekela-Ngqonyela

Wamkelekile kwiYunivesithi yaseKapa!

Ukukhetha iyunivesithi linyathelo lobomi elibalulekileyo. Ndiyaiqonda ukuba unemibuzo emininzi. Esi saziso sishicilelwayo si-kuxelela oko i-UCT inokukubonelela ngayo njengesifundo. Sikunka ingcaciso malunga nendawo yokuhlala, uvavanyo lolwamkelo, iimfuno ezingummiselo zesidanga, iindlela ezikhethwayo zoncede lwenali nokuninzi, nangaphezulu. Esi saziso sishicilelwayo

# Message from the Vice-Chancellor

With a proud tradition of academic excellence, UCT is currently the top-rated university in Africa and one of the top-rated universities in the world. As such, we look forward to welcoming talented, motivated students to our university – especially those who have an interest in engaging with the problems of our society and finding ways to live sustainably within our environment.

UCT is committed to developing African-based solutions to global problems, including issues relating to climate change, urbanisation, safety and security, education and health, to name just a few. Studying here, you'll learn from world-renowned experts in their fields who incorporate the latest scholarly work, teaching methods and practical experience into their courses.

Ours is a vibrant, multinational and multicultural community, with staff and students from across South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world. Every person has something to contribute to the university's continuing excellence and growth, and our goal is to ensure that everyone feels at home during their time here.

Our student support services can help you make the most of your time at UCT. These include facilities for people with disabilities, the Student Wellness Service to help you with mental health and physical wellbeing, and the Careers Service, which will help you to make decisions about where your degree will take you. And there are many academic support programmes available to assist students who need help with their studies. Although it should be your main focus, being at university is not only about academics. At UCT you

can choose from over 40 sports clubs and more than 100 cultural societies, volunteer groups and social activities where you can meet others who share your interests. You can hone your leadership skills in residence committees, the Students' Representative Council and Student Parliament, among others.

We offer a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in six faculties: Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law and Science. Our undergraduate programmes are designed to prepare you for working in the 21st century. We recognise that a university education is expensive and even unaffordable for many, so we provide a range of financial assistance to ensure that any student who excels academically, whether poor or middle class, will be able to afford to come to UCT. Many of our graduates have jobs before they qualify and almost all have jobs within a few months after graduating. Some choose not to enter formal employment, preferring to enter a postgraduate programme or start their own businesses as entrepreneurs – at UCT we are committed to the development of future entrepreneurs.

Many UCT alumni are making outstanding contributions to society through the skills they learned here. They demonstrate that higher education not only opens the door to exciting careers, it can also help to transform South Africa. I invite you to become part of this transformation.

Yours sincerely

**Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng**  
VICE-CHANCELLOR

sikunika ithuba lokukrwaqula ubomi e-UCT, zininzi iinkonzo ezahlukeneyo nezibonelelo ezifumanekayo kubafundi kunye neenku-kacha zazo zonke iinkqubo zezidanga zokuqala zethu.

Kungenzeka ukuba sele nisazi ukuba i-UCT iyunivesithi ebe-kwa emaggabini eAfrika kwaye iyene yeeyunivesithi ezibekwa emaggabini ehlabathini. Injongo yethu kukuba singapheleli ekubeni sibe ngabona bagqwesileyo eAfrika kodwa kwakhona

sibe ngabagqwesileyo egameni leAfrika. Ngoko ke, sikhangelabafundi abanetalente abafundi abafuna ukusebenzisa izakhono zabo ukutshintsha ihlabathi libe ngcono. Uninzi lwabantu abafunda kule yunivesithi benza kanye loo nto, yaye unokuzibanda-kanya nabo.

E-UCT sinesithethe esiziqhenyayo ngaso sokugqwesa kwizifundo, kodwa asoyiki ukwenza izinto ngokwahlu kileyo ukuhlangabe-

zana nemingeni yehlabathi elitshintshayo lethu. Ngokufunda apha, uya kufunda kwiingcali ezaziwa emhlabeni ngokubanzi kumacandelo abandakanya umsebenzi wezophando lobungcali, iimethodi zokufundisa namava epraktikhali kwiikhosi zabo. Bazimisele ukupuhlisa izisombululo ezisekelwe eAfrika kwiingxaki zamazwe ngamazwe asondelenoyo, kubandakanya notshintsho lwemozulu, ukufudukela kwabantu ezdolophini, ezokhuselo nokukhuseleko, ezemfundo nempilo, ukuchaza nje ezimbalwa.

Sibonelela ngeenkubo zabafundela isidanga sokuqala neenkubo zabasele bephumelele izidanga kwifakhalthi ezintandathu: kwezoRhwebo, kwezoBunjineli neziNgqonge uLwakhwi, iisayensi zeMpilo, ezoLuntu, ezoMthetho nezeSayensi. linkqubo zesidanga sokuqala zethu zenzelwe ukulungiselela nina ukwenzela ihlabathi elitshintsha ngokukhawuleza lenguu yezoshishino yesine (fourth industrial revolution), nkqu nokuba akuyong-caphepe yezobuchwepeshe.

E-UCT yiyunivesithi enombono wamazwe ngamazwe asondelenoyo. Ngoko ke samkela abafundi nabasebenzi abasuka

eMzantsi Afrika, eAfrika nakwihlabathi. Oku kudala uluntu oludlamkileyo, lwezizwe ngezizwe neenkcubeko ngeenkcubeko, apha wonke umntu akhuthazwa ukuba afake igalelo ekukhuleni kweyunesithi.

Sifuna ukuba uzie usekhaya apha, ngoko ke sibonelele ngeenkonzo zokuxhasa abafundi abanokuninceda nilixhamle kangan-goko ixesha lenu e-UCT. Ezi zibonelelo ziquka abantu abanokhbazeko, iiNkonzo zeMpilo-qete yaBafundi ukukunika inkxaso yezempiro nentlalo-ntle ngokwasemzimbeni, kanye neNkonzo yezaMakhondo oMsebenzi, eziya kuninceda ekwenzeni izigqibyo malunga nekamva lenu. Kukho kwakhona iinkqubo ezinini zokuxhasa izifundo ezifumanekayo ukunceda abafundi abafuna uncedo malunga nezifundo zabo.

E-UCT sifuna abafundi ukuba baphile indlela yokuphila elunge-leleneyo yaye siyanikhuthaza ukuba niphonononge yaye nizame izinto ezintsha. Abafundi banokukhetha kwiiklabhu zezemidlalo ezingaphaya kwama-40 nangaphezu kweeklabhu zenkcubeko ezingaphedu kwe-100, amaqela amavolontiya, nemisebenzi yez-

entlalo, apha ninokudibana nabanye ababelana nani ngemidla yaye niphuhlise izakhono zobunkokeli zenu.

Njengeyunesithi, sizinikele kutshintsho nasekuqinisekiseni ukusebenza ngokuzinileyo kweziklo lethu ngokuzondelela ukugqwesa kuko konke esikwenzayo. Siyayiqonda ukuba imfundu yaseyunesithi ixhomile ngexabiso, ngoko sibonelela ngeentlobo zoncedo lwezemali ukuqinisekisa ukuba nawuphi na umfundi ogqwesayo kwizifundo uya kuba nako ukuza e-UCT.

Ukfumana isidanga e-UCT kwaba linyathelo lokuqala kwiinkokeli zanamhlanje eMzantsi Afrika nakwamanye amazwe. Bayanceda ukutshintsha ihlabathi libe yindawo engcono – yaye nawe unako, ngokufuna e-UCT. Sikulindele ngomdla ukudibana nawe.

Ozithobileyo

## UNjingalwazi Mamokgethi Phakeng

ISEKELA-NGQONYELA

# Boodskap van die Visekanselier

Welkom by die Universiteit van Kaapstad!

Om 'n universiteit te kies is 'n groot lewensstap. Ek weet jy het baie vrae. Hierdie prospektus vertel jou meer oor wat die Universiteit van Kaapstad (UK) jou, as student, kan aanbied. Dit sluit inligting oor akkommodasie, toelatingstoetse, graadvereistes, finansiële hulp en nog baie meer in. Dit gee jou 'n kykie in die lewe by die UK, die verskeie dienste en fasiliteite wat vir studente beskikbaar is, asook besonderhede van al ons voorgraadse programme.

Jy mag reeds weet dat UK die top-gegradeerde universiteit in Afrika en een van die top-gegradeerde universiteite ter wêreld is. Ons doel is nie net om die beste in Afrika te wees nie, maar ook die beste vir Afrika te wees. Ons is opsoek na talentvolle studente wat hul vaardighede wil gebruik om die wêreld te verbeter. Baie van ons alumni is tans besig om juis dit te doen en jy kan by hulle aansluit.

By UK het ons 'n trotse tradisie van akademiese uitnemendheid, maar ons is nie bang om dinge anders te doen om die uitdagings van ons veranderde wêreld die hoof te bied nie. Sou jy hier studeer, sal jy deur wêreldbekende kundiges onderrig word, wat die nuutste vakkundige werk, onderrigmetodes en praktiese ervaring in hul kursusse toepas. Die UK is verbind tot die ontwikkeling van Afrika-gebaseerde oplossings vir internasionale uitdagings,

insluitende kwessies soos klimaatsverandering, verstedeliking, veiligheid en sekuriteit, opvoeding en gesondheid, om maar net 'n paar te noem.

Ons bied 'n wye reeks voorgraadse en nagraadse programme in ses fakulteite aan: Handelswetenskappe, Ingenieurswese en die Bou-omgewing, Gesondheidswetenskappe, Geesteswetenskappe, Regsgeleerdheid en Wetenskappe. Ons voorgraadse programme is ontwerp om jou vir die vinnig veranderde wêreld van die vierde industriële revolusie voor te berei, al is jy nie 'n tegnologie-fundi nie.

Die UK is 'n Universiteit met 'n wêreldvisie. Ons verwelkom studente en personeel vanoor Suid-Afrika, Afrika en die res van die wêreld. Dit skep 'n lewendige, multinasionale, multikulturele gemeenskap waar almal aangemoedig word om tot die universiteit se groei by te dra.

Ons wil hê dat jy hier moet huis voel, daarom word ondersteuningsdienste aan studente gebied sodat jy jou tyd hier by die UK kan geniet. Dit sluit in: geriewe vir personeel met gestremdhede, Studente Welstanddienste om jou te help met jou geestelike en fisiese welstand, en Loopbaandienste, wat jou sal help om besluite oor jou toekoms te maak, in. Daar is ook baie akademiese ondersteuningsprogramme beskikbaar vir studente wat hulp met hulle studies benodig.

By die UK wil ons hê dat studente 'n gebalanseerde lewenstyl moet handhaaf en ons moedig jou aan om nuwe dinge te ondersoek en te probeer. Studente kan uit meer as 40 sportklubs en meer as 100 kultureleverenigings, vrywilligheidsgroepes en sosiale aktiwiteite kies, waar jy ander kan ontmoet wat jou belangstellings deel en jou leierskapsvaardighede sal ontwikkel.

As 'n universiteit is ons verbind tot transformasie en die versekering van die volhoubaarheid van ons instelling deur uitnemendheid na te strewe in alles wat ons doen. Ons erken dat universiteitsopvoeding baie duur is, daarom bied ons finansiële ondersteuning aan wat verseker dat enige student wat akademies uitblink in staat sal wees om by die UK aan te sluit.

Vir vele van vandag se leiers in Suid-Afrika en ander lande, was die eerste stap om 'n graad aan die UK te verwerf. Hulle help om die wêreld 'n beter plek te maak – en jy kan ook wanneer jy aan aan die UK studeer. Ons sien uit daarna om jou te ontmoet!

Vriendelike groete

**Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng**  
VISEKANSELLIER



# Using this Prospectus

This prospectus is a guide for school-leavers and others who are interested in studying for a first qualification at the University of Cape Town. It introduces you to life at UCT, describing the campus and detailing the services and facilities we provide for students.

Details of all undergraduate programmes offered are provided. We recommend that you also visit the websites of faculties and departments in which you may be interested. To help you understand the contents of this prospectus, we list below some of the terms that we use in this prospectus and what we mean by these terms.

**Admission Points Score (APS):** This is the measure of your academic achievement based on your school-leaving results (or an acceptable equivalent). The APS either on its own or (as in some faculties) combined with your NBT scores produces a Faculty Points Score (FPS) which we use to rank applicants.

**Admissions selection criteria:** We use these to select whom we will accept to study at UCT. First, we decide who has met the (minimum) admission requirements. Then, we apply the admissions selection criteria for the programme concerned.

**Applicant:** You (A person who applies to study for a

degree, diploma or certificate). Once you register at UCT, you become a student.

**Application fee:** This is the fee required as part of your application. It is non-refundable, even if your application is unsuccessful.

**Applicant number:** An alpha-numeric number will be allocated to you to identify and track your application. It normally consists of the first three consonants of your surname, and the first three characters of your first name, followed by a unique three digit number.

It is important that you quote this number in any subsequent correspondence that you have with us.

**Applicant status:** Once you have submitted your application, you can check the progress of your application on the UCT website. You will need to use your applicant number or personal details to access information.

**Disadvantage factor:** This is a percentage, between 0 and 10%, by which we adjust the FPS of South African NSC candidates to arrive at the WPS. The disadvantage factor is in turn derived from factors related to the disadvantage experienced by applicants in their school and at home.

**Early conditional offer:** This is an offer of admission, made during the course of the year preceding admission, which is conditional on performance in your final school examinations. Early conditional offers are not made to all applicants.

An early conditional offer will be withdrawn if the conditions for admission are not met.

**Faculty Points Score (FPS):** This is the score we use to rank applicants. In two faculties it combines the APS and NBT scores. In other faculties it is the APS.

**Faculty:** A faculty is a grouping of departments and offers specific degree and diploma programmes. There are six faculties at UCT. Students register in a faculty.



**Matriculation / Matriculation Endorsement:** If you obtain a NSC endorsed for bachelors degree study you do not need a matriculation certificate or a certificate of exemption. If your school-leaving certificate is from another examining authority you will need to obtain a matriculation exemption certificate.

**Minimum Admission requirements:** What you must have: for example, Mathematics is required for admission to some programmes. These are necessary requirements you must meet, but are not necessarily sufficient for entry.

**National Benchmark Tests (NBT):** All applicants to undergraduate programmes living in, or at school in, South Africa, and all Health Sciences applicants, must write the NBTs. The NBTs comprise of three tests.

**National Senior Certificate (NSC):** Since 2008, South African school-leavers write the NSC examinations. This may be under the auspices of one of three examining authorities: The Department of Basic Education (DBE), the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) or the South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute (SACAI). Scores in this prospectus are calculated for NSC applicants.

**Programme:** Students enter a degree, diploma or certificate programme, which is a combination of subjects that have been constructed to provide you with a particular knowledge and skills base, and leads to a qualification.

**Redress Category:** The redress category is derived, for South African applicants only, from the racial classification of their parents during Apartheid.

**Registration:** If you are offered a study place, you must sign up before the start of the first term. We call this registration. Registration gives you student status, commits you to a certain programme, and to pay fees for it.

**School subject requirements:** The subjects and ratings that you must obtain to be considered for admission for a particular degree or diploma programme. Obtaining the NSC with bachelors endorsement and meeting the minimum admission requirement does not guarantee admission to the University.

**Undergraduate:** A university student registered for a first degree or an undergraduate diploma. This Prospectus is intended for you if you wish to be admitted to an undergraduate programme at UCT.

**Weighted Points Score (WPS):** For South African NSC applicants only, this is the faculty points score weighted by the disadvantage factor applicable to each applicant.

## GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS OF COMMON APPLICATION-RELATED TERMS

A Level	Advanced Level
AL	Academic Literacy
AP	Advanced Programme
APS	Admission Points Score
AS	Level Advanced Subsidiary Level
FPS	Faculty Points Score
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education
IB SL	International Baccalaureate Standard Level
IB HL	International Baccalaureate Higher Level
IGCSE	International General Certificate of Secondary Education
NBT	National Benchmark Tests
NSC	National Senior Certificate
NSSC	Namibian Senior School Certificate
OL	Ordinary Level
QL	Quantitative Literacy
WPS	Weighted Points Score
ZIMSEC	Zimbabwean Schools Examination Council



# Visiting the University

This Prospectus can only give you a flavour of life at UCT. If you can visit the campus before applying, please do so. There are many opportunities for applicants and their parents to visit the University to find out more about us, our degree programmes and our facilities. [www.uct.ac.za/main/contacts/directions](http://www.uct.ac.za/main/contacts/directions)

## UCT OPEN DAY

Our annual Open Day is aimed at high school students in Grades 10, 11 and 12, their families, teachers and guidance counsellors. All faculties take part in the event, offering talks, tours, exhibitions, performances and other events. Detailed information will be sent to schools and will also be on the UCT website ([www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)).

From time to time, we host events which are specific to particular disciplines, or faculties.

## THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

You are invited to visit the Admissions Office between 08h30 (except for Thursdays, when we open at 09h30) and 16h30 daily. Access

information by either meeting with a student recruitment officer, or collecting a copy of our prospectus. School talks to Grade 11 and 12 pupils

- Grade 9 subject-choice talks (at schools)
- Campus tours scheduled for 10h00 and 14h00 daily; booking on 021 650 4556 is essential
- Career evenings
- Career exhibitions
- Assistance with the application procedure
- Provision of application forms for those unable to apply online
- UCT evenings for applicants and parents
- Advice on study options available at UCT.

## PARENTS' ORIENTATION

Parents of new undergraduate students are invited to attend Parents' Orientation each year. The programme allows for parents to be addressed

by the Vice-Chancellor, and meet the Deans. In addition, parents will be exposed to the range of facilities on offer at UCT, including transport and security arrangements in place for students. Parents' Orientation events are held annually for both local parents, and parents of students from outside of Cape Town.

For more information about visiting UCT or the services listed above, contact:

### THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

T 021 650 2128

E [admissions-ug@uct.ac.za](mailto:admissions-ug@uct.ac.za)

W [www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)



# About Cape Town and UCT

One of the most popular destinations in the world, Cape Town has it all. With beaches, mountains, forests and UCT on your doorstep, Cape Town is an historic, cosmopolitan city with a vibrant contemporary culture of music and art, as well as a host of sport and leisure activities.

The University's main campus lies on the lower slopes of Devil's Peak in the Cape Peninsula. The Peninsula and its environs feature some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world and offer you a unique natural environment to explore during your leisure time.

Many sports are offered at the University and there is an active cultural life, both on campus and in and around the city. Cape Town forms the hub of the Western Cape, and it is the centre of politics, business, industry and services in the

region. This region provides an ideal 'laboratory' for much of the University's teaching and research.

The University of Cape Town is the oldest university in South Africa and is one of the leading research universities on the African continent. UCT has over 29 000 students, of whom 30% are postgraduate students. Some 5 500 degrees and diplomas are awarded each year in our six faculties: Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law, and Science. We pride ourselves

on our diverse student body, which reflects the many cultures and backgrounds of the region.

We welcome international students and are currently home to over 5 000 international students from over 100 countries.

UCT has a tradition of academic excellence and research that is respected world-wide. Past students include five Nobel Laureates – Max Theiler, Alan Cormack, Sir Aaron Klug, Ralph Bunche and, most recently, J M Coetzee.





# Application & Admission to UCT

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

Our **admissions** policy is designed to ensure that top achievers are offered places at UCT, and to ensure a diverse student body by incorporating measures for redress and measures to ensure that the incoming cohort increasingly reflects the demographic diversity of our country.

### WE START BY

- setting minimum levels of academic achievement for each programme, below which we will not offer a place;
- setting the class size for each programme and setting an aspirational demographic enrolment target for each programme; and
- determining selection methods

### THE FACULTY POINTS SCORE

The Faculty Points Score (FPS) (calculated in different ways to meet the needs of each faculty) is used to rank the best applicants; a small number of applicants will be offered places on the basis of the FPS.

### REDRESS ON THE BASIS OF DISADVANTAGE

As our South African history has been, and in many cases continues to be, one of gross inequality usually structured along racial lines, a key element of our admissions policy is to provide for redress for South African citizens and permanent residents on the basis of disadvantage. To do this we look at the school the applicant attends/attended and his/her family background.

This yields a disadvantage factor, expressed as a percentage between 0% and 10% (or for the programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences, between 0% and 20%). We add this percentage of the FPS to the FPS to derive the weighted (for redress) Faculty Point Score (WPS).

In other words if the disadvantage factor is 7%, we calculate the WPS as follows:  $WPS = FPS + (7\% \times FPS)$ .

If there is a zero redress factor (no school or family disadvantage or an international applicant) then the factor is 0% and  $WPS = FPS + 0 = FPS$ .

### REDRESS FOR DIVERSITY

We categorise all South African applicants (not international applicants) according to the categorisation of their parents' race under apartheid. This allows us to have a proxy for the applicant's race. We use these categories to give priority in making selection decisions to ensure that we meet the diversity targets we set for each class.



## HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za>

Alternatively, contact the Admissions Office for an application form. You will get directions on how to complete the form. You must submit only one application. Your application allows you to choose two programmes. It is in your interest to seek advice about your programme choices, since this selection may affect your chances of admission.

When you apply to UCT, your application will be dealt with by the Admissions Office and by the Faculty that offers your choice of study. You can contact the Admissions Office at any time before or during the application process, and we will be happy to give you help or advice.

### YOU CAN CONTACT US:

By post: The Admissions Office  
The University of Cape Town  
Private Bag X3  
Rondebosch 7701

By telephone: 021 650 2128  
By email: [admissions-ug@uct.ac.za](mailto:admissions-ug@uct.ac.za)  
On the website: [www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)  
On Twitter: [@uctadmissions](https://twitter.com/uctadmissions)

In person: Admissions Office, Level 4,  
Masingene Building,  
Cross Campus Road,  
Middle Campus,  
Rondebosch, UCT

**These are the four designated redress categories used to give effect to our admissions policy.**

- **Redress category 1:** An applicant with at least one parent classified as Black under apartheid
- **Redress category 2:** An applicant with at least one parent classified as Coloured (but the other not as Black) under apartheid
- **Redress category 3:** An applicant with at least one parent classified as Indian (but the other not as Black or Coloured) under apartheid
- **Redress category 4:** An applicant with at least one parent classified as Chinese (but the other not as Black, Coloured or Indian) under apartheid

### SELECTION METHODS

**When making offers, we:**

- select a proportion of the class using the unweighted FPS; this we call Band A.
- select a proportion (usually a bigger proportion) of the class using the weighted score – the WPS – in which we make a significant allowance for school and/or family disadvantage and this we call Band B.

- select the remaining members of the class in FPS rank order from redress categories in order to constitute each class for diversity; this we call Band C.

### What is the application fee?

South African and SADC applicants must pay a non-refundable application fee of R100. Other international applicants are required to pay an application fee of R300. Application fees will not be refunded under any circumstances. Paying your application fee does not mean you will be offered a place to study at UCT. For payment methods please consult the *Directions for Undergraduate Applicants*.

Currently registered UCT students and UCT graduates do not pay an application fee, unless applying for admission to a programme offered by the Graduate School of Business.

### What happens when your application has been submitted?

You will get an email acknowledgement setting out what you have to do next. If you apply by completing a paper application form, and you do not have an email address, we will write to you acknowledging receipt, asking you to

# Key Dates

31 JULY 2020

- Applications close for ALL undergraduate programmes
- Applications for housing close
- Preferred date for submission of BAS portfolio for early consideration.

31 AUGUST 2020

- Preferred date for submission of BA (FA) portfolio for early consideration.
- Deadline for the writing of the NBTs for Health Sciences.
- Closing date for programme changes.

You may elect to apply for a different programme until 31 August 2020. You do so by sending a request to [admissions-ug@uct.ac.za](mailto:admissions-ug@uct.ac.za) or submitting a written request to the Admissions Office.

30 SEPTEMBER 2020

- Final date to submit the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) and Bachelor of Fine Art (BA(FA)) portfolios

10 OCTOBER 2020

- Except for Health Sciences programmes, National Benchmark Tests must be written no later than 10 October 2020

check the data we have captured from your form. Once we have your application our faculties will consider it and all updates/decisions will be sent to your email account.

When we acknowledge receipt of your application, we will give you your applicant number, and a username (which is also your applicant number) and password for access to Student Self-Service. At any stage you will be able to track the status of your application, using these log-in credentials.

However, if all of your applications are cancelled/denied, you will no longer have access to Student Self-Service. Please use your applicant number when you contact us as it will help us track your application. You may check the status of your application and update your application, as required, at [www.studentsonline.uct.ac.za](http://www.studentsonline.uct.ac.za)

Your application will have one of several statuses while it is being processed. These include:

- **Application submitted:** typically shortly after we first receive your application
- **Decision deferred:** for any number of reasons, we may not be able to take a decision to admit or deny an application yet because we do not have enough information. An example would be that the applicant's performance at school is not yet strong enough to attract an offer of admission
- **Conditional offer:** we have made an offer of admission, based on certain conditions being met
- **Firm offer:** we have made a firm offer of admission, without any conditions
- **Deny:** the application is unsuccessful
- **Waitlisted:** you have met all the criteria for admission, but we are unable to admit because, for example, the applicant pool is very competitive

## Early conditional offers

Conditional offers are offers of admission which are dependent on you meeting one or more conditions. We will specify such conditions to you in our communication. We make conditional offers throughout the application cycle.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

In order to be considered for admission to a programme, an applicant must, in the first instance, be eligible for consideration. As an undergraduate applicant to UCT you must be aware of the following, and satisfy criteria which apply to you.

- National Senior Certificate applicants must, for admission to higher certificate, diploma or degree programmes have met the NSC requirements for such endorsement.
- If you do not meet the minimum requirements for university admission but you are 23 years or older and have a Grade 12 (school-leaving) certificate, you may qualify for a mature age exemption. If you fall into this category, you should discuss the possibility of conditional exemption with the relevant faculty office. Applicants with mature age exemption are not considered for programmes offered in the Faculties of Health Sciences and Law.
- Applicants with non-South African school-leaving certificates must have met the requirements for matriculation exemption.
- All applicants, in the final school-leaving assessment, must have achieved the minimum criteria for admission to the programme/s of their choice. These include:
  - the required APS, FPS or WPS as it may apply to the programme of choice
  - performance levels specified for required school subjects
  - performances in the applicable components of the NBTs
  - any other requirements, as outlined in the faculty sections, that may be applicable to specific programmes

**31 OCTOBER 2020**

- For applicants finishing secondary school in 2020, all grade 12 interim results, or predicted scores in the case of non-NSC candidates, are due
- Interim and past transcripts for transferring applicants are due

**15 NOVEMBER 2020**

- Deadline for international applicants to attract an offer of admission. This is necessary to allow for sufficient time to obtain a study visa.

**31 DECEMBER 2020**

- All final transcripts and non-NSC school-leaving results (except CAIE, ZIMSEC and NSSC) must be submitted as certified paper documents

**15 JANUARY 2021**

- The final tertiary transcripts for students registered for tertiary studies in 2020 are due
- Final CAIE, ZIMSEC and NSSC results from the November 2020 session are due

For NSC applicant, conditional offers will usually (but not necessarily) be made once a strong enough set of internal examination results and the NBT results are available. Conditional offers will only be confirmed once the final FPS and NBT results are available, and provided both the FPS and NBT results confirm that the admission criteria have been satisfied.

For applicants doing international school-leaving qualifications, we typically require all possible submissions before final school-leaving results are available. Examples of important submissions to support conditional offers are predicted scores, IGCSE results and SAT results.

## SCORE CALCULATIONS FOR NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS ONLY

For applicants writing the National Senior Certificate we use an Admission Points Score (APS), a Faculty Points Score (FPS) and, in the case of South African applicants, a Weighted Points Score (WPS) to assess your performance at school. The scores are described in detail on the next pages.

The percentages achieved in NSC examinations (preliminary and final examinations) will be allocated an admissions score equal to that percentage.

**TO CALCULATE YOUR APS** (a score out of a maximum of 600), add the six best subject percentages, excluding Life Orientation and scores for AP subjects, but including English and any other required subject(s) for the relevant programme. (In other words, for a programme where Mathematics and Physical Sciences are required, take the scores for English, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and the next best three subjects other than Life Orientation to calculate your APS.) Results below 40% for any subject do not attract a score.

In order to determine which subjects are required for admission to particular programmes, please refer to the faculty sections that follow.

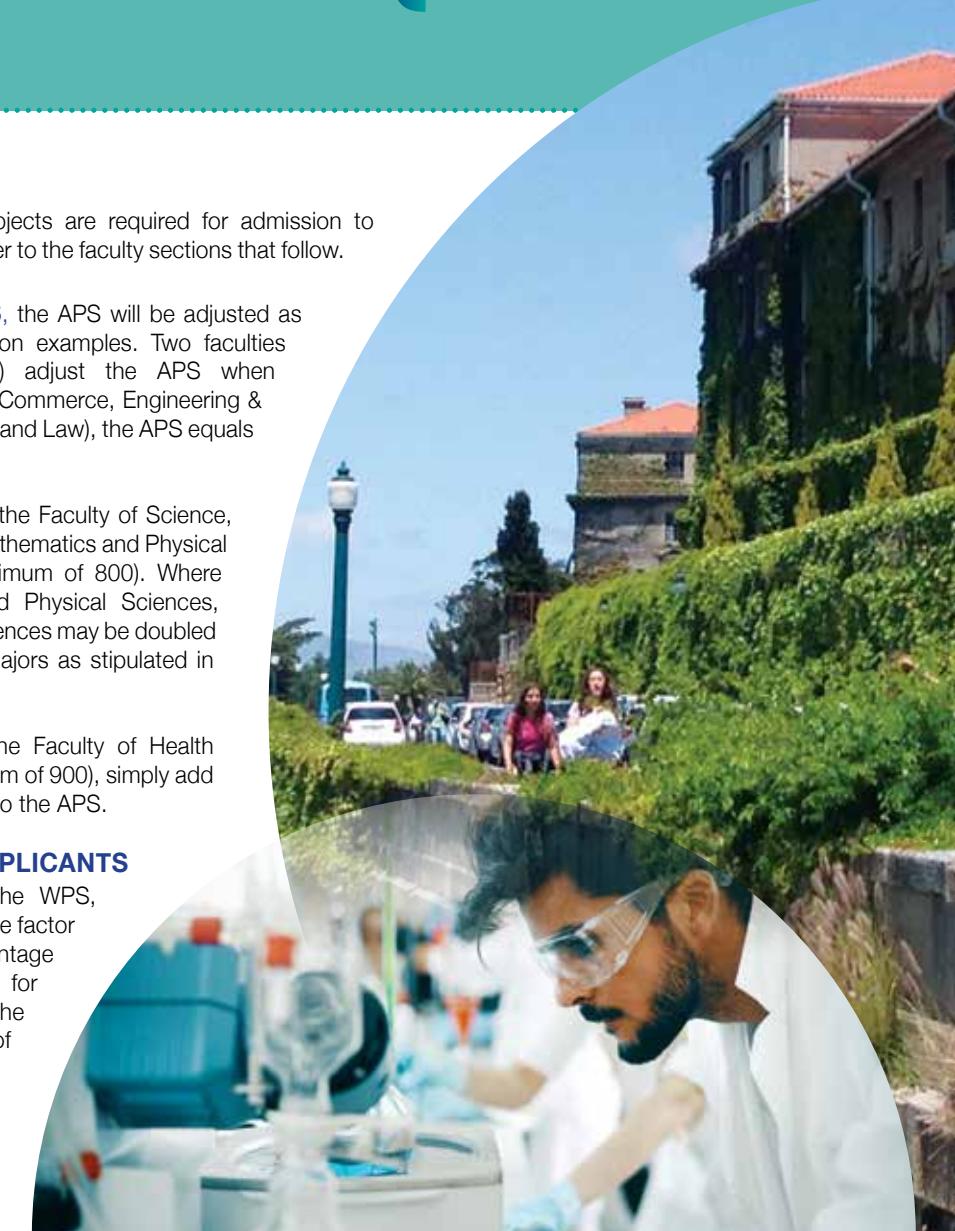
**TO CALCULATE YOUR FPS**, the APS will be adjusted as described below in the calculation examples. Two faculties (Health Sciences and Science) adjust the APS when calculating the FPS. For the rest (Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Humanities and Law), the APS equals the FPS.

In order to calculate the FPS for the Faculty of Science, double the scores achieved for Mathematics and Physical Sciences (a score out of a maximum of 800). Where an applicant has not completed Physical Sciences, Information Technology or Life Sciences may be doubled (this is only allowed for certain majors as stipulated in the faculty entry).

When calculating the FPS for the Faculty of Health Sciences (a score out of a maximum of 900), simply add the sum of the three NBT scores to the APS.

### FOR SOUTH AFRICAN APPLICANTS

**ONLY**, in order to calculate the WPS, adjust the FPS by the disadvantage factor applicable to you. This is a percentage between 0% and 10%, except for applications for admission to the programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences, where the range is between 0% and 20%.



# EXAMPLES OF POINTS SCORE CALCULATIONS FOR NSC APPLICANTS

Note: Technical Mathematics and Technical Science may not be used as substitutes for Mathematics and Physical Sciences respectively.

## Examples of points score calculations for NSC applicants

### 1. FACULTIES OF COMMERCE, ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, HUMANITIES AND LAW

In these faculties, the FPS is calculated out of 600.

English Home Language	75%	=	75 pts
isiXhosa First Additional Language	70%	=	70 pts
Mathematics	84%	=	84 pts
Life Sciences	86%	=	86 pts
Geography	79%	=	79 pts
Accounting	69%	=	69 pts
Life Orientation	80%	=	0 pts

**Total** = **463/600**

**FPS** = **463**

Use the disadvantage factor to derive the weighted score:

for the purpose of this example the disadvantage factor is 10%.

Disadvantage factor = 10% (46)

**WPS** = **509 (463+46)**

[for South African applicants only]

### 2. FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The FPS is calculated out of 900.

English Home Language	75%	=	75 pts
isiXhosa First Additional Language	70%	=	70 pts
Mathematics	84%	=	84 pts
Life Sciences	86%	=	86 pts
Physical Sciences	79%	=	79 pts
Accounting	69%	=	69 pts
Life Orientation	80%	=	0 pts

**APS** = **463/600**

#### NBT Scores of:

AL: 55%

QL: 60%

MAT: 50%

Make a total 165/300, added to 463

**FPS** = **628/900**

Use the disadvantage factor to derive the weighted score: for the purpose of this example the disadvantage factor is 20%.

Add 20% as follows: Disadvantage factor =  $20\% \times \text{FPS} = 20\% \times 628 = 135.6$

**WPS** = **764 (628+135.6)**

[for South African applicants only]

An additional 10 points are added if you have passed a third official South African language at Home or First Additional Language Level.

### 3. FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The FPS is calculated out of 800.

English Home Language	75%	=	75 pts
isiXhosa First Additional Language	70%	=	70 pts
Mathematics	84%	=	84 pts
Physical Sciences	86%	=	86 pts
Geography	79%	=	79 pts
Accounting	69%	=	69 pts
Life Orientation	80%	=	0 pts

**APS** = **463/600**

Scores for Mathematics and Physical Sciences are doubled; therefore, 170 (84+86) is added to the APS:

**FPS** = **633 /800**

Use the disadvantage factor to derive the weighted score: for the purpose of this example the disadvantage factor is 0%.

Disadvantage factor = 0%  
**WPS** = **633 (633+0)**

[for South African applicants only]



## SCORE CALCULATION FOR SELECTED NON-SOUTH AFRICAN EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ADMISSION POINTS TABLE						
Points	IGCSE	NSSC HL	AS LEVELS	A LEVELS	IB SL	IB HL
10				A		7
9				B		6
8		1	A	C	7	5
7		2	B	D	6	4
6	A	3	C	E	5	3
5	B		D		4	
4	C		E			

The table alongside is an indication of how we rate results for subjects, taken at various levels, for some school-leaving qualifications. In some faculties we do not use an APS for admission, but subject requirements are published as minimum requirements, and applications are considered individually.

Please note, applicants require six different subjects in order to apply.

### Current UCT students applying for undergraduate transfers

If you are currently registered for an undergraduate programme at UCT, and wish to transfer to another faculty other than Health Sciences or another programme in your faculty, you are not required to submit a new application but must consult with the faculty that you wish to transfer to. If you wish to transfer to the Faculty of Health Sciences, you must apply online on or before 31 July.

### Transferring Students

If you are studying at, or completed studies at, another higher education institution, you will be considered on the basis of your school-leaving results and your higher education results. In addition, transferring applicants are required to write the NBTs, and may be asked to submit a letter of motivation.

To be considered for admission, you must have met the school-leaving requirements and have a good academic record and satisfactory conduct from your previous institution. You will need to submit an interim academic transcript and a certificate of good conduct with your application, and your final, year-end transcript as soon as they are available and no later than 31 December 2020.

### Applicants repeating NSC subjects

Applicants who are repeating one or more NSC subjects will be assessed individually based on faculty requirements.

### English language proficiency

English language proficiency is a requirement for study at UCT. All international students for whom English is not a first/home language or have not passed English at NSC Grade 12, AS-level, IGCSE, NSSC level or equivalent secondary school-leaving qualification from an English medium-of-instruction institution must provide proof of English language proficiency. As part of your application to study at UCT, you must submit one of the following:

UCT's English language admission requirements are

- A valid (no more than 3 years old) NBT Academic Literacy Test Plus report with an overall score of Upper Intermediate or above. The NBTs are offered by the Centre for Educational Testing for Access and Placement (CETAP) and can be arranged to be taken anywhere in the world. (Visit [www.nbt.uct.ac.za](http://www.nbt.uct.ac.za) for details)
- A valid (no more than 2 years old) TOEFL iBT Score Report with an overall score of 88 or above, with at least 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, and 22 in Speaking.
- A valid (no more than 2 years old) IELTS Academic Test Report Form with an overall score of band 6.5 or above, with at least 6.0 in each component.
- A valid (no more than 2 years old) PTE Academic Score Report with an overall score of 67 or above, with at least 59 in each communicative skills component.

For more information about the TOEFL (including information on how to register for the tests and dates when tests are held), use one of the following contacts:

Email: [toefl@ets.org](mailto:toefl@ets.org)

Website: [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

Information on TOEFL is also available from the American Embassy or Consulate in your country.

Information about the IELTS may be obtained from the British Council at the British Embassy or Consulate in your country.

Information on IELTS is also available from the British Council, South Africa:

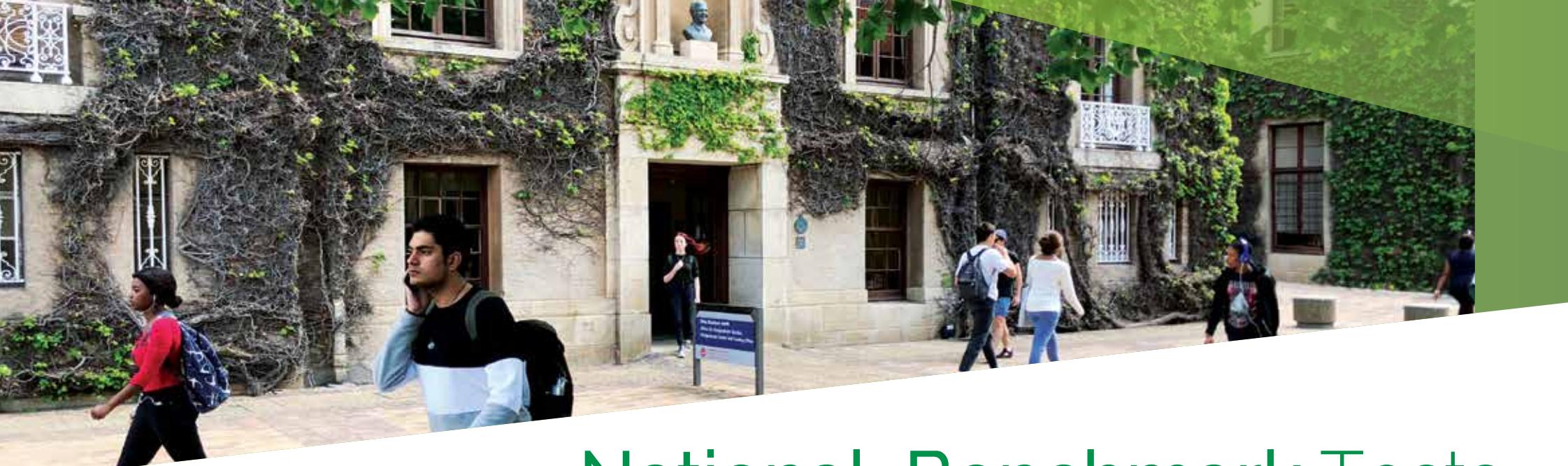
Tel: +27 11 560 9300

Email: [ssa.enquiries@britishcouncil.org](mailto:ssa.enquiries@britishcouncil.org)

Website: [www.britishcouncil.org.za/exam/ielts](http://www.britishcouncil.org.za/exam/ielts)

If you are writing a TOEFL or IELTS test you must ensure that the test score is received by our Admissions Office no later than 12 January 2021.

The NBTs are offered by the Centre for Educational Testing for Access and Placement (CETAP) and can be arranged to be taken anywhere in the world (visit [www.nbt.uct.ac.za](http://www.nbt.uct.ac.za) for details). For graduate applicants, this is 68% (proficient) or above on the Graduate Academic Literacy (G-AL) and 70% (proficient) or above on the Graduate Quantitative (G-QL) Tests, unless otherwise stipulated.



# National Benchmark Tests

Admissions and placement tests have been used at UCT for over 30 years. The National Benchmark Tests (NBTs) are administered by the Centre for Educational Testing for Access and Placement on behalf of Universities South Africa (CETAP).

All undergraduate applicants who are normally resident or at school in South Africa must write the NBT, and all applicants to programmes in Health Sciences must write the NBT wherever they reside.

All applicants write the Academic and Quantitative Literacy test (described below) and all applicants to Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, and Science faculties also write the Mathematics test (described below). Information regarding the use of the test scores in each faculty can be found in the faculty pages.

## What are the National Benchmark Tests?

The National Benchmark Tests are three multiple-choice tests written as a combined Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy test and a separate Mathematics test. The Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test (AQL) is a three-hour test which consists of an Academic Literacy (AL) section and

a Quantitative Literacy (QL) section. The results of the two sections of the test are reported separately.

The Academic Literacy (AL) Test tests your capacity to engage successfully with the demands of academic study in the language of instruction which is English at UCT. The Quantitative Literacy (QL) Test targets your ability to manage situations or solve problems in a real context that is relevant to higher education study, using basic quantitative information that may be presented verbally, graphically, in tabular or symbolic form. The Mathematics Test is a three-hour test which targets a writer's ability related to mathematical concepts formally regarded as part of the secondary school curriculum relevant for Higher Education studies.

## Who writes what?

Applicants to the Faculties of Humanities and Law write the Academic and Quantitative Literacy test only. Applicants

to Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences and Science write the Academic and Quantitative Literacy test as well as the Mathematics test. The completion of the Mathematics syllabus is not a prerequisite for writing the Mathematics Test.

## REGISTERING FOR YOUR NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS

It is compulsory to write the NBTs if you:

- apply for admission to an undergraduate programme of study (whatever your previous studies), and live in South Africa, attend secondary school in South Africa, or if you apply for admission to the Faculty of Health Sciences (wherever you may reside)
- we expect you to write the NBTs, in English, as early as



possible in 2020, preferably in the June/July period. Writing the NBTs later will mean that we receive your results later, and that we are only able to make decisions on your application later.

You must write the NBTs by 10 October 2020. However, should you apply for admission to a programme in Health Sciences, the NBTs must be written no later than 31 August 2020. If you fail to do so, we are unable to consider you for admission.

In summary, our advice to you is to:

- register to write the NBTs as early as possible but no later than 31 August 2020 (for Health Sciences applicants) or 10 October 2020 (for all other applicants).
- ensure that you show up to write the NBTs on the date for which you registered, as you are liable for the fees regardless of whether you write or not
- rewrite the NBTs if you feel you did not do yourself justice at the first attempt. Note that you are only allowed to write the NBTs at most twice in any test cycle.

If you think you have valid reasons for not writing the NBTs by 10 October 2020 you may apply before 30 September 2020 to the Admissions Office, [admissions-ug@uct.ac.za](mailto:admissions-ug@uct.ac.za) for permission to write the NBTs later.

Permission will only be granted if there is a valid reason as to why you will not be able to write the NBTs before 10 October 2020. This does not apply to Health Sciences programmes.

### How are the test results used?

The test results are used in addition to school-leaving academic performance and do not replace the use of school-leaving results. In the case of applications to the Faculty of Health Sciences, the National Benchmark Test results make up a specific proportion of a school-leaver's overall Faculty Points Score. (See the Faculty specific section in this prospectus for more information).

The NBT results may also be used to decide admission to an extended or foundation programme.

### Can I write the NBTs outside of South Africa?

Writing the NBTs in a remote venue, or outside of South Africa Remote sessions are run when someone is unable to write at an institution that generally facilitates the National Benchmark Test sessions.

Usually, these are for test writers in another country or in an area too remote to be able to make a trip of a reasonable distance to the nearest testing centre. Should you wish to request a remote venue, please contact the NBT Project at [nbtremote@uct.ac.za](mailto:nbtremote@uct.ac.za).

### Provision for candidates with disabilities

Provision is made for test writers with disabilities. We have successfully accommodated writers who are blind, visually, hearing or mobility/physically impaired, have a learning disability, or have a chronic illness that requires special accommodations. Time concessions, readers, scribes, and braille versions of the tests have been made available.

### How to register for NBTs

**You may register online at [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)**

After reading the general information and the FAQs, select the 'Book a test' option and follow all instructions. Note that you will need your SA identity number or passport number in order to register.

If you encounter problems during the registration process, call 021 650 3523 or send an email to [nbt@uct.ac.za](mailto:nbt@uct.ac.za) for assistance.

### THE NBT PROJECT IS STAFFED FROM 08:00 TO 16:00 WEEKDAYS AND FROM 07:00 TO 10:00 ON NATIONAL TEST DAYS.

The tests begin at 08h00 at many venues throughout South Africa. The Academic and Quantitative Literacy (AQL) test is written in the morning session and the Mathematics (MAT) test in the afternoon.

If both tests are written, you will probably complete them at about 16h00. They must also be written at the same sitting. Testing dates and venues are available on the NBT web site at [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za). Alternatively please call the NBT Project.

### May I write the NBTs more than once?

You may attempt the NBTs at most twice in one test cycle. But:

- you will have to register for each attempt;
- you will have to pay the NBT test fee each time you do so;
- you will receive one unique registration number for both NBT attempts;
- If you write a second time, and the admission requirements applicable to you require you to write the AQL and Maths tests (three domains), you must rewrite both tests;
- we will use your best NBT results for each of AL, QL and MAT.



### What must you take to the tests?

- your identity book or passport
- lunch (not all centres are close to shops)
- HB pencil and eraser
- bus/train/taxi fare for returning home
- please note that you will not be allowed to use calculators in any of the tests.

### Venues for the tests for admission to UCT in 2021

Please check & confirm venues on the website at [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za) The testing venues will be clearly sign posted on the days the tests are written. The NBT Project reserves the right to change the venue as circumstances require.

### How do you get your test results?

About four weeks after writing, you may access your results on the NBT website. Log on using your South African ID number. Your scores will also be sent to UCT for use in processing your application.

### NBT CONTACT INFORMATION

W [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)

E [nbt@uct.ac.za](mailto:nbt@uct.ac.za)

T 021 650 3523

F [www.facebook.com/nationalbenchmarktest](http://www.facebook.com/nationalbenchmarktest)

T [www.twitter.com/cetap\\_uct](http://www.twitter.com/cetap_uct)



### DEGREE Benchmark Performance Levels

Benchmark Performance Levels	Academic Literacy		Quantitative Literacy		Mathematics	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Proficient	68	100	70	100	69	100
Intermediate	39	67	40	69	35	68
Basic	0	38	0	39	0	34

### DEGREE Benchmark Performance Levels Split into Upper and Lower Boundaries\*

Benchmark Performance Levels	Academic Literacy		Quantitative Literacy		Mathematics	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Proficient Upper	84	100	85	100	85	100
Proficient Lower	68	83	70	84	69	84
Intermediate Upper	54	67	55	69	52	68
Intermediate Lower	39	53	40	54	35	51
Basic Upper	19	38	20	39	17	34
Basic Lower	0	18	0	19	0	16

### DIPLOMA and HIGHER CERTIFICATE Benchmark Performance Levels

Benchmark Performance Levels	Academic Literacy		Quantitative Literacy		Mathematics	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Proficient	61	100	66	100	67	100
Intermediate	33	60	34	65	38	66
Basic	0	32	0	33	0	37

### DIPLOMA and HIGHER CERTIFICATE Benchmark Performance Levels Split into Upper and Lower Boundaries\*

Benchmark Performance Levels	Academic Literacy		Quantitative Literacy		Mathematics	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Proficient Upper	81	100	83	100	84	100
Proficient Lower	61	80	66	82	67	83
Intermediate Upper	47	60	50	65	51	66
Intermediate Lower	33	46	34	49	35	50
Basic Upper	16	32	17	33	17	34
Basic Lower	0	15	0	16	0	16

\* Equated scores are reported as a whole number percentage (i.e., rounded, with zero decimal places)

# Faculty of Commerce

## ABOUT THE FACULTY

UCT's Commerce degrees and diplomas prepare you for the employment needs of the expanding world of business and professional financial services and equip you to participate in the global economy.

A UCT Commerce degree will give you the education to enable you to succeed in a rapidly changing environment, whether you want to work locally or internationally, change jobs or even careers.

We do not expect students new to university to finalise their specialisation choices before being exposed to the disciplines at a tertiary level, so the more similar the specialisation, the more flexibility students have to move around as they discover where their strengths and interests lie. In the early stages of the degree, you may choose to move from one option to another, one specialisation to another or even change degrees.

## WHAT WE OFFER

The faculty offers two undergraduate degrees and one level 7 advanced diploma that is only available to graduates or those with appropriate work experience.



### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS SCIENCE (BBusSc) & BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (BCom)

Both degrees allow for a variety of specialisations to cater for both the interests of our students and the employment needs of our country. The first year curriculum is more or less common as all Commerce graduates need a solid academic foundation in core subject areas: Accounting, Information Systems, Economics, Business Law, Mathematics, Business Statistics, Mathematical Statistics, Critical thinking (Evidence-based management) and Business Ethics.

Both degrees are offered in the standard form or as academic development programmes tailored for students who may have experienced gaps or disparities in their educational or life experience. The BBusSc is a four-year qualification, and the BCom is a three-year qualification.

The certificate will stipulate whether you have graduated with a BCom or BBusSc and the area of specialisation. All BBusSc students also take courses in the functional areas of Finance, Marketing and People Management. In their final year, students take a course in Strategic Thinking that integrates all the courses covered in the previous years of study. This course also includes exposure to entrepreneurship, recognising that many students will ultimately run their own businesses.



### EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT UNIT (EDU COMMERCE)

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/EDU/](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/EDU/)

The Education Development Unit (EDU) is focused on enhancing the teaching and learning environment in the Commerce Faculty. Academic Development (AD) is situated in the EDU and is an equity programme. It has been designed to enable equity students with a disadvantage factor greater than 1.0 to complete Commerce degrees over either a standard or extended period offering a range of additional interventions.

The duration of the degree will be determined by the Commerce Faculty admission requirements. The same exit standards certificate will be applied whatever the duration of the degree and the qualification (and thus the degree certificate) will be the same.



If you are offered a place in Commerce you can choose either degree BCom or BBusSc and any specialisation for which you meet the entrance requirements.

## AREAS OF STUDY OFFERED IN BOTH DEGREES

### Accounting

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting)

Accounting is the language of business used by Investors, Financial Managers, Entrepreneurs, Lenders, Financial Analysts and the Public Sector. Accountants analyse businesses and communicate information to stakeholders. It is NOT necessary to have done Accounting at school if you wish to do Accounting at UCT, although you must have done Mathematics and English.

An Accounting specialisation is useful for anyone who wishes to prepare for a career in business or in the accounting profession. An accounting qualification will prepare you to work in any size or type of organisation and in any employment section in any country.



The General Accounting option is designed for the student who does not wish to qualify as a Chartered Accountant (CA). Graduates become general managers, tax advisors, internal auditors or business advisors. The CA option is designed for students who intend to qualify as Chartered Accountants. Graduates become members of management teams, financial advisors, or partners in auditing practices.

The Accounting and Law option is designed for students who are interested in a law career with a commercial background and may wish to continue with an LLB degree.

### Actuarial Science

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Managementstudies/actuarialscience/](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Managementstudies/actuarialscience/)

This is intended for students with a strong numerate ability who wish to enter the actuarial or allied professions.

### Economics

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Economics/](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Economics/)

All Economics options give a good grounding in the areas of expertise that professional economists and managers need, such as formulating economic policy, general economic and financial analysis and the management of portfolios. The Economics specialisation is designed for students who wish

to experience a broad fundamental education in Commerce or who want to become professional economists.

### We offer the following Economics options:

- **Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE):** this focuses on the special problems, both practical and ethical, raised for developing countries by the globalisation of trade and markets. Economics & Statistics: this is oriented towards quantitative economics and statistical methods, providing students with the skills to analyse and interpret economic and financial data.
- **Economics with Finance:** this focuses on financial issues and provides students with the skills needed to operate in the world of finance.
- **Economics with Law:** this is intended for students who are interested in a law career with a commercial background, or who may wish to continue with an LLB degree.

### Information Systems

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/InformationSystems/](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/InformationSystems/)

The Information Systems discipline investigates how computers and communication technologies can be used to address the information needs of modern organisations. The curriculum deals not only with the information technologies but also imparts students with the skills to analyse user

## DEGREE SPECIALISATIONS AT A GLANCE

### Bachelor of Business Science in Actuarial Science

Discipline: Actuarial Science  
Specialisation: Actuarial Science  
Quantitative Finance

### Bachelor of Business Science

Specialisation: Finance  
Finance with Accounting  
Computer Science  
Information Systems  
Economics  
Economics with Law  
Marketing  
Organisational Psychology  
Analytics

### Bachelor of Commerce in Actuarial Science

Discipline: Actuarial Science  
Specialisation: Actuarial Science  
Quantitative Finance

### Bachelor of Commerce

Discipline: Financial Accounting  
Specialisation: General Accounting  
Chartered Accountant  
Accounting with Law

Discipline: Information Systems  
Specialisation: Information Systems  
Information Systems and Computer Science  
Information Systems and Finance

Discipline: Economics  
Specialisation: Philosophy, Politics and Economics  
Economics and Finance  
Economics and Statistics  
Economics with Law

Discipline: Management Studies  
Specialisation: Management Studies

requirements and develop information systems. The Information Systems curriculum allows students to cover this exciting and expanding field.

This specialisation maintains a balance between the technical (hardware and software) aspects of information systems and the human side of the discipline. There is a demand for qualified Information Systems professionals.

### Finance

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/FinanceandTax](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/FinanceandTax)

Students in this discipline either continue to complete the CA qualification on completion of the degree or enter into the areas of investment or corporate finance.

### Statistical Sciences

[www.stats.uct.ac.za](http://www.stats.uct.ac.za)

Statistical Sciences is the scientific application of mathematical principles to the collection, analysis, and presentation of data. Business Statistics is intended for students who want to have a more applied approach to statistics. Mathematical Statistics is intended for students with a very strong numerate ability.

### Management Studies

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Pages/School-of-Management-Studies](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Pages/School-of-Management-Studies)

The specialisation in Management Studies offers students a wide range of choice in subject areas whilst requiring them to complete the general core courses required of the first three years of the Business Science degree. We believe that the flexibility and academic rigour of this degree will make it very attractive to students and employers; it enables students to make the most of their individual strengths and interests.

The degree, offered over a minimum of 3 years, requires students to complete 18 prescribed courses, including a minimum of a full year of mathematics, as well as 9 or more courses from a basket of approved electives ranging from Marketing to Politics to Statistical Sciences to Spanish to Environmental and Geographical sciences. Of this total of 27 courses, 7 are required to be at a 3rd year level, so students will liaise with an advisor to plan their curriculum.

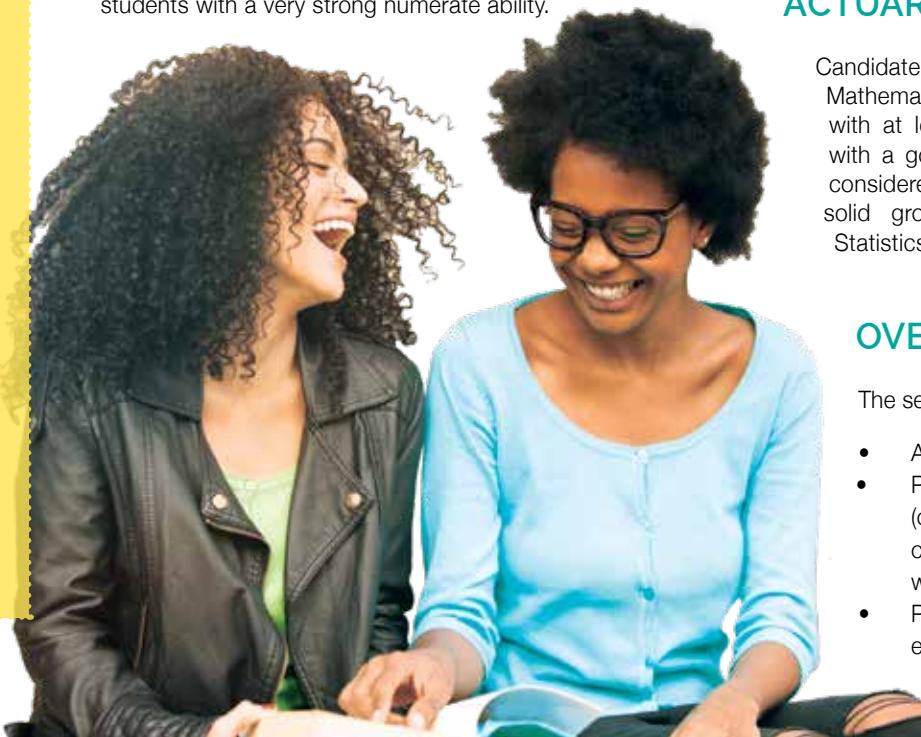
## ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

Candidates should have a first-class degree in Mathematical Statistics from a recognised university, with at least two years of Mathematics. Candidates with a good degree in related subjects may also be considered, but it is essential that candidates have a solid grounding in Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics (up to HEQSF Level 6).

## OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS

The selection instruments we use for Commerce are:

- Academic results
- Performance in the National Benchmark Tests (only the AL and QL components are considered, though Mathematics must also be written)
- Performance (usually in the school-leaving examinations) in Mathematics and English.



## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO A COMMERCE DEGREE VIA MAINSTREAM OR ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DEGREES

### Mainstream

Applicants who are made an offer of admission to a the faculty are entitled to register for ANY specialisation in the Faculty for which they meet the entrance criteria. Thus, if we have made

an offer for a BCom and their final NSC results meet the entrance criteria for BBusSc Actuarial Science, they will be eligible to register for BBusSc Actuarial Science should they desire to do so.

### Academic Development (Places are limited by capacity)

South African Black, Chinese, Coloured or Indian applicants with a disadvantage factor greater than 1.0 may apply for admission to Academic Development (AD) programmes. We may also offer places on AD specialisations to equity candidates not meeting the admission requirements for mainstream programmes, whose NBT results indicate potential.

## NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The guidelines that follow do not guarantee admission. Study offers are limited for reasons of capacity. Satisfying the minimum subject requirements does not ensure an applicant admission.

\* South African applicants and permanent residents in redress categories may apply for admission directly into the Academic Development (AD) qualifications

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS SCIENCE AND BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

All specialisations except for Actuarial Science and Computer Science

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b> FPS of 480 or above. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 60% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b> WPS of 470 or above. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 60% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p> <p><b>Minimum required for possible admission</b> FPS of 425 or above. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 60% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p>
Only SA applicants in targeted redress race groups with a disadvantage factor greater than 1	Band C FPS	<p><b>Possible admission</b> FPS of 425 to 429. NBT scores of Lower Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 60% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances a basic for QL may be mitigated by a score of intermediate in NBT Mathematics</p>

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS SCIENCE AND BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Only Computer Science and Analytics Specialisation

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b> FPS of 480 or above. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 70% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b> WPS of 470 or above. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 70% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p> <p><b>Minimum required for possible admission</b> FPS of 425. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL &amp; QL Mathematics 70% English HL 50% English FAL 60%</p>

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

The following information is a **GUIDELINE** for applicants who have successfully completed international school-leaving qualifications and wish to study further at UCT. To be considered for admission, applicants must qualify for matriculation exemption from the Matriculation Board and meet certain minimum Faculty entry requirements. Please note that the subjects and points score where specified below are the minimum entrance requirements and do not guarantee admission. Each applicant will be assessed individually. Unless otherwise stated under the language all applicants must meet the language requirement as per the UCT language policy.

### 1. IGCSE, AS-LEVEL AND A-LEVEL APPLICANTS

Combine at least: three A-Levels plus three subjects which may be IGCSE or AS- Level **OR** four AS-Levels plus two IGCSEs **OR** three AS-Levels plus one A-Level and two IGCSEs Double your points for Mathematics and English. **Each subject can only be counted once at A-Level or AS-Level or IGCSE. Only National Senior Certificate equivalent subjects will be considered.**

If English is taken as a 2nd Language, then you must have another language as a 1st Language in order to be considered further. English Literature is not accepted.

DEGREE WITH PLANS	GUARANTEED ADMISSION *	MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS	
		MATHEMATICS	ENGLISH
<b>Bachelor of Business Science specialising in:</b> Computer Science Economics Economics with Law Finance Finance with Accounting Information Systems Marketing Organisational Psychology Analytics	53	A-level C or AS-level B	A-level E or AS-level D or O-level B
<b>Bachelor of Commerce specialising in:</b> Financial Accounting (General/Chartered) Accounting with Law Economics with Law Economics with Finance Economics & Statistics Information Systems Information Systems & Computer Science Information Systems & Finance Management Studies Philosophy Politics & Economics	53		
<b>BBusSc/BCom specialising in:</b> Actuarial Science Quantitative Finance	60 56 (without A level subjects)	A-Level A AS-Level A	A-level C or AS-level B or O- level A

\*These points are a guideline but each candidate will be assessed individually depending on their combination of A and AS Level subjects.

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS SCIENCE AND BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

ONLY Actuarial Science and Quantitative Finance Qualification and Stream

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> FPS of 500 or above. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL & QL Mathematics 80% English HL 60% English FAL 80% (but require Proficient for AL & QL NBT's)
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> WPS of 525. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL & QL Mathematics 80% English HL 60% English FAL 80% (but require Proficient for AL & QL NBT's)
Only SA applicants in targeted redress race groups with a disadvantage factor greater than 1	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> FPS of 475 to 479. NBT scores of Upper Intermediate for AL & QL Mathematics 80% English HL 60% English FAL 80% (but require Proficient for AL & QL NBT's)

## 2. HIGCSE AND IGCSE APPLICANTS

A minimum of 4 HIGCSE subjects must be scored and the best of relevant IGCSE subjects to have a total of 6 subjects. Each subject can only be counted once at HIGCSE or IGCSE. Only Grades 1, 2 or 3 are acceptable for HIGCSE and Grades A, B or C for IGCSE. Points are doubled for Mathematics and English. If English is taken as a 2nd Language, then you must have another language as a 1st Language in order to be considered further. English Literature is not accepted.

DEGREE WITH PLANS	GUARANTEED ADMISSION	MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS	
		MATHEMATICS	ENGLISH
<b>Bachelor of Business Science specialising in:</b> Computer Science Economics Economics with Law Finance Finance with Accounting Information Systems Marketing Organisational Psychology Analytics	53	HIGCSE level Grade 1	HIGCSE level 3 or IGCSE B
<b>Bachelor of Commerce specialising in:</b> Financial Accounting (General/Chartered) Accounting with Law Economics with Law Economics with Finance Economics & Statistics Information Systems Information Systems & Computer Science Management Studies Philosophy Politics & Economics			
<b>BBusSc/BCom specialising in:</b> Actuarial Science Quantitative Finance	60	HIGCSE level Grade 1	HIGCSE level Grade 2 or IGCSE A

## 3. INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) APPLICANTS

An applicant must hold the IB Diploma (not the certificate) and satisfy the following minimum requirements:

- at least 3 Higher Level (HL) subjects plus 3 Standard Level (SL) subjects
- Points are doubled for Mathematics and English
- English Literature is accepted

### All streams other than Actuarial Science and Quantitative Finance

- At least Grade 5 at HL or at least Grade 6 SL Mathematics/Maths Method
- Note Mathematical Studies or Maths Main are not accepted
- English at Grade 3 at HL or Grade 5 at SL
- English Literature is accepted

### Actuarial Science and Quantitative Finance streams

- Grade 7 at HL Mathematics and Grade 5 at HL English or Grade 7 SL English
- English Literature is accepted

In addition: Applicants should achieve the points outlined below:

DEGREE WITH PLANS	GUARANTEED ADMISSION
<b>Bachelor of Business Science specialising in:</b> Computer Science Economics Economics with Law Finance Finance with Accounting Information Systems Marketing Organisational Psychology Analytics	53
<b>Bachelor of Commerce specialising in:</b> Financial Accounting (General/Chartered) Accounting with Law Economics with Law Economics with Finance Economics & Statistics Information Systems Information Systems & Computer Science Management Studies Philosophy Politics & Economics	
<b>BBusSc/BCom specialising in:</b> Actuarial Science Quantitative Finance	60

## 4. APPLICANTS HOLDING SAT RESULTS

<b>SAT I</b>	SAT I score of 1050 or more with sub minima of 500 for both the Verbal and Mathematics scores; or
<b>SAT II</b>	SAT II score of 1050 or more for English and one of Physics or Chemistry with sub minimum of 500 for either the English or the Physics or the Chemistry scores





## 5. ABITUR

Applicants' performance on the Abitur is assessed using the following points table:

Umrechnungstabelle/conversion table (grades to percentages)

- At least a 'GUT' for Mathematics and English

POINT RANGE	% RANGE	
15	sehr gut	100-95
14		94-90
13		89-85
12	gut	84-80
11		79-75
10		74-70
9	befriedigend	69-65
8		64-60
7		59-55
6	ausreichend	54-50
5		49-45
4		44-40



## TRANSFERRING APPLICANTS

Applicants wishing to transfer to the Commerce Faculty (both from within UCT and outside of UCT) will be considered having regard to:

- Meeting the minimum school subject requirements for Commerce
- Meeting the minimum points requirement used for entry to Commerce
- Only applicants who have not yet graduated are required to write the National Benchmark Test results
- Post School academic record:
  - It is unlikely that students who have failed one or more courses will be accepted and/or who have an overall percentage below 60.
  - Particular attention will be given to courses relevant to the Commerce Faculty and to the proposed stream(s)

Entrance examinations may be required to continue in certain disciplines. Please refer to the Commerce website or contact the Faculty Office.

### Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Science

Candidates should have a first-class degree in Mathematical Statistics from a recognised university, with at least two years of Mathematics. Candidates with a good degree in related subjects may also be considered, but it is essential that candidates have a solid grounding in Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics (up to HEQSF Level 6).

## Advanced Diploma in Management Development

The entrance requirements are a successful completion of a HEQSF Level 6 qualification or acceptance into the programme with an approved Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment, with 3-5 years of relevant work experience. The Programme Convenor will assess the suitability of the candidate based on the strength of the application and work experience, plus prior studies. Applicants may be contacted to an interview to assess suitability.

### Rules for admission:

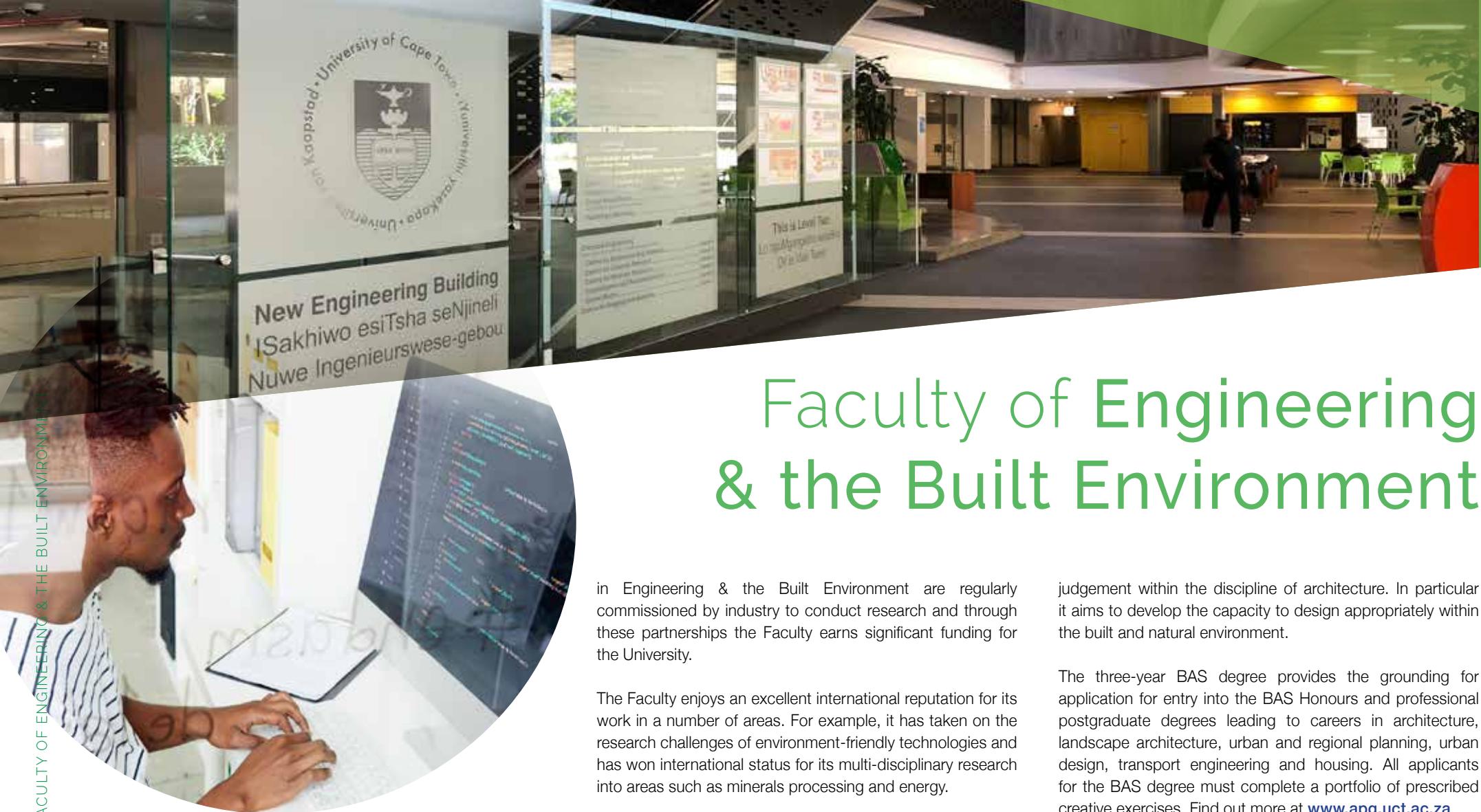
Hold at least a Matric Certificate and have proven middle management experience of at least three to five years, supported by:

- a documented management track record including a comprehensive curriculum vitae, referee reports and personal motivations and/or
- competencies at an undergraduate level (i.e. HEQSF level 6) demonstrated by a portfolio of evidence, which depending on the applicant's work context and area of work focus, may include some or all of the following: description evaluation and evaluation of projects implemented, annual budget managed in relation to organisational budget, complexity, range and scope of processes managed, or nature and number of people reporting to the applicant.

## ADDITIONAL ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROCEEDING TO SENIOR YEARS IN STREAMS CONTAINING LAW

Successful completion of the prescribed standard work load and an average of 65% at the first attempt is required for the year/s prior to the year including the RDL courses. The rationale is that clear evidence of an ability to succeed in all subjects in the initial year/s indicates a good probability of coping with an increased workload and possibly higher expectations in the following years.

In line with the Faculty's transformation and diversity goals, Black African, Chinese, Coloured and Indian South African (citizens and permanent resident) applicants may, at the discretion of the Faculty of Law, be admitted.



## ABOUT THE FACULTY

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The Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment enjoys an outstanding reputation for its high quality graduates. Not only are we proud to be increasing the number of black engineers and built environment specialists, but we are also proud to record increasing numbers of female students who are choosing to pursue careers in engineering. Researchers

# Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment

in Engineering & the Built Environment are regularly commissioned by industry to conduct research and through these partnerships the Faculty earns significant funding for the University.

The Faculty enjoys an excellent international reputation for its work in a number of areas. For example, it has taken on the research challenges of environment-friendly technologies and has won international status for its multi-disciplinary research into areas such as minerals processing and energy.

## WHAT WE OFFER

### Architectural Studies

A general, design-based first degree, the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) focuses on the design of the built environment and architectural design. This degree equips students with the ability to solve design problems imaginatively, to think rationally and to exercise appropriate

judgement within the discipline of architecture. In particular it aims to develop the capacity to design appropriately within the built and natural environment.

The three-year BAS degree provides the grounding for application for entry into the BAS Honours and professional postgraduate degrees leading to careers in architecture, landscape architecture, urban and regional planning, urban design, transport engineering and housing. All applicants for the BAS degree must complete a portfolio of prescribed creative exercises. Find out more at [www.apg.uct.ac.za](http://www.apg.uct.ac.za)

### Chemical Engineering

Chemical Engineering represents a synthesis of chemistry, physics and mathematics applied to real problems which affect our everyday lives. We have reached a point where society must contend with fundamental changes in the availability of some of the most important resources on this planet: energy, food, essential minerals and the global environment. Technological solutions for many of these problems fall within



the domain of the chemical engineer. To become a chemical engineer takes four years of academic study complemented by exposure to the process industries. Learn more about the programme at [www.chemeng.uct.ac.za/](http://www.chemeng.uct.ac.za/)

## Civil Engineering

The civil engineer today may be a technically-oriented designer, a public-minded planner of services which benefit entire communities, a protector of public health and the environment, a practical leader of construction teams or creator of organisations and systems that provide work and serve communities.

The BSc(Eng) in Civil Engineering includes courses in the sciences, mathematics, computing, materials, structures, geology, geotechnics, geographical information systems, water treatment and supply, wastewater disposal and treatment, hydraulics, environmental evaluation, surveying, transportation, urban development, design, construction, management and communications. The final year ends with a five-week large-scale design project and a nine-week individual research project. Visit [www.civil.uct.ac.za](http://www.civil.uct.ac.za)

## Construction Studies & Property Studies

The Department of Construction Economics and Management offers two three-year undergraduate degrees: BSc in Construction Studies and BSc in Property Studies; and three one-year Honours degrees: Quantity Surveying, Construction Management and Property Studies.

The BSc in Property Studies will give you a head start in a challenging and rewarding career in the property industry. Besides acquiring a broad knowledge of finance, macro and micro-economics, property law, and appropriate

communication and computer skills, you will develop skills in the field of property development.

The BSc in Construction Studies will enable you to prepare tenders and manage construction contracts, estimate costs and undertake financial management of construction projects, manage the construction of buildings and related infrastructure, manage human resources, evaluate property investments and communicate spatial concepts, financial issues and other data. Visit the website of the Department of Construction Economics and Management at [www.cons.uct.ac.za](http://www.cons.uct.ac.za)

## Electrical Engineering

Electrical Engineering covers a wide and diverse range of activities and industries including computing, telecommunications, electronic circuits, power and energy. The diverse requirements of industry and the different interests of students can be accommodated through the selection of specialisation courses in the final year of study. The Electrical Engineering degree curriculum at UCT has been designed to be flexible. Electrical engineers can choose to follow a high technology career in research and development, or to follow a career in operations and maintenance. Find out more at [www.ee.uct.ac.za](http://www.ee.uct.ac.za)

## Mechatronics

Mechatronics is an interdisciplinary branch of engineering which combines fundamental study in mechanical engineering with light-current electrical engineering. As a mechatronics student at UCT, you will study a specialisation in electrical and electronic engineering, combined with a grounding in mechanical engineering. The mechatronics engineer in industry may require expertise across a broad



range of engineering disciplines and will be especially well suited to a career in light manufacturing, robotics, automation and process control. Discover more information about Mechatronics at [www.mechatronics.uct.ac.za](http://www.mechatronics.uct.ac.za)

## Electrical & Computer Engineering

Electrical & Computer Engineering combines Electrical Engineering and Computer Science to equip graduates with a thorough understanding of the design of special-purpose computers and computer-based systems. This degree integrates concepts of the analysis, design and application of computing, information acquisition and processing systems in various fields. Examples are in the areas of communications, high performance scientific computing, signal processing and electronic control systems. Find out more at [www.ee.uct.ac.za](http://www.ee.uct.ac.za)

## Geomatics

Geomatics refers to the creation, representation, analysis, management, retrieval and modelling of spatial information which represents the earth's physical features, the built environment and other spatially defined objects. The principle disciplines associated with geomatics include surveying and mapping, the mapping sciences, land management, geographic information systems and science, environmental visualisation, geodesy, photogrammetry, remote sensing and surveying. Geomatics is a professional career for individuals who have an aptitude for mathematics and applied sciences. The School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics offers a four-year BSc in Geomatics which is recognised by the South African Geomatics Council. Graduates may choose to register



as a professional surveyor after completing a period of articles. A career in geomatics offers an exciting variety of professional work possibilities and is recognised worldwide. For more information about geomatics, the degrees we offer, and how to apply, please visit [www.geomatics.uct.ac.za](http://www.geomatics.uct.ac.za)

### Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering involves understanding and harnessing forces and energy in machines for the benefit of society. Whether the machine is a space shuttle, steam turbine, a motor car or a robot-controlled production line, a mechanical engineer would be involved in the design, manufacture and utilisation of such machines. The BSc (Eng) in Mechanical Engineering allows graduate employment opportunities in a wide spectrum of engineering disciplines, as well as providing the foundation for a career in specialist fields such as aeronautical engineering, marine and biomedical engineering. Visit [www.mecheng.uct.ac.za](http://www.mecheng.uct.ac.za) for more information.

### Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering

Southern African manufacturing, mining, service and process industries need graduates who have less specialisation than is normally offered in the traditional engineering disciplines. Such employers prefer graduates who have had exposure to a wide range of subjects in both mechanical and electrical engineering and who are therefore prepared to tackle a broader range of industrial projects than a specialist mechanical engineer or specialist electrical engineer. The Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering degree at UCT was designed to meet this need. Visit [www.mecheng.uct.ac.za](http://www.mecheng.uct.ac.za) for more information.

## ACCREDITATION OF DEGREES

The BSc (Eng) degrees in Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electrical & Computer, Mechanical & Mechatronic, Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics are accepted by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) as fulfilling the academic requirements for registration as a professional engineer. The degrees are internationally recognised in terms of the Washington Accord.

The BSc in Construction Studies and the BSc Honours in Quantity Surveying and in Construction Management are accredited by the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The BSc Honours in Construction Management is also accredited by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).

The BSc in Property Studies and the BSc Honours in Property Studies are accredited by the SA Council for the Property Valuers Profession (SACPVP). The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) accredits the BSc Honours degrees in Property Studies, Quantity Surveying and Construction Management. The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession accredits the BSc Honours degree in Quantity Surveying. The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) accredits the BSc Construction Studies and BSc Honours in Construction Management.

The BSc in Geomatics is accredited by the South African Geomatics Council.

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Academic Support Programme for Engineering in Cape Town (ASPECT) provides alternative courses with extra support in mathematics and physics for the first year and a half of the extended degree programmes in the engineering departments. All students admitted to an engineering qualification at UCT currently start on a curriculum based on a 4-year qualification.

The first 5 weeks are used to identify students who will benefit from changing to a 5-year extended qualification. Those students are encouraged to make the change in April, by reducing their 'load' – the number of credits or courses for which they are registered.

The reduction in the number of courses allows them more time to concentrate on the challenging transitions that mathematics and physics demand. Students in the extended qualification enjoy smaller classes, more contact time for mathematics and physics, easy access to the dedicated lecturers of these courses and a supportive community environment. Students may also choose to join the extended qualification if they want more time and support to build a better foundation in mathematics and physics.

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

### Minimum requirements:

450 FPS; 75% for NSC Mathematics, 70% for NSC Physical Sciences; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 500 FPS or above $\geq 75\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 70\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 480 WPS or above $\geq 75\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 70\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 450 FPS or above $\geq 75\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 70\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING IN ELECTRICAL, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND MECHATRONICS

### Minimum requirements:

420 FPS; 80% for NSC Mathematics, 70% for NSC Physical Sciences; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 500 FPS or above $\geq 80\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 70\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 480 WPS or above $\geq 80\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 70\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 420 FPS or above $\geq 80\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 70\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

### Minimum requirements:

390 FPS; 65% for NSC Mathematics, 55% for NSC Physical Sciences; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 450 FPS or above $\geq 65\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 60\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of proficient for Mathematics and intermediate for AL and QL
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 420 WPS or above $\geq 65\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 55\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 390 FPS or above $\geq 65\%$ for Mathematics & $\geq 55\%$ for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROPERTY STUDIES

### Minimum requirements:

390 FPS; 65% for NSC Mathematics; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 450 FPS or above $\geq 65\%$ for Mathematics NBT scores of proficient for Mathematics and intermediate for AL & QL
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 420 WPS or above $\geq 65\%$ for Mathematics NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 390 FPS or above $\geq 65\%$ for Mathematics NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

### Minimum requirements:

348 FPS; 50% for NSC Mathematics, 50% for NSC English; 50% Architecture Portfolio Score, NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 450 FPS or above ≥ 50% for Mathematics & ≥ 50% for English Architecture Portfolio Score of 75% or above NBT scores of proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 408 WPS or above ≥ 50% for Mathematics & ≥ 50% for English Architecture Portfolio Score of 68% or above NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 348 FPS or above ≥ 50% for Mathematics & ≥ 50% for English Architecture Portfolio Score of 50% or above NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

### Minimum requirements:

420 FPS; 80% for NSC Mathematics, 70% for NSC Physical Sciences; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 510 FPS or above ≥ 80% for Mathematics & ≥ 70% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 480 WPS or above ≥ 80% for Mathematics & ≥ 70% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 420 FPS or above ≥ 80% for Mathematics & ≥ 70% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING IN MECHANICAL, AND MECHANICAL & MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING

### Minimum requirements:

420 FPS; 80% for NSC Mathematics, 70% for NSC Physical Sciences; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 510 FPS or above ≥ 80% for Mathematics & ≥ 75% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 480 WPS or above ≥ 80% for Mathematics & ≥ 75% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 420 FPS or above ≥ 80% for Mathematics & ≥ 70% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOMATICS

### Minimum requirements:

390 FPS; 65% for NSC Mathematics, 60% for NSC Physical Sciences; NBT scores of intermediate or higher.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 450 FPS or above ≥ 75% for Mathematics & ≥ 70% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics
All applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> 420 WPS or above ≥ 65% for Mathematics & ≥ 60% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics
Only SA applicants in targeted redress groups	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 390 FPS or above ≥ 65% for Mathematics & ≥ 60% for Physical Sciences NBT scores of intermediate or higher for AL, QL and Mathematics

# ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

The table below is a guide for applicants with Cambridge Assessment International Education and similar subjects, the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

## NOTES:

- Performance in non-South African school-leaving examinations is not converted to points for applications to programmes in this faculty.
- The subject requirements below are minimum requirements only, and do not guarantee admission. Additional subjects may be required to meet matriculation exemption requirements.
- A pass in English Language is required at A-Level, IGSCE/O-Level, Baccalaureate or other equivalent level.
- At IGSCE Level English must be taken as a first language, or another first language must be offered.
- Applicants with only IGSCE/O-Level subjects are not eligible for admission.
- Applicants must submit at least IGCSE (or the equivalent) results and predicted final school-leaving results to be considered for an early conditional offer.

<p><b>Bachelor of Architectural Studies</b></p> <p><b>A-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least D in two A-Level subjects and at least C at IGSCE/O-Level for Mathematics or Physical Science</li> </ul> <p><b>AS-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least C in four AS-Level subjects and at least C at IGSCE/O-Level for Mathematics or Physical Science</li> </ul> <p><b>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)</b></p> <p>At least a Grade 3 pass at Higher level or a grade C pass at IGCSE/O Level for Mathematics or Physical Science</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b></p> <p>Full IB Diploma with at least Grade 4 for Mathematics or Physical Science at subsidiary level. All applicants must submit a written motivation and a portfolio of creative work. Details are provided in the Directions for Applicants.</p>	<p><b>Bachelor of Science in Property Studies</b></p>	<p><b>A-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least two D symbols at A-Level, one of which must be in Mathematics</li> </ul> <p><b>AS-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-Level subjects and at least C at IGSCE/O-Level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry</li> </ul> <p><b>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)</b></p> <p>Level 2 passes in at least four Higher level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b></p> <p>Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</p>
<p><b>Bachelor of Science in Construction Studies</b></p> <p><b>A-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least two D symbols, one of which must be in Mathematics; and</li> <li>• at least C at IGSCE/O-Level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry</li> </ul> <p><b>AS-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-Level subjects and at least C at IGSCE/O-Level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry</li> </ul> <p><b>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)</b></p> <p>Level 2 passes in at least four Higher level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b></p> <p>Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</p>	<p><b>Bachelor of Science in Geomatics</b></p>	<p><b>A-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least C for English at IGSCE/O-Level; and</li> <li>• at least C for Mathematics at A-Level and C for Physics at A-Level</li> </ul> <p><b>AS-Level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least C for IGSCE/O-Level English ;and</li> <li>• at least B for Maths at AS-Level and C for Physics at AS-Level plus two other AS-Level subjects with B symbols</li> </ul> <p><b>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)</b></p> <p>At least four Higher level subjects with Level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b></p> <p>Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at SL or a Grade 5 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</p>

# Faculty of Health Sciences



## ABOUT THE FACULTY

The Faculty offers undergraduate degrees in medicine and the following health and rehabilitation sciences: Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Audiology, and Speech-Language Pathology. A Higher Certificate in Disability Studies and an Advanced Diploma in Cosmetic Formulation Science are also offered.

All these undergraduate programmes have fixed curricula. The degree programmes include extensive training at hospitals and clinics in and around Cape Town and in other relevant community settings, which may include schools and informal settlements.



## WHAT WE OFFER

### **BACHELOR OF MEDICINE & BACHELOR OF SURGERY (MBChB)**

The MBChB programme takes six years to complete. After graduating with an MBChB degree and completing two years' internship and a year's community service, you will be allowed by the Health Professions Council of South Africa to practise as a medical doctor.

As a medical doctor, you may join a doctor's practice, open your own practice, work in a public or private hospital or in a community clinic, or work in a variety of other settings. The MBChB programme is offered by a range of Departments in the Faculty of Health Sciences. Visit the various departments' sites at [www.health.uct.ac.za/](http://www.health.uct.ac.za/)

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

The aim of Occupational Therapy is to help people overcome functional difficulties resulting from health-related problems and to develop their abilities, so that they may be independent and effective at home, at work and during their leisure time. This is a four-year degree programme.

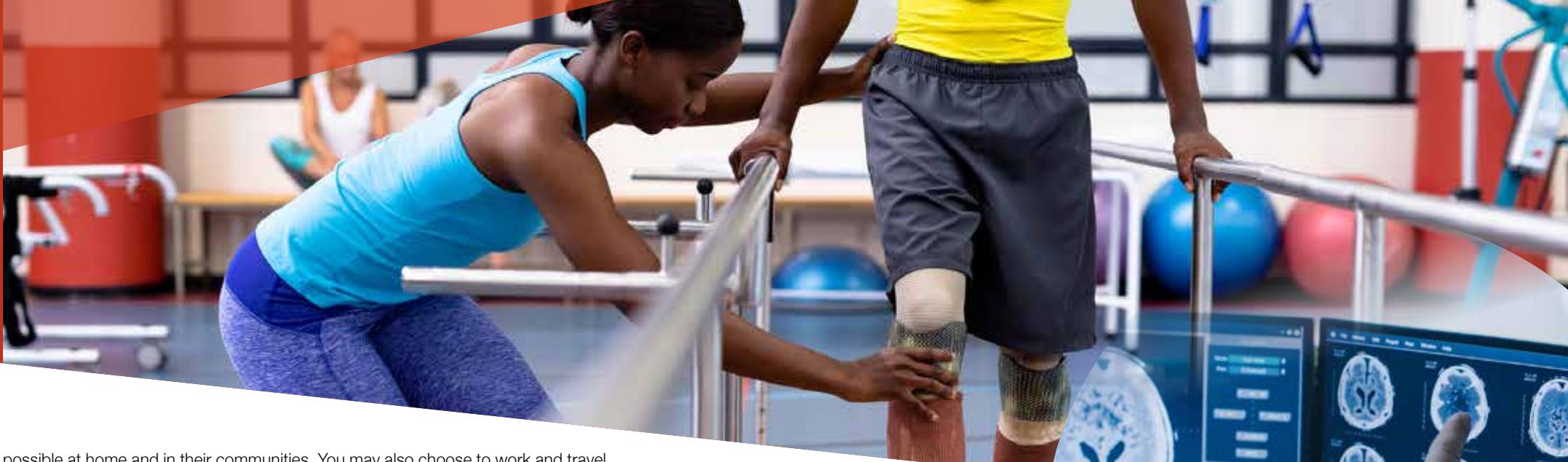
When you obtain the BSc (Occupational Therapy) degree, and after completing a year's community service, you will be allowed by the Health Professions Council of South Africa to practise as an occupational therapist. Once you have completed a year's community service, you will be allowed by the HPCSA to practise as an occupational therapist.

You will work with people of all ages whose lives have been complicated by sickness, trauma and developmental delay, and who are struggling to cope with and adapt to their circumstances or their environment. You may help them in their homes or in their places of work, as well as in clinics, schools and hospitals, or you may work in a private practice. Visit [www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs](http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs)

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOTHERAPY**

Physiotherapy aims to help people in the community to lead a healthy lifestyle, to prevent illness or injury for those at risk, and to treat people who have been disabled or injured. Physiotherapy makes use of physiologically-based movement techniques, massage, electrotherapy and other physical means to prevent and treat injury and disease. This is a four-year degree programme. When you obtain the BSc (Physiotherapy) degree, and after you have completed a year's community service, you will be allowed by the Health Professions Council of South Africa to practise as a physiotherapist. You will help people of all ages who suffer from (for example) breathing and chest problems, cerebral palsy, strokes, fractured bones, stiff joints, sports injuries and painful necks and backs. Visit [www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs](http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs)

As a physiotherapist you may open your own practice, or work at community centres, hospitals and outpatient clinics. Many physiotherapists work in special schools for disabled children or provide rehabilitation programmes in people's homes in order for them to become as independent as



possible at home and in their communities. You may also choose to work and travel with sports teams to treat injuries and advise on the fitness of members of the teams and on proper training to prevent common injuries associated with a particular sport.

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AUDIOLOGY**

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology fall into the broad area of communication sciences and disorders or logopaedics. These are two separate but related professions. Each degree programme takes four years to complete and is followed by a year of community service. On completion of your community service, you will be allowed by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) to practise as an audiologist or a speech-language therapist.

Visit [www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs](http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs)

As an audiologist, you will assess people's hearing, fit hearing aids, manage speech and language problems of people who are hard of hearing or deaf, and deal with noise measurement and control. As a speech-language therapist you will assess and treat people who have communication disorders, such as problems with sound production and language learning, voice disorders, swallowing disorders and stuttering. You may also treat people who have disorders of speech and language after they have suffered strokes or because they have cerebral palsy.

Visit [www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs](http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/departments/dhrs)

### **HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY PRACTICE**

The Higher Certificate in Disability Practice aims to train home-based carers and school-leavers who have an interest in pursuing a career in the field of community-

based disability practice. Students learn foundational skills for disability prevention and care. The qualification provides students with the basic knowledge, cognitive and conceptual tools and practical techniques for application in the field of disability-inclusive community development. The qualification signifies that the student has attained a basic level of higher educational knowledge and appropriate competencies in their role as community development workers. The Higher Certificate includes theoretical and practical work-integrated learning components.

The curriculum for the Certificate extends over one year of full-time study.

The Certificate programme is offered only if there is a sufficient number of applicants. Visit [www.dhrs.uct.ac.za/dhrs/divisions/disability/undergraduate/requirements](http://www.dhrs.uct.ac.za/dhrs/divisions/disability/undergraduate/requirements)



## ADMISSION TO PROGRAMMES IN THE FACULTY

### ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

To be eligible for consideration, you must have passed certain school-leaving subjects at specific minimum performance levels. You must

- have obtained a minimum overall Admission Points Score (APS\*);
- have obtained minimum performance levels in the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs);
- (if you have written the National Senior Certificate examinations) be eligible for admission to degree studies, or (if you have written a non-South African school-leaving certificates) have matriculation exemption;
- be a citizen or permanent resident of South Africa or of a Southern African Development Community (SADC) country that does not have a health sciences faculty or whose health sciences faculties do not offer the health sciences programme you wish to study.
- The University welcomes applications from applicants with special needs. However, there are some disabilities that would prevent someone from completing a particular health sciences curriculum (for example, someone who is deaf may not be able to hear a heartbeat through a stethoscope). For this reason applicants with disabilities are urged to communicate with the Faculty, via the University's Disability Service, to establish whether this would apply to them. The Faculty reserves the right to require an applicant (or an admitted student) to undergo a professional assessment to determine the extent and likely impact of a disability on his or her ability to meet the requirements of the curriculum, including such practical training and practice as is required in the health sciences discipline concerned. The University reserves the right to withdraw an offer to an applicant or cancel the registration of a student who has failed to declare a disability that is found to be such as to make it impossible for him or her to meet the curriculum requirements in the health sciences discipline concerned.
- The Faculty will consider the immediate family members of permanently appointed UCT staff members who are not South African citizens or permanent residents or eligible SADC applicants, and who have applied for permanent residency but whose permanent residency has not yet been approved at the time of application, provided they are competitive in the "open competition" category.
- You must be a citizen or permanent resident of South Africa

or of a Southern African Development Community (SADC) country that does not have a health sciences faculty or whose health sciences faculties do not offer the health sciences programme you wish to study.

- If you are from a non-SADC country in Africa with an approved Occupational Therapy diploma and have practised as an occupational therapist for more than two years you may be considered on merit, provided that your NBT scores fall in the Intermediate or Proficient range. We admit a maximum of two applicants in this category annually.
- If you are a South African citizen who has written a non-NSC school-leaving examination, either within South Africa or abroad, you will be eligible for consideration only if you have written examinations towards a national school-leaving examination (i.e. where all school-leavers in the country concerned are required to write the same school-leaving examinations - such as A/AS/O Level, GCSE/OL, NSSC and IB Diploma examinations) as opposed to examinations at state level (such as those offered in some states in the USA). Exceptions may be considered on merit in the case of applicants who have obtained tertiary-level qualifications.

**\* Note:** *The Admissions Point Score (APS) is the total of the percentages of your six school subjects. In addition to the above requirements, the following guidelines apply, with exceptions being considered on individual merit:*

- *If you are doing a foundation programme, you must have completed your foundation programme, unless you would in any event be eligible for consideration based on your NSC or other school-leaving examination results and your results in the National Benchmark Tests.*
- *If you are already registered for a similar health sciences programme at another university and you wish to transfer to UCT you will need to compete for admission to the first year of the relevant programme.*
- *If you have been refused re-admission by any Faculty at UCT or another tertiary institution you are not generally eligible for consideration.*



### NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS

All applicants must write some or all components of the NBTs, consisting of the

Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test (AQL) and Mathematics Test. NBT results contribute up to 300 points towards your Faculty Points Score.

Applicants applying for admission to MBChB and Physiotherapy need to have NBT results that are in the Intermediate or Proficient bands. Applicants to Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy who did Mathematical Literacy are advised to not write NBT Mathematics. Their applications will be considered individually, on merit.

Applicants to the Higher Certificate in Disability Practice need to write only the Academic and Quantitative Literacy components of the NBTs. Applicants to the Advanced Diploma in Cosmetic Formulation Science need not write the NBTs.

The deadline to write the NBTs is 31 August 2020. NBT tests written after 31 August 2020 will not be considered.

### NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY PRACTICE

To be eligible for consideration to the Higher Certificate all applicants must:

- have obtained a National Senior Certificate or an approved HEQSF-level 4 (school-leaving) qualification;
- show evidence of proficiency in English in the Academic and Quantitative Literacy components of the National Benchmark Tests.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN COSMETIC FORMULATION SCIENCE

To be considered for the programme, students must have obtained a Bachelor of Science or equivalent science qualification (e.g. a three-year National Diploma) with Mathematics/Statistics/Physics at 1st year level and Chemistry/Biochemistry at 2nd year level. Additional preferred subjects include Human Biology, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biotechnology.

## GAP YEAR

Applicants who are offered a place and wish to take a gap year may have their offers deferred to the following year on request. However, a gap year is understood to be a year in which the applicant does not register for formal tertiary studies.

An applicant who does not take up an offer and registers for tertiary studies, at this or another institution, must reapply formally as a transferring undergraduate applicant for admission in the following admission year.

MBChB applicants who were not made an offer and who took a gap year but whose applications are not deferred must submit a new application

## TERTIARY APPLICANTS

### Eligibility

Applicants who are already studying towards tertiary qualifications or who have obtained such qualifications must also meet the school subject requirements and minimum performance levels outlined above.

In rare exceptions, tertiary applicants who do not meet the minimum APS for NSC results may be offered a place, provided they have obtained excellent results throughout their degree studies at a tertiary institution as well as excellent results in the National Benchmark Tests.

It is unlikely that applicants who have failed courses at tertiary level will be offered places. For more detailed information on minimum selection criteria, please download additional information available on the Faculty of Health Sciences website [www.health.uct.ac.za/](http://www.health.uct.ac.za/)

## ADMISSION DIRECT TO SECOND YEAR MBChB OF TERTIARY APPLICANTS MEETING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A small number of graduates who have completed either an approved undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the life sciences or natural sciences (e.g. in biokinetics, exercise science, movement science, a Bachelor of Science programme, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary science, biomedical engineering or archaeology - the latter if via a Science degree route) may be admitted direct to the second year of the MBChB degree, provided that they have:

- (a) qualified for a place in first year MBChB (i.e. have competitive academic records and NBT results);
- (b) completed approved courses in Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Biology at tertiary level;
- (c) passed such courses with at least 60% and at first attempt;
- (d) completed basic courses in Afrikaans and Xhosa (or done such subjects at school-leaving level);
- (e) attended a two-week pre-registration course and obtained at least 60% in an assessment at the end of that course.

All applicants who meet criteria (a) to (d) will be contacted in November of the year preceding admission to offer them this option and to enable them to attend a pre-registration training course of two weeks at the start of January. The number of applicants offered a place in second year (if there will be an intake into second year at all) will depend on class capacity, which will be reviewed annually. If more applicants qualify than capacity allows, the Selection Committee will select the most competitive top applicants for admission direct to second year; the other applicants will be offered first year MBChB places.

## HOW WE CALCULATE YOUR FACULTY POINTS SCORE (FPS) FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The following are added if you are an NSC candidate:

- Points (percentage) out of 100 for each of English, Mathematics and Physical Sciences;
- Points out of 100 for each of your next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation
- An additional 10 points if you have passed a third official South African language at Home or First Additional Language Level
- Points out of 300 for the National Benchmark Tests.

This gives you a total FPS out of 900.

We do not score Advanced Programme Mathematics or Advanced Programme English since these are not approved NSC subjects. For applicants studying at tertiary level, your APS, NBT as well as your tertiary results are considered. If you are a tertiary applicant to the MBChB program,

## SOUTH AFRICAN APPLICANTS TAKING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

- If you take a non-South African school-leaving examination, we will consider your application by:
- Assessing your academic performance, using the rating tables on page 13 where possible;
- Assessing your performance in the National Benchmark Tests;
- Comparing your overall performance to that of other applicants



## NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE IN EACH PROGRAMME, APPLICANT CATEGORIES, DEAN'S DISCRETIONARY PLACES AND THE SELECTION PROCESS

The limits on intake into first year of each of the under-graduate programmes in Health Sciences are expected to be:

Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB):	220
Bachelor of Science in Audiology:	35
Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy:	65
Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy:	65
Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology:	35
Higher Certificate in Disability Practice:	30

Applicants compete in selection categories as follows:

- South African school leavers
- SADC applicants (international applicants)
- Applicants with tertiary results from UCT or other institutions.

The Dean may also allocate (within these intake targets) a small number of discretionary places, on merit, to (for example) the following categories of applicants:

- Repeat applicants who meet the prescribed minimum criteria
- Disabled applicants

Applications are considered on a continual basis from the time that the Faculty receives the first NBT results and applicants have uploaded their provisional school results (Grade 11 final or Grade Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 results).

In the case of school-leavers, conditional offers are first made to applicants with very competitive results. The condition on which early offers are made is that applicants maintain or improve, in their final examinations, their best level of performance to date, at the time that the offer was made. Applicants who do not secure early conditional offers are reconsidered when the final school results are received. The cut-off points for offers may then be dropped until the class is filled. A similar process of conditional offers applies to applicants with non-South African or tertiary results. However, applicants with tertiary results, as well as international applicants, are usually considered simultaneously, soon after the closing date. Very few offers are made to international (SADC) applicants, particularly for programmes where competition amongst South African applicants is high. (All SADC countries now offer medicine, so SADC applicants are no longer considered for admission to MBChB.) Applicants busy with tertiary studies who have not secured an early offer will be reconsidered in January of the year of admission.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

### PLEASE NOTE: All degrees within Health Sciences

- APS = NSC score (score out of 600). The APS is worked out as follows: percentages of three required subjects plus percentages of next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation.
- NBT = National Benchmark Tests (score out of 300). The results are published in Proficient/Intermediate /Basic ranges.
- FPS = Faculty Points Score (score out of 900). This consists of NSC score plus NBT score.
- WPS - Weighted Points Score (score out of 1080). The WPS is used in Band B only and consists of your FPS weighted by your disadvantage factor (see the section on the general Admissions Policy for an explanation of the disadvantage factors).

### Minimum subject requirements and performance levels to be considered for admission:

- **MBCHB:** Mathematics, Physical Sciences, as well as English (Home or First Additional Language) at 60% or above; and at least 50% for the next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation. NBT results in Intermediate range. APS of 450.
- **BSC PHYSIOTHERAPY:** At least 50% for all subjects, which must include Mathematics, plus Physical Sciences or Life Sciences, plus English (Home or First Additional Language), and the next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation. APS of 360. NBT results in Intermediate range.
- **FOR BSC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, BSC AUDIOLOGY AND BSC SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY:** At least 50% for all subjects, which must include Physical Sciences or Life Sciences, Mathematics (or 60% for Mathematical Literacy) and 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language); plus 50% for the next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation. APS of 340. NBT results in Intermediate range. (Applicants offering Mathematical Literacy will be considered individually, on merit. A Mathematics score will be calculated for Mathematical Literacy applicants using the following formula: NBT Quantitative Literacy score minus 20 points = NBT Mathematics result. Applicants who obtained NBT results in the Basic range will also be considered individually.)



## CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WRITING NSC EXAMINATIONS

### NOTE:

NBT = National Benchmark Tests (results published in Proficient, Intermediate and Basic ranges; score out of 300)

Admission criteria for the Higher Certificate in Disability Practice or the Advanced Diploma in Cosmetic Formulation Science are not expressed in terms of these bands. See pages 32- 33.



MBChB		
ELIGIBLE	BANDS	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b></p> <p>792 FPS or above 60% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 60% for Mathematics 60% for Physical Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation NBT scores of Proficient for AL, QL and Mathematics</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b></p> <p>783 WPS or above 60% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 60% for Mathematics 60% for Physical Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation NBT scores of Intermediate for AL, QL and Mathematics</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 450 APS or above</p>
Only SA applicants in redress categories 1 and 2	Band C FPS	<p><b>Possible admission</b></p> <p>644 FPS or above 60% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 60% for Mathematics 60% for Physical Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation NBT scores of Intermediate for AL, QL and Mathematics</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 450 APS or above</p>

BSc PHYSIOTHERAPY		
ELIGIBLE	BANDS	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b></p> <p>730 FPS or above 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation NBT scores of Intermediate for AL, QL and Mathematics</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b></p> <p>790 WPS or above 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation NBT scores of Intermediate for AL, QL and Mathematics</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 360 APS or above</p>
SA applicants in redress categories 1 and 2  (If the Faculty is unable to meet its target for redress 3 and 4 applicants, it may make offers to such applicants in Band C as well.)	Band C FPS	<p><b>Possible admission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 580 FPS or above for redress 1</li> <li>• 610 FPS or above for redress 2</li> <li>• 680 FPS or above for redress 3 and 4</li> </ul> <p>50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation NBT scores of Intermediate for AL, QL and Mathematics</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 450 APS or above</p>



BSc OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY		
ELIGIBLE	BANDS	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b></p> <p>730 FPS or above 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b></p> <p>770 WPS or above 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 340 APS or above</p>
SA applicants in redress categories 1 and 2. (If the Faculty is unable to meet its target for redress 3 and 4 applicants, it may make offers to such applicants in Band C as well.)	Band C FPS	<p><b>Possible admission</b></p> <p>565 FPS for redress 1 580 FPS for redress 2 670 FPS for redress 3 and 4 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 340 APS or above</p>

**Note:**

\*Applicants with Mathematical Literacy will be considered on an individual basis.

\*\* Applicants with any NBT result in the Basic range may also be considered on an individual basis. However, applicants who offer Mathematical Literacy will not be considered if they have any NBT result in the Basic range.

BSc AUDIOLOGY		
ELIGIBLE	BANDS	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b></p> <p>720 FPS or above 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b></p> <p>710 WPS or above 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 340 APS or above</p>
SA applicants in redress categories 1 and 2. (If the Faculty is unable to meet its target for redress 3 and 4 applicants, it may make offers to such applicants in Band C as well.)	Band C FPS	<p><b>Possible admission</b></p> <p>550 FPS for redress 1 565 FPS for redress 2 610 FPS for redress 3 and 4 50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 340 APS or above</p>

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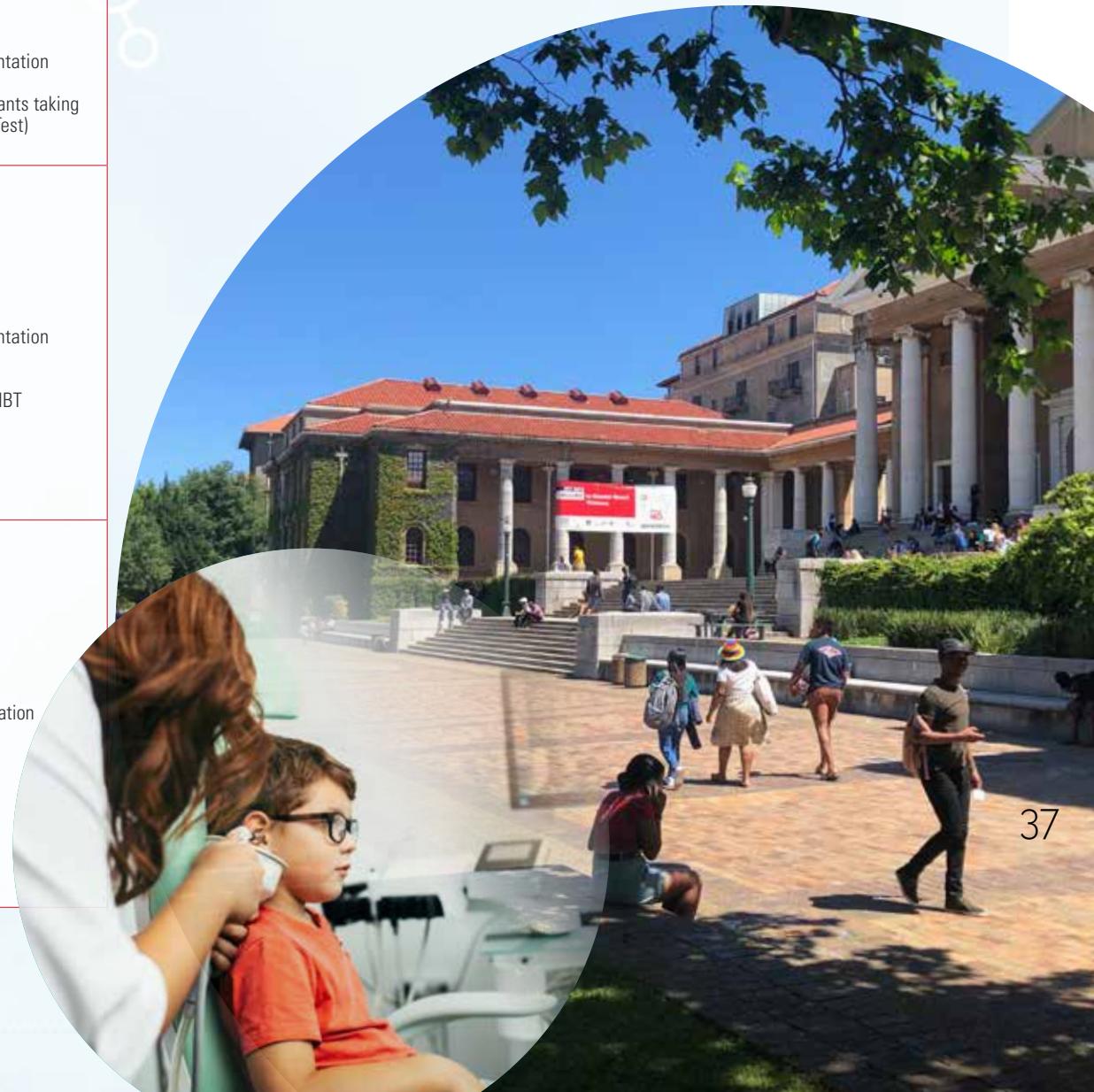
\*Applicants with Mathematical Literacy will be considered on an individual basis.

\*\* Applicants with any NBT result in the Basic range may also be considered on an individual basis. However, applicants who offer Mathematical Literacy will not be considered if they have any NBT result in the Basic range.

BSc SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY		
ELIGIBLE	BANDS	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<p><b>Guaranteed admission</b></p> <p>FPS of 715 or above</p> <p>50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p>
All applicants	Band B WPS	<p><b>Probable admission</b></p> <p>WPS of 670 or above</p> <p>50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 340 APS or above</p>
SA applicants in redress categories 1 and 2. (If the Faculty is unable to meet its target for redress 3 and 4 applicants, it may make offers to such applicants in Band C as well.)	Band C FPS	<p><b>Possible admission</b></p> <p>510 FPS for redress 1 515 FPS for redress 2 600 FPS for redress 3 and 4</p> <p>50% for English (Home or First Additional Language) 50% for Mathematics OR 60% for Mathematical Literacy* 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences 50% or above for the next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation</p> <p>NBT scores of Intermediate** for AL, QL and Mathematics (applicants taking Mathematical Literacy are exempted from the NBT Mathematics Test)</p> <p><i>Subminimum for consideration:</i> 340 APS or above</p>

## FOR HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY PRACTICE

An NSC or equivalent (no specific school subject requirements). Applicants may be asked to respond to questions about their prior involvement with disabled people, and their motivation for studying this programme.



## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

**For non-NSC examinations:** A table is used to convert non-NSC results to a comparable score, where possible – see Admission Points Table for A, AS, IGCSE and IB Diplomas on [page 13](#) of this Prospectus. Please note, applicants require six different eligible subjects in order to apply. Please note that the subjects and points scores where specified below, are the minimum entrance requirements and do not guarantee admission.

<p><b>MBChB</b></p> <p><b>Advanced (A) Level</b> 48 points plus NBT score in the Proficient range At least a C symbol in two A Level subjects (including Mathematics PLUS Physics or Chemistry) and a B in the remaining subject (Physics or Chemistry) and in English, both of which may be at AS or IGCSE Level.</p> <p><b>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level</b> 48 points plus NBT score in the Proficient range AS and IGCSE level subject requirements: At least B in four AS level subjects (including Mathematics and Physics and Chemistry), and a B symbol in English, which may be at IGCSE/ Ordinary Level.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b> 48 points plus NBT score in the Proficient range At least grade 5 in three Higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English  At least grade 5 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English not taken at Higher level), which may be at Standard level. Mathematical Studies is not acceptable. IB applicants need to be in possession of the IB Diploma, not the Certificate.</p>	<p><b>Advanced (A) Level</b> 43 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least a C symbol in two A level subjects (A level subjects must include Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry or Biology); plus At least a C at AS Level or IGCSE level in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology, if these were not taken at A level; plus At least a C in English, which may be at AS or IGCSE level.</p> <p><b>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level</b> 43 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least a C in four AS Level subjects, of which two must be Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry) At least a C in English, which may be at IGCSE Level. If Mathematics is taken at IGCSE Level, a C is also required.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b> 43 points plus NBT score of 202 / 300 (Proficient / Intermediate ranges). At least grade 4 in three Higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry).  At least grade 4 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English), which may be at Standard level. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry). If Mathematics is at standard level, Physics and Chemistry or Biology must be at Higher level.</p>
<p><b>BSc</b> <b>AUDIOLOGY</b> <b>and BSc</b> <b>SPEECH-</b> <b>LANGUAGE</b> <b>PATHOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>Advanced (A) Level</b> 38 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least a D symbol in two A level subjects (A level subjects must include Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry or Biology); plus At least a C at AS level or IGCSE Level in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology, if these were not taken at A level; plus At least a C in English, which may be at AS or IGCSE Level.</p> <p><b>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level</b> 38 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least a C in four AS level subjects, of which two must be Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry) At least a C in English, which may be at IGCSE level. If Mathematics is taken at IGCSE Level, a C is required.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b> 38 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least grade 5 in three Higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry).  At least grade 4 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English), which may be at Standard level. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry). If Mathematics is at standard level, Physics and Chemistry or Biology must be at Higher level.</p>	<p><b>BSc</b> <b>PHYSIOTHERAPY</b></p> <p><b>Advanced (A) Level</b> 45 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least a D symbol in two A level subjects (A level subjects must include Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry or Biology); plus At least a C at AS level or IGCSE Level in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology, if these were not taken at A level; plus At least a C in English, which may be at AS or IGCSE Level.</p> <p><b>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level</b> 45 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least a C in four AS level subjects, of which two must be Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry) At least a C in English, which may be at IGCSE level. If Mathematics is taken at IGCSE Level, a C is required.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b> 45 points plus NBT in the Higher Intermediate range At least grade 5 in three Higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry).  At least grade 4 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English), which may be at Standard level. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry). If Mathematics is at standard level, Physics and Chemistry or Biology must be at Higher level.</p>



# Faculty of Humanities

## ABOUT THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Humanities is home to more than 6000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. The Faculty is comprised of 15 academic departments located in three main clusters:

- **The Arts:** the languages, history, linguistics, film and media studies, and art history and discourse of art
- **The Social Sciences:** african studies, anthropology, gender studies, sociology, religious studies, education, social work and social development, politics, economics, psychology and philosophy
- **The Performing and Creative Arts:** fine art, music, dance and theatre

Each of our academic departments offers a wide selection of courses and disciplines, giving students more freedom of choice in tailoring their academic experience.

The Faculty of Humanities attracts students and academics from across the globe and we are the most popular destination for Semester Study Abroad students. This means that our students are exposed to a rich diversity of knowledge, experience and best practice.

Did you know that a Humanities qualification prepares you for a multitude of career paths in the public sector, the corporate workplace and in academia? Our graduates are sought-after in the local and international job markets. This is because Humanities academic courses foster flexibility, imagination, social sensitivity, language competence, critical thinking, analytical reasoning and the capacity to solve complex societal problems.

Humanities undergraduate qualifications have vocational outcomes, applied and policy content and lead to advanced postgraduate study as well as to a variety of exciting careers.

## WHAT WE OFFER

### HUMANITIES UNDERGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

The Faculty of Humanities offers undergraduate students a wide variety of academic courses, diploma, degree and advanced diploma options. The three categories of qualifications on offer to our undergraduates is set out on the following page.

QUALIFICATION TYPE	QUALIFICATION	NQF EXIT LEVEL
Advanced Certificates (AC)	Higher Certificate in Adult and Community Education and Training Advanced Certificate (Foundation Phase Teaching) Advanced Certificate in Intermediate Phase Teaching Advanced Certificate in Senior Phase Teaching	6
Diplomas (Dip)	Diploma in Music Performance Diploma in Theatre & Performance	6
Advanced Diplomas (AdvDip)	Advanced Diploma in Music Advanced Diploma in Opera Advanced Diploma in Theatre Advanced Diploma in Adult and Community Education & Training Advanced Diploma in School Leadership & Management	7
Bachelors Degrees	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Social Science Bachelor of Social Science in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	7
	Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Performance Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Social Work	8

BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJORS	BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE MAJORS	MAJORS OFFERED BY DEPARTMENTS NOT ESTABLISHED IN THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
Afrikaans African Languages & Literatures Arabic Language & Literature Art History and Discourse of Art Business French Chinese Studies Classical Studies Dance English Film & Television Studies French German Hebrew Language & Literature History Italian Linguistics Media & Writing Music Portuguese Spanish Theatre Xhosa Communication	African Studies Anthropology Economics Gender Studies Industrial Sociology Philosophy Politics and Governance Psychology Religious Studies Social Development Sociology	Applied Mathematics Applied Statistics Archaeology Astrophysics Biochemistry Biology Chemistry Computer Science Environmental & Geographical Science Genetics Geology Human Physiology Informatics Law (see entry on page 50) Marine Biology Mathematics Mathematical Statistics Ocean and Atmosphere Science Organisational Psychology Physics Quantitative Biology

## TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE GENERAL DEGREE:

We accept you for the degree, not for specific majors.

- Most of the majors have no additional entrance requirements and are open to all general degree students: you may automatically register for the courses in your chosen major once you have been accepted provided they do not have additional requirements.
- The main exceptions are Law, Economics and Psychology and all majors housed in the Faculty of Science, which do have additional entrance requirements, which you would have to fulfil before being allowed to take those courses.
- Because most of the majors are open to any BA or BSocSc students, we do not ask you to specify them when you apply; we wish to know only if you are interested in Economics, Psychology, Music or Dance, and all other majors you can specify when you register. You are very likely to change your mind about which majors you wish to take after you have submitted your application, after you receive more information during Orientation and even during your first year of study. This is not a problem: the general degree is designed to be flexible and allow you to try subjects out and change your mind about which majors you wish to follow.

## GENERAL DEGREES

The majority of students in the Faculty register for one of the three-year general degrees. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc) degrees offer a flexible structure in which students can choose their own courses from a wide selection, following certain rules over the three or four years of the degree, and ending up with a specialisation in two or more subjects. These specialisations are known as course majors.

The full list of available Arts and Social Science majors is set out in the above table. Humanities students may select courses from other faculties as a second major, but must have at least one major offered by departments established in the Faculty of Humanities.

While the general degrees allow freedom of choice, students must nevertheless comply with certain minimum requirements. The curriculum must include at least two majors with 20 semester courses, of which at least ten must be senior courses and 12 must be Humanities courses. In addition, the following combinations of majors are not offered: French and Business French, and Sociology and Industrial Sociology.

### Extended Programmes of Study

The extended programmes of study are offered to South African applicants who show the potential to succeed with additional academic support. Applicants are considered on the basis of their performance in the NBTs, FPS and on their educational background. The extended programme of study leads to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Social Science but is structured over four years.

Students registered for the extended programmes of study receive additional academic support through two introductory Humanities courses in their first year. They also receive additional tutorial support through courses which augment their semester subject courses in both their first and second year of study.

As additional academic support is not available in Economics, Law or majors offered by the Faculty of Science (with the exception of Environmental and Geographical Science), students registered for the extended programmes of study will not be able to pursue majors in these subjects. Similar extended programmes of study are available in the Performing and Creative Arts academic cluster.

## DEGREES WITH STRUCTURED CURRICULA

Structured degrees are special combinations of disciplines and courses, which have been designed to provide you with a particular knowledge and skills base. Every structured degree is made up of specific, prescribed courses for each year of study, and every year of study builds on the knowledge and skills developed during the previous year. With the exception of the BSocSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (which takes a minimum of three years), all structured degrees extend over four years.

## Structured degrees in the Humanities

- Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art (BA:FA)\*
- Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Performance (BA:T&P)\*
- Bachelor of Music (BMus)\*
- Bachelor of Social Science in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (BSocSc:PPE)
- Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

## General degrees with specialisations offered in the Humanities

The Faculty also offers a number of specialisations. These are general degrees which offer specialised curricula in particular subject areas or disciplines, and which may have additional admission requirements.

- Bachelor of Arts specialising in Film and Media Production (BA)
- Bachelor of Arts specialising in Music Education\* (BA)
- Bachelor of Music specialisations are listed with the Performing and Creative Arts degrees

\* Further details on these degrees can be found in the section 'Structured degrees and diplomas in the performing and creative arts' in the tables outlining the admissions requirements on pages 48 - 49.

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

This classic combination of Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) involves an academically rigorous grounding in all of these closely connected subjects, as well as the opportunity to specialise in at least one of them. Students not only follow a curriculum designed in consultation with all three participating academic disciplines, but also have the opportunity to participate in an annual PPE Humanities Colloquium and essay competition.

After the PPE, depending on the courses they have chosen, students may study for Honours degrees in any of the three fields or in PPE.

Graduates of the PPE have followed many careers, including work in commerce, government and non-governmental organisations.

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK+

[www.socialdevelopment.uct.ac.za](http://www.socialdevelopment.uct.ac.za)

Social Workers interact with individuals, families, groups and communities in life-skills training, adult education, economic empowerment and various prevention programmes. Social Work also entails social research, the analysis and formulation of social policies and the management of social service programmes. This qualification enables students to register as professional social workers with the South African Council for Social Service Professions. Successful applicants may be eligible for funding to assist with their studies (details are available from the Department of Social Development).

Applicants may be required to attend an admissions interview and demonstrate successfully that they will meet the professional requirements of the South African Council for Social Service Professions. (Details on government-funded study bursaries are available from the national Department of Social Development)

+ Since first-year Psychology is a compulsory course in the Social Work degree, all students accepted for the Social Work degree will be accepted to first-year Psychology courses. Depending on achievement against the admission criteria, some students may receive additional tutorial support in courses which augment the Psychology subject semester courses. Admission to elective senior Psychology courses is subject to meeting course-specific admission requirements.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS SPECIALISING IN FILM AND MEDIA PRODUCTION

[www.cfms.uct.ac.za](http://www.cfms.uct.ac.za)

This specialisation seeks to develop a range of practical, theoretical, historical, and analytical skills in the areas of film, media, and visual studies. Students initially register for a BA degree with majors in Film and Television Studies and Media & Writing.

For the first eighteen months of studies, all students take the same core courses, regardless of whether they are intending to follow a general degree with double majors

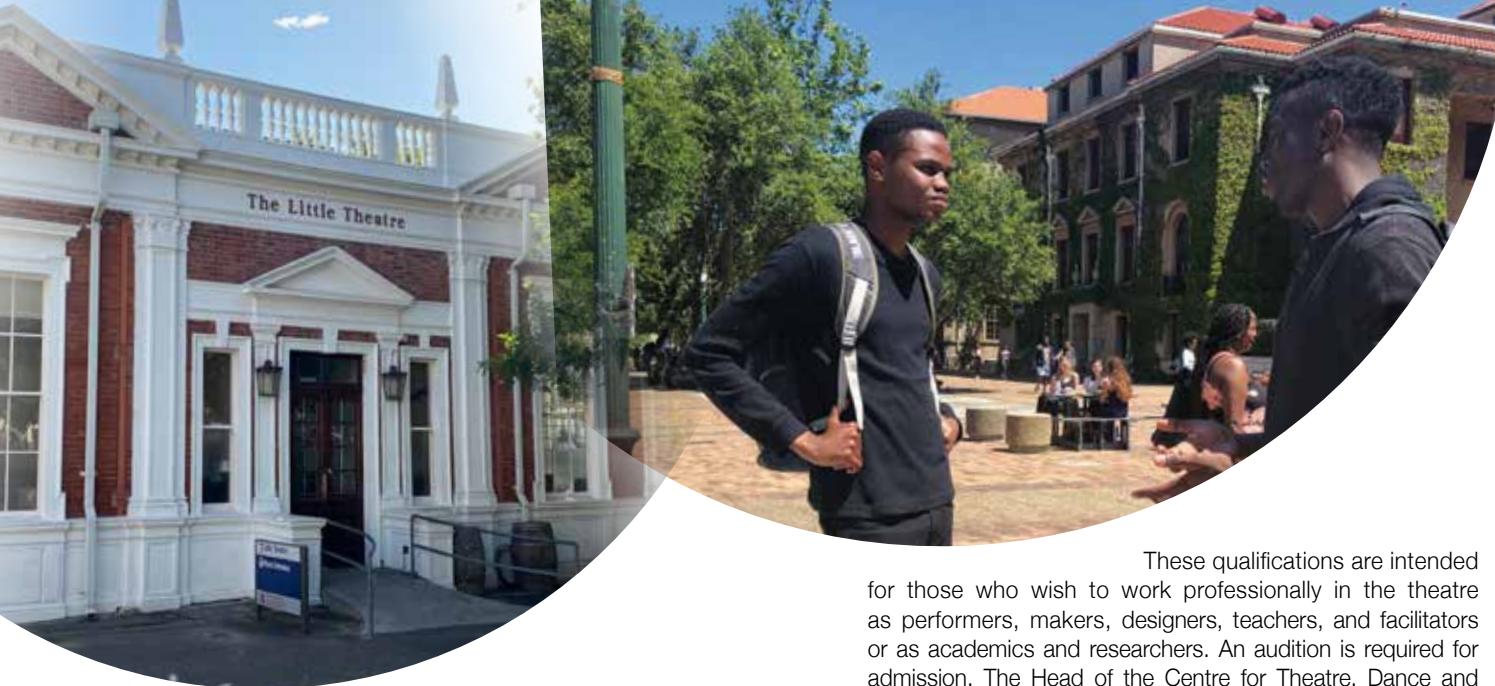
in Film and Television Studies and Media & Writing, or whether they are hoping to follow the structured curriculum specialisation in Film and Media Production (FMP).

As formal acceptance for the FMP specialisation only occurs in the second semester of the second year, students are initially accepted and registered for the general Bachelor of Arts degree. Selection criteria are explained during the first year of study. Students would be expected to work in media on campus and to find internships in the media industry should they be selected for the Film and Media Production specialisation.

## STRUCTURED DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS IN THE PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS

Undergraduate degrees and diplomas in this field include qualifications in Dance, Theatre, Fine Art and Music. Admission to the performing and creative arts degrees is highly competitive. Applicants in Music, Dance or Theatre will be required to perform satisfactorily in an audition, and applicants for the Fine Art degree are required to complete a supplementary application questionnaire (part of the application booklet, and downloadable from the online application screens) as well as submit a portfolio of work for consideration. As long as the FPS and NBT scores meet the minimum requirements for admission, the leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition/portfolio submission, and places are awarded on merit.





## DANCE

[www.dance.uct.ac.za](http://www.dance.uct.ac.za)

The following qualifications are offered:

**Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Performance (BA:T&P)**

– 4 years

**Diploma in Theatre & Performance (DTP) – 3 years**

These qualifications are designed to cater equally for aspirant professional dancers, choreographers, designers, dance teachers and academics. An audition is required for admission. The Head of the Centre for Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies may motivate for consideration of other qualifications or experience in lieu of the NBT requirement where an applicant shows exceptional talent in the audition. Please refer to the specific admission requirements in the tables on pages 46 - 48.

## THEATRE

[www.drama.uct.ac.za](http://www.drama.uct.ac.za)

The following qualifications are offered:

**Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Performance (BA:T&P) – 4 years**

**Diploma in Theatre & Performance (DTP) – 3 years**

**Advanced Diploma in Theatre**

These qualifications are intended for those who wish to work professionally in the theatre as performers, makers, designers, teachers, and facilitators or as academics and researchers. An audition is required for admission. The Head of the Centre for Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies may motivate for consideration of other qualifications or experience in lieu of the NBT requirement where an applicant shows exceptional talent in the audition. Please refer to the specific admission requirements in the tables on pages 46 - 48.

Students in the general Bachelor of Arts degree may choose to study Theatre and Dance Studies academic courses as part of a general degree curriculum. Auditions are not required to register for these courses.

## FINE ART

[www.michaelis.uct.ac.za](http://www.michaelis.uct.ac.za)

The qualification is offered as:

**Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art (BA:FA) – 4 years**

**Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art (BA:FA) following an extended programme of study – 5 years**

The BA (Fine Art) is a four-year degree that offers specialist and interdisciplinary training in all aspects of visual art. The Michaelis School of Fine Art has well-equipped studios offering new media, photography, painting, printmedia, sculpture, video and digital arts. The degree also equips students with the critical and theoretical skills necessary for the context-specific understanding of contemporary art practice. The degree is designed to enable students to

develop as artists at a level of best practice. Studio work practical concentrations offered are: painting, sculpture, photography, printmedia and new media. In the fourth year of study, students follow individual study streams that have been chosen in consultation with members of the teaching staff. Students are expected to produce a body of work to a professional standard in their final year.

The Faculty offers an extended programme of study in Fine Art, with an extended curriculum and additional support, to accommodate those applicants with talent and potential to succeed academically who do not meet the minimum admission requirements for the BA (Fine Art) degree. In such cases, an additional letter of motivation may be requested. This programme is structured over five years.

## MUSIC

[www.sacm.uct.ac.za](http://www.sacm.uct.ac.za)

The following qualifications are offered:

**Bachelor of Arts specialising in Music Education (BA)**

– 3 years

**Bachelor of Music (BMus) – 4 years**

**Bachelor of Music (BMus) following an extended programme of study – 5 years**

**Advanced Diploma in Music (AdvDip:Music) – 1 year**

**Advanced Diploma in Opera (AdvDip:Opera) – 1 year**

**Diploma in Music Performance (DMP) – 3 years**

**Diploma in Music Performance (DMP) following an extended programme of study – 4 years**

Please refer to the specific admission requirements in the tables on page 47. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements for music theory, but who perform exceptionally in the audition, may be considered for admission to an extended programme of study. The South African College of Music offers training in the entire range of orchestral instruments, piano, organ, voice, African percussion and jazz. The College boasts several string, wind, jazz and percussion ensembles, as well as choirs, a symphony orchestra and the Jazz Big Band. In addition, the Opera School annually presents a season of opera performances.

All students are required either to play in the orchestras or ensembles, or sing in the choirs, at the discretion of the

Director of the College of Music. Students who complete diploma or degree courses are ready to enter the professional world of music as performers, teachers, composers, researchers and audio technologists.

### **Bachelor of Music**

This degree is offered in the following subject focus or streams: General, Performance, Musicology, Music Technology and Composition.

The Faculty also offers an extended programme of study to accommodate talented applicants who do not have the required music qualifications. Please refer to the specific admission requirements in the tables on page 47. The extended programme is taken over an additional year with the first year of study offering an intensive programme preparing students for first year classes. On successful completion of the foundation year, students proceed to the substantive curriculum of the Bachelor of Music. In addition to the general Bachelor of Music, students can pursue the following curriculum specialisations or streams.

### **Bachelor of Music streams**

African Music Performance  
General  
Jazz Performance  
Jazz Studies  
Music Technology  
Musicology  
Opera  
Western Classical Composition  
Western Classical Performance

### **Advanced Diploma in Music**

This qualification is offered to graduates of the Diploma in Music Performance. Admission is subject to satisfactory performance in the Diploma as well as an audition. It further develops skills taught in the Diploma and provides a foundation for those wishing to progress to the Postgraduate Diploma in Music (PGDip:Music).

### **Advanced Diploma in Opera**

This qualification is offered to graduates of the Diploma in Music Performance specialising in Opera. Admission is subject to

satisfactory performance in the Diploma as well as an audition. It further develops skills taught in the Diploma and provides a foundation for those wishing to progress to the Postgraduate Diploma in Music (PGDip:Music).

### **Diploma in Music Performance**

This qualification offers a similar practical curriculum to that of the Bachelor of Music but excludes some of the academic subjects prescribed for the degree programme and is of three years' duration only. It is designed to prepare students for careers in particular practical curriculum specialisations or streams. The Faculty also offers an extended programme of study to accommodate talented applicants who do not have the required music qualifications. Please refer to the specific admission requirements in the tables on page 47.

The extended programme is taken over an additional year with the first year of study offering an intensive programme preparing students for first year classes. On successful completion of the foundation year, students proceed to the substantive curriculum of the Diploma in Music Performance. The Diploma in Music Performance is available in the following five curriculum specialisations or streams.

### **Diploma in Music Performance streams**

African Music  
Jazz Studies  
Opera  
Western Classical  
World Music

## **EDUCATION**

[www.education.uct.ac.za](http://www.education.uct.ac.za)

The School of Education is located within the Faculty of Humanities. An initial teacher education qualification is offered only at postgraduate level.

To follow a career in teaching it is necessary to obtain an undergraduate degree in the Faculties of Humanities, Commerce or Science before applying for admission to a one-year Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). Undergraduate requirements for primary and secondary school teachers vary and applicants are encouraged to contact the School of Education for advice before planning their degree curriculum.

The School of Education offers the following two undergraduate programmes in Adult and Community Education and Training (ACET): an entry level qualification (the Higher Certificate in ACET) and the post-professional qualification (the Advanced Diploma in ACET). UCT does however not offer any initial professional teaching qualifications in ACET, which lead to professionally qualified status which is necessary for teaching in a Community Learning Centre (CLC). Our ACET programmes are designed to create bridges and ladders into formal study particularly for adult learners who have practice experience within the non-formal sector or CLC but who may not have all the requirements to enter a learning programme. Alternative admission is done through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), which was introduced in 1994 as a formal process, particularly for people who fall short of entry qualifications but have the necessary experience and knowledge to enter a programme.





## **Higher Certificate in Adult and Community Education and Training (ACET) NQF level 5**

The Higher Certificate is an access and introductory qualification to the study of ACET in a higher education institution and training context. This is an entry level qualification which is intended to provide learners with basic introductory knowledge, cognitive and conceptual tools and practical techniques to enable further study in ACET.

This qualification is underpinned by the values of engaged citizenship, social justice and transformation, important strategic goals of the university. It aims to develop learners who are capable of applying such knowledge and competence as adult education, training and development practitioners. It also provides a route into the Diploma in Adult and Community Education and Training which is not offered at UCT.

## **Advanced Diploma in Adult and Community Education and Training (ACET) NQF level 7**

This qualification is offered as a continuing professional development qualification for Adult Education Training (AET) and Community Education and Training (CET) lecturers at the community colleges and further education and training centres, art colleges, adult education centres, and adult educators in NGOs, trade unions, human resource development, health education, religious education and education programmes based in local government, libraries and museums.

The purpose of the qualification is to strengthen and enhance an existing specialisation in a subject or field, or to develop a new role or practice to support teaching and learning in ACET.

The qualification aims are to offer intellectual enrichment in Adult Learning Theory and Practice and Policy & Development towards Social Change and to offer an intensive focus on two applied specialisms namely Curriculum Studies and Design and Leadership and Management of an educational project.

### **LAW**

[www.law.uct.ac.za](http://www.law.uct.ac.za)

Students may pursue a BA/BSocSc with a major in Law from their second year of study. To gain admission to the Law major of the general BA/BSocSc degrees, candidates must have performed well enough in their school-leaving examinations and the NBT to gain admission to the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) OR must have passed all the courses from their first year of study at the first sitting and have achieved an average of at least 65% in a standard first year curriculum (i.e. eight semester courses, excluding summer and winter term courses).

Candidates can apply for admission to graduate LLB study through the Faculty of Law during their final year in the BA/BSocSc either with or without a Law major. The graduate LLB comprises at least a further two years of study depending on the undergraduate majors. Applicants who complete their first degree will be considered on a competitive basis, taking into account the University's admissions policy.

Students in the extended (4-year degree) programme for the general BA/BSocSci degrees must have passed all their courses in their first and second years of registration on a standard courseload (i.e. 6 semester courses per year, excluding co-requisite Augmenting courses) on a first sitting and have obtained a cumulative average of at least 65% after completion of the second year of the extended programme.

## **MAJORS WITH QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Admission to major subjects with a strong quantitative component in the curriculum carry additional entrance requirements. To pursue courses with quantitative requirements as part of the curriculum, applicants must meet subject-specific requirements in either NSC Mathematics (or equivalent), NSC Mathematical Literacy or specified achievement in the Quantitative Literacy (QL) component of the NBT may be considered in lieu of NSC Mathematics for some subjects.

### **ECONOMICS**

[www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Economics](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Economics)

Students require NSC results of at least 60% in Mathematics for admission to the Economics major. The equivalent Cambridge results are at least a B at AS-level or D at A-level.

### **PSYCHOLOGY**

[www.psychology.uct.ac.za](http://www.psychology.uct.ac.za)

Students wishing to pursue a major in Psychology require NSC results of at least 50% in NSC Mathematics or a score



of Proficient for the Quantitative Literacy (QL) component of the NBT.

Students who meet neither the NSC Mathematics nor NBT(QL) requirement may be required to enrol for Mathematics foundation courses as a pre-requisite or co-requisite to their first year Psychology courses. Evaluation and placement into these courses is done during Orientation.

### **Majors falling under the Faculty of Science**

Students should refer to the relevant entries under the Faculty of Science section in this prospectus for specific admission requirements to their course majors.

## **APPLICANTS TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

The Faculty of Humanities has a limited number of places for those applicants who wish to transfer from another institution. These places are reserved for students who have not been excluded from the other institution and have achieved a high average. Normally, an average of at least 65% across a full load of courses is required with offers typically made at 70% and above. The admission decision is based on both the FPS and the tertiary record. Further advice for applicants in this category can be found on the Faculty website: [www.humanities.uct.ac.za/apply/undergraduate/transstudents](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/apply/undergraduate/transstudents)

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND THE CALCULATION OF POINTS**

For applicants writing the National Senior Certificate, consult

page 12. for information on the calculation of scores. Specific subject requirements: all applicants must have achieved a minimum of 50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language (FAL). For applicants completing the National Senior Certificate, Life Orientation must be passed at 50%, but is not included in the points calculation.

Applicants with an international or non-NSC school-leaving qualification are considered on an individual basis. Details of the minimum admission criteria, and how to calculate your Admission Point Score (APS), can be found in the table on page 13.

## **NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS (NBTS)**

Applicants to the Faculty of Humanities need only write the Academic & Quantitative Literacy test and not the Mathematics test unless they intend to take courses in Mathematics. The NBT scores are used to complement the Faculty Point Score (FPS) in making admissions decisions.

As the NBT assesses entry-level academic proficiency, an applicant with a Lower Intermediate or Basic score on the Academic Literacy (AL) portion of the NBT will not normally be considered for admission to degree studies in the Faculty of Humanities. The results of the Quantitative Literacy (QL) section are usually only used for entry into Humanities degrees that have Psychology or any other course which has quantitative requirements as part of the curriculum. The NBT test is also used as a placement indicator to identify applicants in need of language development courses, or other additional academic support; and as an indicator, along with the FPS, of eligibility for an early offer or an Entrance Scholarship. South African applicants will usually not be considered until an NBT score is available. Applicants who are unable to write the NBT test during the scheduled sessions in the year preceding

admission (for example an applicant who is out of the country on a gap year) may be made a conditional offer on the basis of excellent results, on condition that the NBT test is written, and results available, prior to Orientation and Registration. No Entrance Scholarship will be awarded without an NBT score.

## **NSC REQUIREMENTS SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Applicants are considered on the basis of final school-leaving results and the NBT score. Where final school-leaving results are not available, the Faculty will initially consider an application for a provisional or conditional offer on the basis of internal examination results and the NBT score.

In addition to the selection process and admission points requirements, admission to the Performing and Creative Arts degrees includes the assessment of a portfolio and/or a successful audition. Please refer to the specific admission requirements stipulated for Fine Art, Theatre & Performance, Dance and Music. These are in the tables on pages 46 - 48. Applicants for the Performing and Creative Arts are advised to liaise with the relevant departments for assistance in preparing for the audition or portfolio. You are also advised to consult the following websites for information pertaining to current selection procedures:

Michaelis School of Fine Art:  
[www.michaelis.uct.ac.za](http://www.michaelis.uct.ac.za)

South African College of Music:  
[www.music.uct.ac.za/](http://www.music.uct.ac.za/)  
[www.sacm.uct.ac.za](http://www.sacm.uct.ac.za)

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY QUALIFICATION

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) AND BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (BSocSc)

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for degree study/ matric exemption.

FPS 380 with Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level

50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language.

South African applicants who meet the requirements under Bands B and C, and hence show the potential to succeed with additional academic support, may be considered for admission and placement in an extended programme of study.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> FPS 450 or above NBT AL: Proficient
	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> WPS 450 or above NBT AL: Upper Intermediate or above

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (BSocSc(PPE))

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for degree study/ matric exemption.

FPS 450 with Academic Literacy NBT score at Upper Intermediate and Quantitative Literacy NBT score at Upper Intermediate.

NSC Mathematics 60%. 50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> FPS 450 or above NBT AL: Proficient NBT QL: Upper Intermediate Subject requirements: Mathematics 60% or above

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for degree study/ matric exemption.

FPS 380 with Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level

50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language.

**ADDITIONAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants may be required to attend an admissions interview and demonstrate successfully that they will meet the professional requirements of the South African Council for Social Service Professionals.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> FPS 450 or above NBT AL: Proficient
	Band B WPS	<b>Probable admission</b> WPS 450 or above NBT AL: Upper Intermediate or above
Only SA applicants in targeted redress categories	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> FPS 380 or above NBT AL: Intermediate or above

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN FINE ARTS (BA(FA))

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for degree study/ matric exemption. FPS 380 with Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level.

50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language.

Satisfactory performance in a portfolio evaluation.

**NOTE:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the portfolio submission, and places are awarded on merit.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<b>Possible admission</b> FPS 380 or above NBT AL: Intermediate Satisfactory performance in a portfolio evaluation
Only SA applicants in targeted redress categories	<b>Possible admission</b> Applicants below the minimum requirements who excel in the portfolio evaluation may be considered for admission to the extended BA(FA).



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Department of Drama  
Little Theatre  
Arena Theatre  
Bindery Theatre  
Michaelis School of Fine Art  
Michaelis Galleries  
Hiddingh Hall Library  
Centre for Creative Arts (CCA)



## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE & PERFORMANCE (BA(T&P))

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for degree study/ matric exemption.  
 FPS 380 with Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level  
 50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language.  
 Satisfactory performance in an audition.

**NOTE:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition, and places are awarded on merit.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<b>Possible admission</b> FPS 380 or above NBT AL: Intermediate Satisfactory performance in an audition
Only SA applicants in targeted redress categories	<b>Possible admission</b> Applicants below the minimum requirements who excel in the audition evaluation may be considered for admission to the Diploma in Theatre & Performance.

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC (BMus)

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for degree study/ matric exemption.  
FPS 380 with Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level.  
50% for English Home Language or 60% for English First Additional Language.  
Satisfactory performance in an audition.

**NOTE:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition, and places are awarded on merit.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<b>Possible admission</b> FPS 380 or above NBT AL: Intermediate Satisfactory performance in an audition Subject requirements: NSC Music 60% or above Unisa Music Theory Grade V or above Unisa Music Practical Grade VII or above
Only SA applicants in targeted redress categories	<b>Possible admission</b> Applicants below the minimum requirements who excel in the audition evaluation may be considered for admission to the extended programme of study or the Diploma in Music Performance.

## ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN MUSIC (AdvDip(Music))

### Minimum requirements:

Successful completion of the Diploma in Music Performance or equivalent qualification.  
Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test.

**NOTE:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition, and places are awarded on merit.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<b>Possible admission</b> Diploma in Music Performance or equivalent qualification with an average of 65% or above. Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test or a first class pass in the performance course(s) which forms part of the Diploma in Music Performance.

## ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN OPERA (AdvDip(Opera))

### Minimum requirements:

Successful completion of the Diploma in Music Performance specialising in Opera.  
Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test.

**NOTE:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition, and places are awarded on merit.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<b>Possible admission</b> Diploma in Music Performance or equivalent qualification with an average of 65% or above. Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test or a first class pass in the performance course(s) which forms part of the Diploma in Music Performance.

## DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE (DMP)

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for diploma study.  
Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level.  
50% for English (HL) or 60% for English (FAL). Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test.

**NOTE:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition, and places are awarded on merit.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<b>Possible admission</b> NSC endorsed for diploma studies. NBT AL: Intermediate Satisfactory performance in an audition and Music theory test

## DIPLOMA IN THEATRE & PERFORMANCE (DTP)

### Minimum requirements:

NSC endorsed for diploma study.  
Academic Literacy NBT score at Intermediate Level.  
50% for English (HL) or 60% for English (FAL). Satisfactory performance in an audition.

**Note:** The leading indicator for admission is performance in the audition, and places are awarded on merit

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<p><b>Possible admission</b> NSC endorsed for diploma studies NBT AL: Intermediate Satisfactory performance in an audition.</p>

## ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THEATRE (AdvDip(Theatre))

### Minimum requirements:

Successful completion of the Diploma in Theatre & Performance or equivalent qualification.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<p><b>Possible admission</b> A Diploma in Theatre and Performance with an average of 65% in third year Studio work (TDP3041W or TDP30143W) and 60% average in second year Theatre &amp; Dance Studies major courses (TDP2010F and TDP2011S) A qualification from another Higher Education institution deemed equivalent by the HOD.</p>



## HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (ACET)

### Minimum requirements:

It is an entry level, non-professional qualification for those who have at least two years practitioner experience but no education and training at this level.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<p><b>Possible admission</b> A National Senior Certificate or A Level 4 National Certificate (Vocational) or An appropriate Level 4 Certificate in ACET or Early Childhood Education or via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).</p>

## ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (ACET)

### Minimum requirements:

An approved and recognised level 6 Diploma in ACET or level 7 Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a B.Ed. degree in ACET or a historically equivalent qualification in adult education or an equivalent qualification from another subfield in education for example schooling or lecturing in technical and vocational education and training, in addition an Advanced Certificate in ACET on level 6 which followed a Diploma in ACET as well as a National Professional Diploma in Education.

APPLICANTS CONSIDERED	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	<p><b>Possible admission</b> A 3-year Diploma in Education or A National Diploma or level 7 Postgraduate Certificate in Education or A B.Ed. degree in ACET or via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).</p>

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL-LEAVING QUALIFICATIONS

Applications are also invited from those who have successfully completed a non-South African school-leaving qualification. To be considered for admission, all applicants must qualify for matriculation exemption from the Matriculation Board. The criteria specified for matriculation exemption are the minimum entry requirements and do not guarantee admission. The sole subject requirement for all qualifications is English for which a pass is required for admission. Some qualifications may carry additional subject requirements, and particular subjects may also be required for matriculation exemption.

Admission is competitive and each application is evaluated individually on its merits. Assessment is based on performance in the top six school-leaving subjects beginning with the most senior subject passed. A points rating system is used to guide admission

decisions. The APS in the tables below reflect the level at which you are likely to receive an offer. While your application is assessed with reference to your APS, additional factors may be taken into account and each application is considered on its individual merits, particularly for admission to qualifications in the performing and creative arts.

All applicants who are normally resident, or at school, in South Africa must write the NBT. As the NBT assesses entry-level academic proficiency, applicants are expected to attain a Proficient score on the Academic Literacy portion of the test.

The following information is a guide for applicants with Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) school-leaving qualifications. CAIE applicants with only GCSE/ IGSCE/ O-levels subjects are not eligible for admission.

## General Certificate of Education Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary (GCE A-Level and AS-Level) applicants

To meet the minimum requirements for matriculation exemption, applicants must hold at least two A-level subjects at a grade of E or above and at least three IGSCE/ GSCE/ O-level subjects at a grade of C or above including English Language and an approved second language.

Where an applicant does not hold A-levels, at least four AS-levels are required at grade D or above and at least one approved IGSCE/ GSCE/ O-level subject at a grade of C or above including English Language and an approved second language.

It is important to note that matriculation exemption requires specific subject combinations and that certain subjects are not recognised. To qualify for admission to Humanities qualifications, applicants should have passed two A-level subjects at grade C or above. Where an applicant has not completed A-level subjects, AS-levels may be accepted at the rate of two AS-levels for each required A-level.

To calculate your Admission Point Score, combine your best A-level subjects with your best relevant GSCE/ IGSCE/ O-level subjects to reach a total of six subjects. Each subject can only be counted once at A-level or GCSE/ IGSCE/ O-level.

## Namibian Secondary School Certificate (NSSC) applicants

To meet the minimum requirements for matriculation exemption, applicants must hold at least four HIGCSE subjects at level 3 or above and at least one IGSCE/ GSCE/ O-level subjects at a grade of C or above.

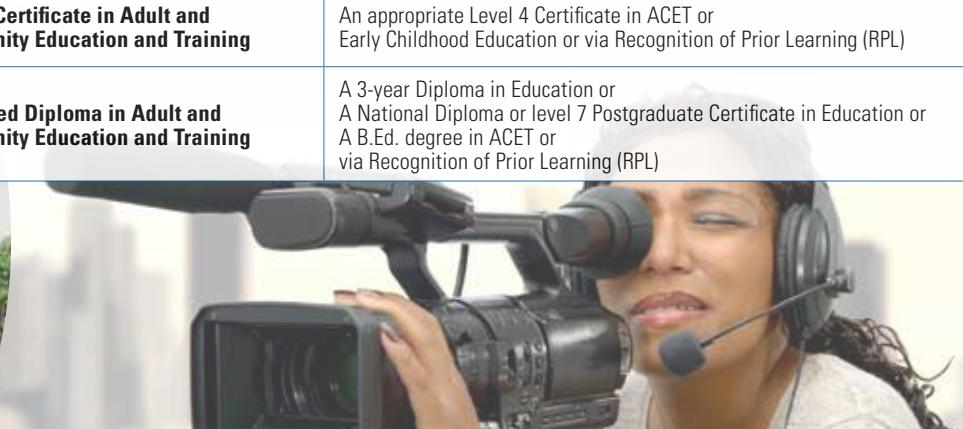
To calculate your Admission Point Score (APS), combine your best HIGCSE subjects with the best relevant IGSCE subjects to reach a total of six subjects. Each subject can only be counted once at HIGCSE or IGSCE level.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) applicants

Applicants must hold a full diploma with a minimum of three higher level subjects from a total of six subjects and a total of 24 points.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY QUALIFICATION

	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION	LEVEL AT WHICH YOU ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE AN OFFER
<b>English language</b> (for all qualifications)	A-Level: E AS-Level: D NSSC: Higher Level 3 GCSE/ IGCSE/ O-Level: C IB HL: grade 3 IB SL: grade 4	A-Level: D AS-Level: B NSSC: Higher Level 2 GCSE/ IGCSE/ O-Level: A IB HL: grade 4 IB SL: grade 6
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> <b>Bachelor of Social Science</b> <b>Bachelor of Social Work</b>	<b>Admission Point Score</b> 32	<b>Admission Point Score</b> 38
<b>Bachelor of Social Science</b> <b>(Philosophy, Politics and Economics)</b>	<b>Admission Point Score</b> 32	<b>Admission Point Score</b> 39 Minimum Mathematics requirement A-Level: E AS-Level: C NSSC: Higher Level 3 IB HL: grade 3 IB SL: grade 5
<b>Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art)</b> <b>Bachelor of Arts (Theatre &amp; Performance)</b> <b>Bachelor of Music</b> <b>Bachelor of Music (Dance)</b>	<b>Admission Point Score</b> 32 Satisfactory performance in the portfolio/ audition evaluation	
<b>Advanced Diploma in Music</b> <b>Advanced Diploma in Opera</b>	Diploma in Music Performance or an equivalent qualification with an average of 65% or above  Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test or a first-class pass in the performance course(s) which form part of the Diploma in Music Performance	
<b>Diploma in Music Performance</b> <b>Diploma in Theatre and Performance</b>	School-leaving qualification endorsed for Diploma studies  Satisfactory performance in an audition  For Diploma in Music Performance: Satisfactory performance in a music theory test	
<b>Higher Certificate in Adult and Community Education and Training</b>	An appropriate Level 4 Certificate in ACET or Early Childhood Education or via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	
<b>Advanced Diploma in Adult and Community Education and Training</b>	A 3-year Diploma in Education or A National Diploma or level 7 Postgraduate Certificate in Education or A B.Ed. degree in ACET or via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	



# Faculty of Law



## WHY STUDY LAW?

Students who wish to become legal practitioners require an LLB (Bachelor of Laws) degree. An LLB is the universal general qualification for the practice of law, although the content of the LLB programme differs from country to country. During the course of the LLB degree students are taught the fundamentals of South African law and the South African legal system. At the same time they are equipped with the skills necessary to be successful legal practitioners.

### Some of the skills the UCT LLB strives to impart are:

the ability to read, comprehend, and critically evaluate complex documents, including cases and legislation; the ability to write clearly, logically, coherently, and succinctly; and the ability to analyse and solve problems.

By the end of their LLB degrees, graduates are able to assess, interpret and apply the law, and have the historical, comparative and jurisprudential background that is essential for a thorough and critical

understanding of legal institutions, the law and its application.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

LLB graduates are employed in the legal profession and in a wide variety of positions in the judiciary, government, NGOs, companies and other enterprises.

**Academic:** An LLB degree is the first step to an academic career. UCT's Master of Laws and Postgraduate Diploma programmes offer a very broad range of postgraduate courses from which to select a specialisation.

**Advocate:** LLB graduates undergo one year's training in pupillage with a practising member of the Bar. After an admission examination, the work of an advocate generally involves research, drafting opinions and pleadings, and presenting cases in court, most often though not exclusively in the High Court. Advocates must be briefed or instructed by attorneys; they do not take instructions from members of the public. Obtaining the LLB does not automatically entitle non-citizens and non-permanent residents of South Africa to be admitted to practise in this country.

**Attorneys:** An LLB graduate must serve as a candidate attorney with a practising attorney and then write a professional examination set by the relevant provincial law society to become an attorney. Attorneys' work includes drafting legal documents, negotiating settlements of disputes, and preparing cases for presentation in court. Attorneys take instructions from members of the public and, if necessary, may brief or seek an opinion from an advocate. Obtaining the LLB does not automatically

entitle non-citizens and non- permanent residents of South Africa to be admitted to practise in this country.

**Business:** Law graduates are to be found across the whole business spectrum, from small firms to large corporations. They are legal advisors in tax, real estate, labour relations, contracts, public information, and acquisitions; they are forensic auditors and ombudsmen, ethics and employment officers, and policy and legislative analysts. Publishing firms look for legal editors, researchers, and writers.

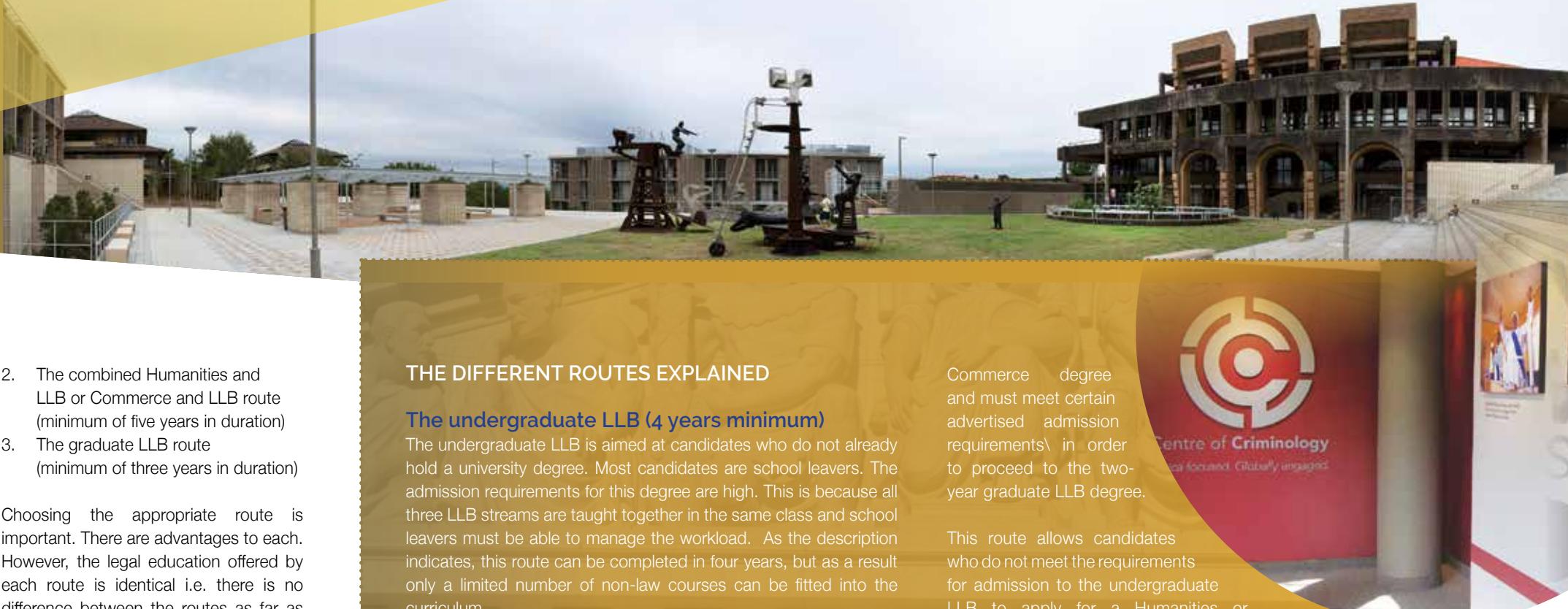
**Government:** The Department of Justice employs state attorneys, prosecutors, legal drafters and of course magistrates and judges. Law graduates interested in international law can join the Department of Foreign Affairs or Department of Trade and Industry. Other government departments at both national and provincial levels employ lawyers, as do the National Parliament, provincial legislatures and municipal councils. In fact, there is no sector of government in which lawyers do not play a role!

**NGOs and Public Benefit Organisations:** Researchers and lobbyists are in demand and many law graduates who are committed to the transformation of South African society work in such organisations.

## THE LLB PROGRAMME

There are three routes to obtaining an LLB degree:

1. The undergraduate LLB route  
(minimum of four years in duration)



2. The combined Humanities and LLB or Commerce and LLB route (minimum of five years in duration)
3. The graduate LLB route (minimum of three years in duration)

Choosing the appropriate route is important. There are advantages to each. However, the legal education offered by each route is identical i.e. there is no difference between the routes as far as the law courses are concerned, and each of the routes leads to the same endpoint, the award of an LLB degree. In choosing between the different routes it may be helpful for you to consider how well prepared you are for university studies (i.e. how serious you are about studying law now, amongst other things) and the amount of higher education you wish to receive in addition to a legal education.

The best approach in choosing your route is to be realistic about your current ability to deal with a large workload and lots of reading. In addition, ask yourself whether you prefer to enter training for a professional qualification immediately or whether you are interested in other disciplines too.

## THE DIFFERENT ROUTES EXPLAINED

### **The undergraduate LLB (4 years minimum)**

The undergraduate LLB is aimed at candidates who do not already hold a university degree. Most candidates are school leavers. The admission requirements for this degree are high. This is because all three LLB streams are taught together in the same class and school leavers must be able to manage the workload. As the description indicates, this route can be completed in four years, but as a result only a limited number of non-law courses can be fitted into the curriculum.

### **The combined Humanities/Commerce LLB (5 years minimum)**

The combined Law and Humanities or Law and Commerce route allows candidates to do what is described as an accelerated combined Humanities/Commerce and LLB degree. This means that students receive two degrees by the end of their combined programme; a bachelor's degree in the Humanities or Commerce faculty (BA/BSocSci or BCom) which is awarded at the end of their first three years of study, and a bachelor's degree in law (LLB), which is awarded at the end of a further two years of study. It is also possible to do a combined BBusSci LLB programme which requires at least 6 years of study. At the end of their Humanities/Commerce degrees, students will graduate with a degree in which they have a major in a commerce or humanities subject and a major in law.

Please note that students must apply for admission to the Law Faculty at the end of their undergraduate Humanities or

Commerce degree and must meet certain advertised admission requirements\ in order to proceed to the two-year graduate LLB degree.

This route allows candidates who do not meet the requirements for admission to the undergraduate LLB to apply for a Humanities or Commerce degree, to adapt to university studies, and, if they perform satisfactorily in their first year of study, to join the law stream in their second or third year at university. The advantage of this route over the undergraduate LLB route is that a full major in a discipline other than law is possible, thus resulting in a more rounded higher education experience.

### **The graduate LLB (3 years minimum)**

The graduate LLB route is for students who have completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline without having majored in law. This route allows candidates to complete a full degree in a discipline other than law and then add the LLB. This route can be completed in a minimum of six years (3 + 3). In order to be admitted to the 3-year graduate LLB, applicants must meet certain advertised admission requirements.

The advantage of this route over the combined route is that candidates obtain a broad education in the Humanities, Commerce or Sciences in addition to their education in law.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

The Faculty cannot admit all those who apply to study law, as applications vastly exceed the available places. If there are more applicants who meet the admission criteria than there are places, only the best applicants in each category will be made an offer.

### Admission to the 4-year undergraduate LLB

Applications are assessed on the basis of the applicant's results in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) or other school-leaving examination, together with the applicant's results in the Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy components of the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs).

As a general rule, no more than ten international applicants will be accepted into the undergraduate LLB programme.

ELIGIBLE	BAND	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All SA applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed admission</b> 510 FPS or above NBT scores of proficient for AL and intermediate for QL
All SA applicants	Band B WPS	<b>Probable Admission</b> 495 WPS or above NBT scores of proficient for AL and intermediate for QL
Only SA applicants in targeted redress categories	Band C FPS	<b>Possible admission</b> 420 FPS or above NBT scores of proficient for AL and intermediate for QL
International applicants		<b>Probable admission</b> 520 FPS or above NBT scores of proficient for AL and intermediate for QL

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

For applicants in possession of, or writing, other than South African qualifications, offers of places may only be made subject to the equivalent bachelor's exemption being obtained from the Matriculation Board (refer to <http://he-enrol.ac.za/exemption-process> for further information and on-line assessment and application).

In addition, candidates writing A-level, AS-level, HIGCSE/IGCSE or IB Diploma examinations\* must meet the following minimum requirements, obtained using the scoring table on page 13 of this prospectus. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission which is limited by available capacity.

	PROBABLE ADMISSION	MINIMUM ADMISSION
International applicants	46+ APS points	44+ APS points
All SA applicants	44+ APS points	36+ APS points
SA applicants in targeted redress race groups	39+ APS points	36+ APS points

\* Applicants writing other international authority examinations will be assessed on their individual merits.

**NOTE:** As explained in the section on 'career opportunities' above, obtaining the LLB does not automatically entitle non-citizens and non-permanent residents of South Africa to be admitted to practise as attorney or advocates in this country.



## Admission to the combined law and humanities or law and commerce LLB streams

Applicants to the Humanities and Commerce Faculties must meet the admission requirements of those Faculties in order to commence their undergraduate Humanities or Commerce degree. Students who wish to do a combined degree begin taking law subjects in their second year of study. Students are not automatically permitted to do these law subjects. In order to gain admission to the law stream of the BA/BsocSci or BCom/BBusSci degrees, students must have sufficient points in the NSC and National Benchmark Tests for admission to the four-year undergraduate LLB OR must have passed all their courses in their first year on a first sitting and have obtained an average of at least 65% in a standard first year programme (i.e. 8 semester courses) in the case of Humanities students and at least 63% in the case of Commerce students. Results in supplementary examinations are not included when calculating the average but the results of deferred examinations are included.

Once students have completed their Humanities or Commerce degrees with law subjects, they must apply to the Law Faculty for admission to the 2-year graduate LLB degree.

Applicants who complete their first degree will be considered on a competitive basis taking into account the University's admissions policy. However, applicants who achieve an average of at least 60% in their undergraduate degree are guaranteed admission to the LLB.

### Admission to the graduate LLB

Applicants must obtain an average of at least 65% in a standard undergraduate degree in order to be admitted to the graduate LLB. This average is calculated from your results over of all years of your undergraduate degree.

Students with an average of less than 65% will not normally be admitted, but the Faculty may in its discretion admit students whom it believes nevertheless show the potential to succeed in their LLB studies. In exercising this discretion, the Faculty will have regard to the University's admissions policy.

### Transferring students

A UCT student (who has not been excluded) may apply to transfer to the LLB degree but must satisfy the requirements for admission to the LLB. Successful applicants may be

granted credit or exemption or both for courses already completed, up to a maximum of four full courses (or the equivalent).

A non-UCT student who has not been excluded from another university may apply to transfer to UCT as an LLB student but must satisfy the requirements for admission to the LLB. Successful applicants may be granted credit or exemption or both for courses already completed, up to a maximum of four full courses (or the equivalent).

Credits and exemptions will only be granted for courses taken at another institution if the Law Faculty is satisfied that the courses are substantially equivalent, in both content and standard, to the courses offered at UCT. Such transferring students will be required to complete the remaining courses prescribed for the LLB at this University over a period of not less than two years.



## ABOUT THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Science at UCT is, by various measures, the best in the country: it has the largest number of scientists who have been rated through a rigorous process of international evaluation, and within this group it has the largest number of those who are acknowledged to be world leaders in their fields, and who hold an "A" rating. Thus undergraduate and postgraduate programmes benefit by being developed and taught side by side with cutting-edge research.

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## WHAT WE OFFER

The Faculty of Science offers one undergraduate degree, the Bachelor of Science. Below are the possible majors available in the faculty. While every BSc student will take 2 majors, it is possible to take one approved major from a different faculty.

# Faculty of Science

## APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Applied mathematicians transfer mathematical knowledge and methods into other fields, such as physics, computer science, engineering, biology and the social sciences. In this way mathematics has become one of the most powerful promoters of scientific developments, since all modern sciences are founded essentially on mathematical principles. Many technological developments such as mobile phones, computers, cars, airplanes and large telescopes were unthinkable without mathematical progress.

Visit [www.math.uct.ac.za](http://www.math.uct.ac.za)

## APPLIED STATISTICS

Applied Statistics at UCT straddles the fields of Statistics, Operational Research and Data Science, covering a range of quantitative methods for the analysis of data to solve real-world problems and support decision making and policy development. The field of statistics often attracts those interested in the analysis of patterns in data: developing, understanding, abstracting, and packaging analytical methods for general use in other subject areas. Statisticians are



employed in many fields, including biology, finance, economics, the engineering industry, medicine, public health, psychology, marketing, government, education and sport science.

Statisticians are key players in the analytics environment, using their skills to transform large amounts of data into credible, usable information. Visit [www.stats.uct.ac.za](http://www.stats.uct.ac.za)

## ARCHAEOLOGY

(See also Note 2 on page 58)

The Department of Archaeology, taking advantage of its location in a region rich in archaeological heritage, with evidence of human occupation for the last half million years, offers courses that focus on the prehistory of Africa, with a particular focus on Southern Africa. Specific research interests include issues related to human evolution, the emergence of modern humans, and the history of hunter-gatherer, pastoralist and farming communities in southern Africa, as well as the archaeology of more recent colonial settlement. Visit [www.archaeology.uct.ac.za](http://www.archaeology.uct.ac.za)

## ASTROPHYSICS

The Astrophysics major requires a strong mathematics and physics foundation. The astronomy courses offered are a general introductory first-year course which includes the 'Starfinder' course held in the Iziko Planetarium as well as night-sky viewing, second-year courses which cover nearly all aspects of modern observational astronomy, while the two third-year courses enter into the physical processes that lie at the origin of the observed astronomical phenomena.

Visit [www.ast.uct.ac.za](http://www.ast.uct.ac.za)

## BIOLOGY

This major is about life on Earth in all its forms - the adaptations of living organisms, how they live and interact, and how they originated. With a focus on organismal biology, this major examines how organisms interrelate with each other and with their environment, provides the processes by which organisms and communities are shaped, and how living organisms affect and/or are affected by humans. This major aims to explain and account for the patterns that make up the diversity of terrestrial life that surrounds us. As human influence on the environment escalates, there are new challenges as to how biodiversity can be protected while societies meet their needs. An understanding of organismal biology is essential in order to comprehend the intricacies of living systems and to predict the future under different global change scenarios. The southern tip of Africa holds a treasure house of unusual plant and animal communities alongside pressing human needs, which provides exciting and unique examples from which to learn about ecology, evolution and biodiversity conservation.

Visit [www.biologicalsciences.uct.ac.za](http://www.biologicalsciences.uct.ac.za)

## BIOCHEMISTRY

Biochemistry is the study of the molecules and chemical processes which occur in all living organisms. Biochemistry is fundamental to understanding mechanisms in molecular and cell biology and straddles the medical, biological, chemical and physical sciences. The Biochemistry major at UCT includes the study of the structures, physical properties and functions of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids; the mechanisms of enzyme action, the biochemical regulation of metabolism and energy utilization, and can include a more in-depth study of

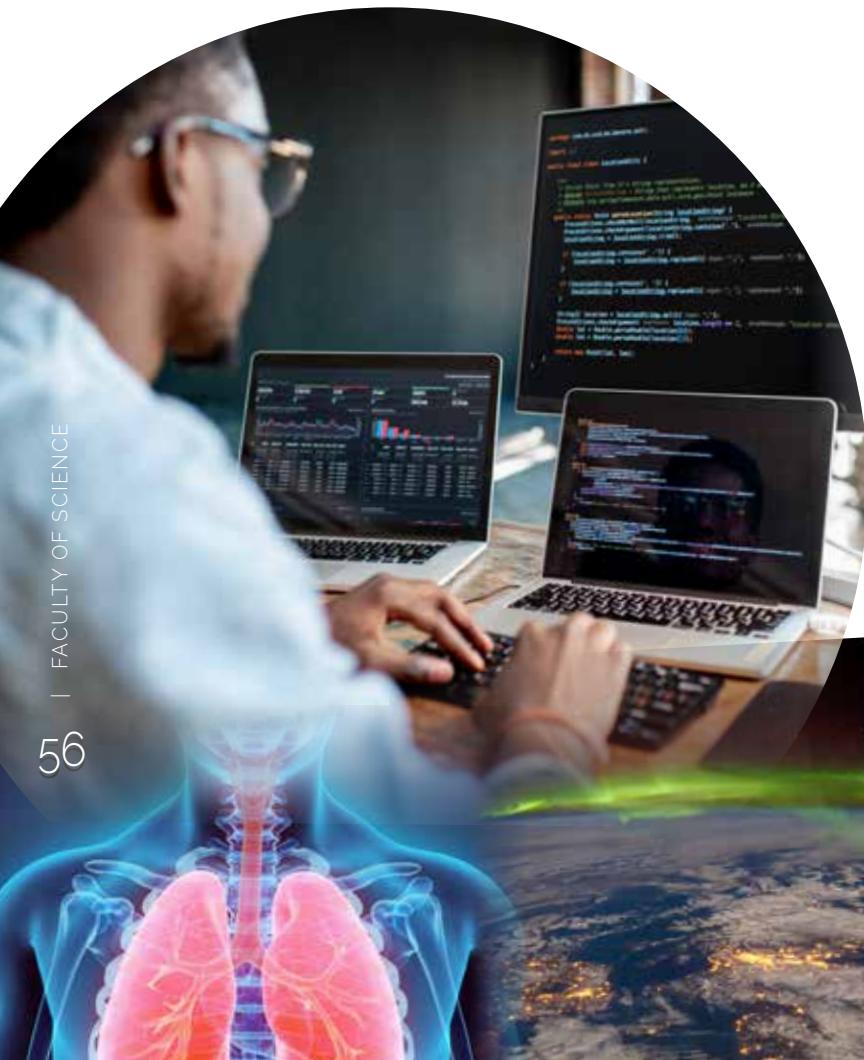
the molecular basis of cell signalling and gene expression, disease as well as biotechnology. Visit [www.mcb.uct.ac.za](http://www.mcb.uct.ac.za)

## CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is often called the 'central science' because it forms the basis of every living and non-living entity in the universe. It has evolved from the time of the 16th century alchemist to the present day chemist who uses advanced scientific and computational methods. It is the interface between the mathematical, physical and biological sciences. Courses offered for this major cover the fundamental areas of organic, inorganic and physical chemistry. Theoretical concepts are underpinned by practical training in modern chemical techniques, including the use of state of the art analytical instrumentation. The chemistry major offers a wide variety of employment opportunities, from laboratory work to field work. Visit [www.chemistry.uct.ac.za](http://www.chemistry.uct.ac.za)

## COMPUTER SCIENCE, COMPUTER ENGINEERING & BUSINESS COMPUTING

A computer science graduate is trained in the principles underlying computing, including the structure and nature of computers, the development and use of programming



languages and the application of computers as tools in problem solving. The specific majors of Computer Engineering & Business Computing are linked to the primary Computer Science major, and focus on the application of computer science to these particular fields. They will be complemented by courses in the related fields. Students who complete the BSc major in Computer Science, followed by the BSc Honours in Computer Science at UCT, become Chartered I.T. Professionals (UK), since these degrees are accredited by the British Computer Society as being of an international standard. Visit [www.cs.uct.ac.za](http://www.cs.uct.ac.za)

## ENVIRONMENTAL & GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE

The interaction between humans and their environment and the variability of this environment is a common theme in the department's teaching and research initiatives. The student gains an integrated approach to the study of the complex relationships between humans and their social, biological, and physical life-support systems. Interdisciplinary research areas within the department include atmospheric science, climate-change science, quaternary environmental change, land degradation, integrated environmental management, urban issues, disaster risk science, developing world issues, sustainability studies, political geography and remote sensing. Visit [www.egs.uct.ac.za](http://www.egs.uct.ac.za)

## GENETICS

Students taking the major in Genetics will be taught fundamental concepts in classical, molecular and evolutionary genetics. Classical genetics is the study of heritability and variation in living organisms, whilst molecular genetics is concerned with understanding the structure and function of genes at the molecular level. Genomics considers the comparative study of genomes of living organisms. In the Genetics major, emphasis is placed on understanding the core biological processes of gene regulation and cell signalling in plants, animals and microbes, integrating this knowledge into our understanding of disease, development and evolution. Visit [www.mcb.uct.ac.za](http://www.mcb.uct.ac.za)

## GEOLOGY

Geology is the science of the Earth's origin, structure and composition. Geology is the basis for understanding the Earth: how it evolved, what forces have shaped its oceans, mountains, rivers and lakes, how and where its resources are stored, how it first became a pleasant place for humans to live and, more recently, how to manage and keep it so. Geology probes research frontiers from mineral physics to the origin of life, from the evolution of planets to the climate changes affecting our present environment. It is about mountain building, volcanoes, moving continents, the death of the dinosaurs, diamonds and gold, soil erosion, earthquakes, and atoms in a crystal. Visit [www.geology.uct.ac.za](http://www.geology.uct.ac.za)

## HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

The major in Human Anatomy & Physiology focuses on the structure and function of the human body. The two-year course covers and integrates the traditional scientific disciplines of anatomy, cell biology and physiology. The first year includes the introduction to human anatomy, basic structure and function of cells, tissues, organs and systems, homeostasis, the cardio-vascular, respiratory, digestive, excretory, immune, reproductive and locomotor systems as well as the regulatory endocrine and nervous systems, and an introduction to ageing and disease. In third year there is a strong emphasis on metabolism and exercise physiology during the first semester and a focus on neurophysiology in the second semester. The Human Anatomy & Physiology major aims to provide an understanding of how the human



body functions, how we learn new behaviour and how we change our behaviour. A series of practical and tutorial sessions are designed to develop technical skills, using computers to record and analyse cardiac, skeletal muscle and brain function, as well as improving oral and writing skills.

## MARINE BIOLOGY

Marine biology is the study of life in the sea in all its aspects. The world's oceans cover 71% of the surface of the planet, and have a mean depth of 3 800m, meaning that they make well over 95% of the 'living space' on earth. They are also the least known of the environments on earth; indeed an estimated half of all marine species have yet to be discovered! Cape Town is one of the best locations in the world to study marine biology, as it is situated at the confluence of three of the world's major oceans – the Atlantic, Indian and Southern Oceans. Students taking this major will learn about the diversity of marine life in all its forms and about the structure and function of various marine ecosystems, ranging from coral reefs to polar seas and from estuaries to the abyssal depths. Students also learn about management and conservation of marine resources, a field that provides the most employment opportunities for marine biologists. The courses include field trips, tutorials and practical sessions that introduce students to the experimental and analytical methods used by professional marine biologists. Visit [www.biologicalsciences.uct.ac.za](http://www.biologicalsciences.uct.ac.za)

## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is the science of structure, quantity, change and space and the interactions between them. While mathematical ideas can be inspired by everyday observations, it is a characteristic feature of mathematical truth that it is derived with logical reasoning on the basis of sound definitions. Each day mathematicians all over the world prove hundreds of new theorems and solve numerous open problems and in this way they contribute to the systematic body of knowledge that comprises modern mathematics. Visit [www.math.uct.ac.za](http://www.math.uct.ac.za)

## MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS

Mathematical Statistics is the study of the mathematical principles, theory and methods underpinning the interrogation and analysis of data. Statisticians contribute to scientific enquiry by applying their mathematical and statistical knowledge to the design of surveys and experiments; the application of quantitative problem solving methods and the analysis of data. Statisticians are employed in many fields, including biology, finance, economics, the engineering industry, medicine, public health, psychology, marketing, government, education and sport science.

Statisticians are key players in the analytics environment,

using their data science skills to transform large amounts of data into credible, usable information.

Visit [www.stats.uct.ac.za](http://www.stats.uct.ac.za)

## OCEAN & ATMOSPHERE SCIENCE

This major deals with the physical attributes of the oceans and covers the extent of the oceans, the physical, chemical and biological properties of sea water including salt and heat budgets, sea surface fluxes and ocean climatology. The principal force on the ocean is from the atmosphere and the response by the sea is to produce tides and many types of waves. Aspects of currents and water masses in the oceans of the world and coastal oceanography around South Africa provide the focus of regional oceanography. Located in the subtropics, South Africa experiences both tropical and mid-latitude influences on its weather, climate and oceanic environments. The Ocean and Atmosphere major deals with the circulation and properties of the global ocean, their regional variations, and how the ocean interacts with the atmosphere to produce the various marine and atmospheric environments we experience.

A fundamental knowledge of Ocean and Atmosphere Science is necessary for understanding the distributions of the various marine and terrestrial ecosystems, climate



change and variability, severe weather such as tropical cyclones and thunderstorms, as well as the properties of the world oceans. The trans-disciplinary skills developed in this major offer graduates opportunities to branch out into many other areas of Earth System Science or to specialise in a field of Oceanography, Atmospheric Science or Climate up to PhD level. UCT is ideally placed to offer such a major given our proximity to the world's strongest western boundary current (the Agulhas), a cold upwelling current system (the Benguela) and the highly dynamic Southern Ocean.

Visit [www.sea.uct.ac.za](http://www.sea.uct.ac.za)

## PHYSICS

Physics is about understanding the nature of matter and radiation in the language of mathematics, and as such is a central fundamental discipline in science. A major in physics teaches you how to apply your knowledge of fundamental principles in a range of contexts. Applications of the principles of physics are everywhere: transistors, computers, optical fibres, quantum computing. Physicists discovered the structure of DNA and the genetic code, and invented X-ray machines and the World Wide Web.

Visit [www.phy.uct.ac.za](http://www.phy.uct.ac.za)

## QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY

This major is aimed at training biologists with quantitative skills, preparing them for the emerging fields of 'data science' and 'biological modelling', which are used to address big scientific questions. The Quantitative Biology major is packaged as an interdisciplinary stream, to allow students among three major disciplinary fields (Biology, Statistics and Mathematics) into the major, and for graduates taking this major to be prepared to enter into the data science and quantitative ecology fields.

Visit [www.biologicalsciences.uct.ac.za](http://www.biologicalsciences.uct.ac.za)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

NSC results are the primary guide for admission to the BSc degree. However, all applicants to the Science Faculty are required to write the NBTs (Academic Literacy, Quantitative Literacy and Mathematics).

### ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)

Besides taking the NSC results into account for admission, other factors including, availability of places and educational or social/home background, will be considered.

#### Faculty Points Score (FPS)

The FPS (a score out of 800) is calculated as the sum of the percentages achieved in the best six NSC subjects, including English but excluding Life Orientation, and **doubling** the percentages achieved in Mathematics and Physical Science. Admission to the Faculty of Science requires a FPS of 550.

#### Subject entrance requirements

- Mathematics at 70% or above
- Physical Science at 60% or above (see notes 2 and 3 below).
- Where an applicant has not completed Physical Science, Information Technology or Life Sciences may be doubled (refer to notes 2 and 3 below).

ELIGIBLE		ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants	Band A FPS	<b>Guaranteed Admission</b> FPS of 660 or above Mathematics 70% or above and Physical Sciences 60% or above <i>(see Notes 2 &amp; 3)</i> NBTs in Mathematics, AL & QL to be written *
	Band B WPS	<b>Admission Very Likely</b> WPS of 620 or above Mathematics 70% or above and Physical Sciences 60% or above <i>(see Notes 2 &amp; 3)</i> NBTs in Mathematics, AL & QL to be written *
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\* The results of the NBTs are not taken into account for admission to the Science Faculty

**Note 1:** Acceptance into the Science Faculty does not guarantee acceptance into a chosen major because some majors (currently Biochemistry, Genetics, Geology and Human Anatomy & Physiology) have limits on the number of students that can be accommodated. Selection for these is based on academic criteria which will be clearly communicated to students during the first year of study. Students will be advised in their first year to take courses which could lead to several majors.

**Note 2:** If you have not completed Physical Sciences or Information Technology in your school-leaving examinations, your choice of major will be restricted to Archaeology and Environmental & Geographical Science.

**Note 3:** For majors in Computer Science and Business Computing and the Physical Sciences requirement may be replaced by Information Technology (only where Physical Science was not taken).

## PLACEMENT

Admission to the Science Faculty will be directly onto the regular, three-year degree programme. All students will be required to write a set of formal class tests at mid-term of the first semester and on the basis of the results of these tests, together with NSC and NBT results, selected students will be counselled to convert to the four-year Extended Degree Programme (EDP). The EDP is structured such that students entering the programme will receive additional academic and general support to improve the chances of graduating in minimum time.

The EDP is run in association with the Academic Development Programme (ADP) and offers students who are struggling the opportunity to establish a sound educational foundation, with an appropriate distribution of their academic load over a four-year period. The minimum time for a student on the EDP to complete the BSc degree is four years.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

For applicants in possession of or writing other than South African qualifications, offers of places may only be made subject to the equivalent bachelor's exemption being obtained from the South African Higher Education (Matriculation) Board (refer to <http://he-enrol.ac.za/exemption-process> for further information and on-line assessment and application). In addition, candidates must meet the following minimum requirements; meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission which is limited by available capacity:

### Applicants must take at least:

English, Mathematics and Chemistry and/or Physics (or Physical Science)

- Chemistry is required for majors in Biology, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Genetics, Geology, Human Anatomy & Physiology and Ocean & Atmosphere Science
- Physics is required for majors in Astrophysics and Physics
- Chemistry/Physics may be replaced by Computer

Science for majors in Computer Science, Business Computing, Computer Engineering and Computer Games Development only.

- Chemistry/Physics may be replaced by Geography for the major in Environmental & Geographical Science

## FACULTY POINTS SCORE (FPS) FOR NON NSC EXAMINATIONS

Admission to the Faculty of Science requires an applicant to have achieved a FPS of 34 points or above, based on the five best subjects (including the required subjects), obtained using the scoring table in the section of this prospectus titled "Applying to UCT".

Applicants writing other international authority examinations will be assessed on their individual merits.

<b>Bachelor of Science</b>	<b>A-Level</b> English: C at IGCSE Mathematics: B Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): C <b>AS-Level</b> English: C at IGCSE Mathematics: B Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): C <b>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)</b> English: C at IGCSE Mathematics: 70% (or level 1 HIGCSE) Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): 60% (or level 1 HIGCSE) <b>International Baccalaureate</b> English: Grade 5 at SL Mathematics: Grade 5 at HL or Grade 6 at SL ( <i>Maths Studies is not accepted</i> ) Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): Grade 5 at HL or Grade 6 SL
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## TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

Transferring applicants are required to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT), submit certified copies of school-leaving and tertiary transcripts of results and a letter of motivation in support of the application, providing details of activities since leaving school and reasons

for wanting to transfer to the Science Faculty. Because we have a limited number of academic places in the Faculty, offers will be made to the best candidates in this category.

Transferring students are expected to have school-leaving and NBT results competitive with the current applicant pool and must have:

- passed all first-year courses in their first year at another institution, and bring with them at least four full courses (or the equivalent) that earn credit and exemption at the University of Cape Town;
- not been refused readmission by another tertiary institution; and
- not been registered at another tertiary institution for more than two years.

All students who transfer from other Universities must register for a minimum of two years for the BSc degree, and complete all the senior courses of their majors, at the University of Cape Town.

### Note: Transferring of credits

- The University of Cape Town may give credit for, and/or exemption from, a maximum of four full courses (or the equivalent in half courses) completed elsewhere if these courses are recognised by the University of Cape Town.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain, from the relevant University of Cape Town departments, signed approval of credit and exemption for the courses they wish to transfer, before their applications will be considered.
- Senior major courses may not be transferred for credit or exemption.
- Tertiary courses required for matriculation exemption purposes will not be credited.





**Staying in residence is an extension of your university education, and you can benefit from a range of facilities and services including PC labs, network connections, social and sporting activities.**

### On-Campus Accommodation

UCT has a three-tier residence system that provides different services, governance and management in each tier. The policy and criteria for admission to UCT student housing assume that a new student will initially enter a first-tier (catering) residence and subsequently move to a second-tier (senior catering or self-catering) residence or into third-tier (semi-autonomous self-catering) accommodation. This section gives some information on each of these tiers, and the residence halls, flats or houses within each tier.

### First-Tier Accommodation

First-tier residences provide accommodation for under-graduate men and women students, who are usually under the age of 21. These residences provide students with up to three meals a day in a dining hall.

### First-Tier Residences for Women

**Baxter Hall**, on the Lower Campus, is located near the University swimming pool, gym and squash courts. The Rondebosch shopping area is five minutes' walk away. Baxter Hall accommodates 233 students in mainly single rooms arranged in "flats" of three to six rooms. Each flat shares a bathroom.

**Carinus** is situated behind Groote Schuur Hospital, and accommodates 361 students in mainly single rooms. Carinus forms part of the Clarin旭 student village, along with Clarendon House. Students are able to travel by shuttle between the village and other campuses.



# Student Housing

**Fuller Hall**, on the Upper Campus, is situated close to the main library, just below Sarah Baartman Hall and is adjacent to Smuts Hall. All Upper and Middle Campus venues are within walking distance.

**Graça Machel Hall**, on the Lower campus, is located adjacent to Baxter and Tugwell Halls, close to the university swimming pool, gym and squash courts and is within walking distance of Rondebosch shopping area. The residence houses 382 students, with first-year students sharing double rooms. Most returning and senior students are allocated single rooms.

**Tugwell Hall**, on the Lower Campus, is a 1970s eleven-storey residence. It is located near the University swimming pool, gym and squash courts. The Rondebosch shopping area is five minutes' walk away. It houses 406 students. First-year students share partitioned, double rooms. Most returning students are accommodated in single rooms.

### First-Tier Residences For Men

**Clarendon House**, behind Groote Schuur Hospital, accommodates 264 students in single and double rooms. Along with the women's residence Carinus, Clarendon House forms the Clarin旭 student village. Students are able to take a shuttle between residence and Upper Campus throughout the day.

**The original College House** was the first men's residence in Southern Africa. The present building is situated on the Lower Campus in Main Road, Rosebank and accommodates 119 students in single and double rooms. Meals are taken at Leo Marquard Hall next door.

**Kilindini**, on the Lower Campus, accommodates 32 students in single rooms. It is located on Main Road, Rosebank, close to College House, and about five minutes' walk from Mowbray shopping area. Kilindini students take their meals at Tugwell Hall. Kopano, on the Middle



Campus, is located close to a variety of sports facilities including an all-weather soccer field, the University cricket oval, swimming pool, gym and squash courts. It has single rooms for 366 students.

**Leo Marquard Hall**, on the Lower Campus, is an eleven-storey residence. It is located near the University swimming pool, gym and squash courts. This 1970s residence houses 419 students. First year students share partitioned double rooms. Most returning students are accommodated in single rooms. Smuts Hall is situated on the Upper Campus, adjacent to Fuller Hall. The 235 students of this residence are accommodated in single rooms and a small number in inter-leading rooms. It provides easy access to the Library, Students' Union and all the departments based on the Upper Campus. Students take their meals in Fuller Hall.

**Smuts Hall** is opposite Fuller Hall and accommodates 231 gentlemen who take their meals in the dining room at Fuller Hall. All Upper and Middle Campus venues are within walking distance.

**University House** provides accommodation for 108 students. There are six residential buildings and a seventh with dining facilities. Situated off Rhodes Avenue, the residence is within easy walking distance of the Upper Campus and Mowbray shopping area.

### First-Tier Residences for both Women & Men

**Glendower Residence** (Glenres) has 138 residents. It is situated on the Lower Campus in Main Road, Rosebank, less than five minutes' walk from the Mowbray shopping area. Students take their meals at Tugwell Hall. There are separate facilities for male and female students.

**Rochester House** is a purpose-built residence situated just north of Groote Schuur Hospital and accommodates 321 female and male students in single rooms. It has excellent on-site facilities, including a swimming pool, computer lab and 24-hour security.

**Varietas** in Matopo Road, off Rhodes Avenue, accommodates 146 students. About half the residents share rooms. Students take their meals at University House. The residence is situated on the periphery of the Main Campus, two shuttle-stops away from the lecture halls. The hockey field lies adjacent to the residence and there is access to a swimming pool in Forest Hill. Flats are either for male or female students. These are all served by the free shuttle bus.

**Dullah Omar Hall**, annexed to Glenres, is situated on the opposite side of the Main Road, Rosebank. This block of flats accommodates 58 students in single accommodation. Its location is close to the Lower Campus shuttle stop. Meals are taken at Tugwell Hall.

### Second-Tier Catering

**Groote Schuur Residence** is a mixed-gender residence and houses 64 students, with men and women on separate floors. During term times, breakfast and supper are served at the residence and lunch at Leo Marquard Hall.

**Medical Residence** provides accommodation for 103 male and female students who are usually clinical year medical students. Forest Hill G-Block, houses 120 students in flats, it is situated at the back of the Forest Hill complex located in Mowbray. G block residents take their meals at University House.

### Second-Tier Self-catering

**Groote Schuur Flats** house 64 students in Main Road, Rondebosch, is close to supermarkets and other shops and within easy walking distance of the Upper Campus.

**Liesbeeck Gardens** houses 434 students in mainly two- and three-bedroom flats. Situated on Liesbeeck Parkway, Mowbray. A free shuttle service operates on weekdays and weekends.

**The Woolsack** is on Middle Campus and houses 206 male and female students. Accommodation is arranged in pavilions or courts with an average of 25 students in each.

**Forest Hill** is a large complex off Main Road, Mowbray. It is made up of five separate blocks of flats which can accommodate 822 students.

**Ozb Square** is both a second and third tier residence, it is situated on the Main Road, Observatory, it is the latest addition to UCT residence system and it accommodates 880 senior and postgraduate students in en suite rooms. Eight to ten students share a Kitchen. The complex is close to most shops and the Health Sciences Faculty.

### Third-Tier Accommodation

Third-tier residences provide accommodation for post-graduate students. They also provide limited family accommodation for postgraduate students.



## Admission criteria for admission to first-tier accommodation

Meeting some admission criteria may guarantee you an offer of residence, while meeting others may make you eligible for an offer. The minimum criteria for admission to student accommodation is that you must have:

- applied for student housing in your UCT application, or amended your application to include an application for student housing no later than 31 July 2020;
- been made an offer (conditional or firm) of admission, at any time, for the 2020 academic year.

Please visit <http://uct.ac.za/apply/residence/applications/application/> for more information about criteria for admission to first-tier student accommodation.

## Living in Residence

All student rooms in residences, houses and flats are equipped with basic furniture – a bed, cupboard, desk, chair, bookcase, wastepaper bin, curtains and notice board. No sheets, blankets, pillows or towels are provided. Catering residences prepare three meals per day in a dining hall. Students choose a meal plan. Students are expected to provide and launder their own bed linen, and clean their own rooms. Vacuum cleaners and other cleaning materials are provided. No cooking is permitted in bedrooms. Students in self-catering accommodation have access to a fridge and stove, but need their own cooking utensils and crockery.

## Sharing a Room in Residence

Half of all first-year students in catering residences are accommodated in double rooms. It may be possible for you to share a room with a friend who has been accepted into the same residence. The warden of your allocated residence should be informed in advance of your arrival. If you or your roommate decides that you would prefer to share a room with someone else in the same residence, talk to your warden or sub-warden, who will, where possible,

make arrangements suitable to all. Normally room changes are only allowed in March to allow for settling in and to help avoid confusion in the room allocation process.

## Jammie Shuttle Service

The UCT shuttle service is for the sole use of UCT staff and students. A scheduled service is available 7 days a week, during term times and vacation, and includes a late night service. It operates between all campuses, most residences, and local public transport terminals, so you can connect from train and bus or park 'n ride. The Jammie Shuttle service is free to all UCT students. Just show your valid student card when getting on. Timetables are available from the Traffic Office, Visitors Reception and Information Centre or on the UCT website via the Staff and Student Portal. For more information contact the Transport Administrator at - **Tel: 021 685 7135**.

## Transferring from one residence to another during the academic year

Residence transfers/swops will only be considered if it is a request from a catering or self-catering option to the other. Motivation on medical grounds and seeking a cheaper room rate. These requests require the approval of the wardens concerned.

## Off-Campus Accommodation

Many students in their second or subsequent years of study stay in leased or private accommodation close to UCT. Our Off Campus Student Accommodation Services advertises vacancies in private accommodation.

## Details of vacancies can be obtained at:

[www.accommodation.uct.ac.za/](http://www.accommodation.uct.ac.za/) ocsas or at the Off Campus Student Accommodation Services - **Tel: 021 650 4934**.

## Applying for Student Housing

If you wish to be considered for a place in student housing, you must apply when submitting an online application, or a paper application. You must apply by 30 September 2020.

If your conditional offer is not confirmed by a faculty (ie. if you do not meet the conditions of your offer), your student housing application is automatically cancelled.

## Allocation to specific residences, houses or flats

All offers of student housing places will be made in terms of the student housing admissions and residence allocation policy. Please consult the Student Housing webpage on the UCT website for details of the 2017 - 2021 allocation policy.

# Sports, Student Clubs & Student Societies

UCT provides many opportunities for you to participate in sports or physical recreation of your choice. Traditional sports are all well catered for, but you also have the option of exciting individual pursuits such as sailing, water skiing and scuba diving.

## Sport & Recreation

Our Sport & Recreation Department provides for all levels of sport from social programmes through to high performance sport. UCT has a proud record of achievement both in the local Western Province leagues and at the national Student Tournaments. Year after year, UCT has produced a number of sports people who achieve the highest honour of representing South Africa. For more information, visit [www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/sport-clubs/overview](http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/sport-clubs/overview)

Sports development and transformation are taken very seriously at UCT. Our students are actively engaged in promoting sport in the local communities and within their clubs on campus. Every club welcomes new members from novices to the more experienced athletes, and the clubs are equipped to deal with the needs of each individual. Most clubs engage the services of top-level coaches, many of whom coach at provincial level.

Sports facilities include an artificial hockey field, an indoor sports complex, and excellent tennis, squash, soccer, rugby, cricket and fitness centre facilities. Our rowing club is one of the better equipped university clubs in South Africa. In addition, UCT owns a mountain near Ceres, a L26 Keelboat and sailing dinghies, a wakeboard boat.

## Sports Scholarships & Bursaries

With an excellent record in a wide variety of sports, UCT is keen to continue attracting top sports people to the campus. If you have played provincial or national representative sport at any level, you could be eligible for a Sporting Scholarship to assist in financing your studies at UCT. Eligible applicants need to apply to the Sports & Recreation Department to be considered for these awards. For information and application forms, contact [sport@uct.ac.za](mailto:sport@uct.ac.za)



## Student Societies

At UCT a number of societies cater for cultural, religious and special interests. These are outside of the formal academic programme and are open to all registered students. Societies' activities are directed by students, and there are many opportunities to get involved at an organisational level. Through such activities you will develop valuable skills in leadership and organisation. Listed on page 64 are societies at UCT. For more information, visit [www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/student-societies](http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/student-societies)

## Students' Representative Council

The Students' Representative Council (SRC) is a statutory structure consisting of 17 members who are elected annually in a general university-wide election. The SRC represents the interests of students at the UCT, and does this through active participation in University committees as well as through a range of programmes and projects.

As the highest student governance decision-making structure, the SRC also co-ordinates the work of student structures such as, clubs, societies, student faculty councils, residence committees, development agencies and student organisations. Given the wide choice of student clubs, societies, and other governance structures, there is literally something to capture the interest of everyone. In this regard you will have a host of opportunities to continue activities you already have an interest in, or to get involved in something new. With several hundred students joining societies each year, you are assured of meeting other students with similar interests. The information here should be the DSA Helpdesk on Level 4, Steve Biko Students Union or 021 650 3541. For more information, visit [www.sra.uct.ac.za](http://www.sra.uct.ac.za)

## SHAWCO, RAG and Ubunye

SHAWCO, the Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation, is a student-run youth development and health NGO affiliated to UCT. Students from UCT and abroad volunteer in



projects ranging from after school tutoring for high school learners, as well as junior projects in literacy, arts, and sport for primary school learners. Students also run social enterprise projects for adults starting businesses.

SHAWCO health operates mobile community health clinics with health sciences student volunteers that offer practical clinical experience to the students and gives vital health services to poor communities. SHAWCO's mission is to practice and promote responsible citizenship in the South African context through health, education and social entrepreneurship initiatives. The organisation seeks to create a supportive space for experiential learning and teaching, addressing inequality through innovative and sustainable approaches to community engagement. To learn more about SHAWCO, visit [www.shawco.org](http://www.shawco.org)

UCT RAG (Remember and Give) is the student fundraising sector of SHAWCO. RAG volunteers organise a number of student and corporate fundraising events throughout the year, with all the proceeds going to SHAWCO. To learn more about RAG, visit [www.uctrag.co.za](http://www.uctrag.co.za)



Ubunye is a student run development agency operating on campus as an SRC-recognised body, providing a range of opportunities for student social engagement. To learn more about Ubunye, visit <http://ubunye.org.za/>

## CLUBS & SOCIETIES AT UCT

Apostolic Faith Church of Portland Oregon  
Abantu Zambian Society  
ACTS Kolbe Catholic Society  
African Students for Liberty  
Altum Sonatur  
Amnesty International  
Art of Living – Hartha Yoga Society  
Asian Students Association  
Association of Black Securities and Investment Professionals  
Association of Built Environment Student  
Association of SA Black Actuaries  
Ballroom Dancing  
Believers Loveworld  
Bhakti Yoga Society  
Biological Society  
Biomimicry Society  
Birding UCT  
Black Law Students' Forum  
Black Lawyer's Association  
Black Management Forum  
Businesswomen's Association Student Chapter  
Cape Legion of Adventurers and War Gamers  
Cape Town Globalist  
Cardiac Society  
Chabad UCT  
Christian Medical Fellowship  
Christian Revival Church  
Christians on Campus  
Church On Main  
Cortex Club  
Crypto currency  
Debating Union  
Deeper Life Campus Fellowship  
Democratic Alliance Students' Organisation  
DJ's Production Society  
DR Congo  
East African Students Society  
Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command  
EDU Student Organisation  
Effective Altruism  
Enactus  
Engineers Without Borders  
Fashion Society  
Film Society  
Gender & Sex Project  
Genshiken  
Ghana Society  
Golden Future Project  
Grace Bible Church  
Green Campus Initiative  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hellenic Students' Association  
Her Campus Initiative  
Hillsong Church  
Hindu Students' Society  
Hip Hop Club  
His People  
Human Upliftment Project  
Ikey Ability  
InkuIFreeHeid  
Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers Internal medicine  
Investment Society  
Jubilee Society  
Korean Student Association  
Leanin  
Lesotho Students' Association  
Malawi Students Society  
Moot Society  
Muslim Students' Association  
Muslim Youth Movement  
Namibian Students' Organization  
Nazareth Tertiary Student's Association  
Nigerian Students' Society  
Organisational Psychology Students' Society Paediatrics society  
Palestine Solidarity Forum  
Pan Africanist Student Movement of Azania Photographic Society  
Poetry  
Preclinical society  
Psychology Society  
RAG

Rainbow Organisation  
RAPHA Church  
REACH Society  
Redeemed Christian Fellowship  
Rural Support Network  
Seventh Day Adventist Movement  
SHAWCO Education  
SHAWCO Health  
Shofar Church  
South African Medical Students' Association South African students' congress  
South African Union of Jewish Students  
Space and Astronomy Association  
Student Christian Fellowship  
Student Psychiatry society  
Student YMCA  
Students for a Free Tibet UCT  
Students for Law and Social Justice  
Students for Life  
Surgical Society  
Swazi Students Society  
TEDxUCT  
The Collective  
The Twelve Apostle Church in Christ  
Thinking Club  
Trees of Life Multiracial Church  
Tsonga society  
Ubunye  
UCT African Choral  
UCT Bahá'í Society  
UCT Choir  
UCT Consulting Club  
UCT Developers' Society  
UCT Entrepreneur's Society  
UCT Marketing Association  
UCT Mathematics society  
UCT Radio  
United Nations Association of South Africa Vigilicious  
We Are Animals  
Wine and Cultural Society  
Winners Camp Fellowship

Women in computer Science  
Women in Property Network  
World Mission Society (Church of God)  
Zimbabwe Society  
Zion Christian Students' Fellowship

## SPORTS ON OFFER

Aikido  
Archery  
Athletics  
Badminton  
Basketball  
Canoeing  
Capoeira  
Chess  
Cricket  
Fitness centre  
Cycling  
Fencing  
Golf  
Gymnastics  
Hockey  
Ju jitsu  
Judo  
Karate  
Kickboxing  
Mountain & ski  
Netball  
Rowing  
Rugby  
Soccer  
Squash  
Supa pool  
Surfing  
Table tennis  
Taekwondo  
Tennis  
Tai chi  
Ultimate frisbee  
Underwater hockey  
Volleyball  
Wakeboarding  
Water polo  
Waterski  
Yachting



# International Students

**The International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) supports international students and researchers by issuing letters in support of visa applications, advising on immigration-related requirements, and advocating for students' visa challenges. It also advises students on international tuition and housing fees, the costs of living in Cape Town, and support services available to students. Before you start your Semester Study Abroad (SSA) or full-degree programme, IAPO will provide comprehensive information and a dedicated orientation programme to welcome you to UCT.**

Queries about academic qualifications and specific course requirements should be directed to the relevant faculty office.

There are various ways that you can study as an international student at UCT.

## SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD (SSA) STUDENTS

Are you an international student interested in studying at UCT as part of your degree at another university? UCT offers a vibrant study abroad programme for students wanting to spend one or two semesters experiencing life in Cape Town while completing a degree elsewhere. SSA students are taught alongside other UCT students and are fully integrated into academic and social life at UCT.

To be accepted to the Semester Study Abroad programme, you must

- be a current student of a university or college outside South Africa,
- be of good academic standing at your home university,
- have a grade point average of 3.0 for academic systems using the 4.0 scale (or equivalent),
- have completed three semesters towards your degree,
- have met UCT's English language admission requirements (see page 13).

The programme offers a wide range of courses and students can select from subjects established in the Faculties of Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Humanities, Law and Science.

Applications for course admission are assessed by academic selectors in the relevant discipline who will pay particular attention to your academic record and courses already taken towards your home university degree.

Study abroad students pay a semester package fee covering tuition, application costs, and orientation activities. Students receive comprehensive pre-arrival information and assistance in finding suitable accommodation close to campus. IAPO also offers an extensive orientation programme to welcome you to Cape Town and to UCT at the start of the semester.

Students on the programme have an opportunity to join student societies and clubs, and to



participate in the community service and volunteering programmes run by SHAWCO (a community partnership and social entrepreneurship organization affiliated with UCT).

Apply online at <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za>

**Deadlines for submitting an application are**

- For First Semester (February – June): 31 October prior to the year of study.
- For Second Semester (July – November): 30 April of the year of study

As it can take up to eight weeks to obtain a South African study visa, early applications are encouraged.

For further information, contact the:

**International Academic Programmes Office**

Tel: +27 (0)21 650 2822

Email: [ssa@uct.ac.za](mailto:ssa@uct.ac.za)

Website: [www.studyabroad.uct.ac.za/](http://www.studyabroad.uct.ac.za/)

## FULL-DEGREE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

UCT considers suitably qualified international applicants who wish to study for a full undergraduate degree programme.

**SADC Students**

The Southern African Development Community countries are: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The minimum initial fee payment for academic and residence fees plus the International Administrative Service Fee

must be paid prior to registration or entering student accommodation. No international levy (International Term Fee) will be charged.

**Non-SADC Students**

As an international student (non-SADC) coming to UCT, you will be charged an international levy, called the International Term Fee (per annum), and the International Administrative Service Fee, in addition to the individual fees for all courses taken. The International Term Fee, the International Administrative Service Fee plus the individual course fees must be paid prior to registration.

**Matriculation Exemption**

If you wish to study at UCT and you are writing or have written a foreign school-leaving examination, you will need to obtain a matriculation exemption certificate from the Matriculation Board.

Before making you an offer, the faculty will ensure that you are eligible for matriculation exemption. Once you have been registered but before the end of your first year, you will need to apply through your faculty office to the Matriculation Board for a certificate of exemption.

To apply take the prescribed form, your original school leaving certificate (the faculty will make a certified copy for the Matriculation Board) and the prescribed fee (made out to the Matriculation Board) to the Faculty Office who will submit your application to the Matriculation Board.

Details of fees payable and the form are available on the Matriculation Board website at [www.hesa-enrol.ac.za](http://www.hesa-enrol.ac.za). The onus remains on you, as a student, to check that the faculty office has received your certificate from the Matriculation Board. Enquiries about certificates of exemption should be addressed to the:

**Universities South Africa,**

P O Box 27392, Sunnyside, Pretoria, 0132

Tel: +27 (0)10 591 4401/2

Fax: +27 (0)86 680 5727

Website: <http://mb.usaf.ac.za>



Entry requirements for applicants with foreign school-leaving examinations To be considered for admission, applicants must qualify for a matriculation exemption from the Matriculation Board, and must meet certain minimum faculty entry requirements.

Applicants who have written only the O-level or equivalent examination, and who are not writing any other school-leaving examination, are not eligible for admission to UCT. If you are writing a foreign school-leaving qualification, your application to UCT will be assessed individually.

Some of the more common foreign school-leaving examinations submitted by international applicants include O and A-level examinations, HIGCSE and IGCSE examinations, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE).

## English Language Requirements

English is used both for teaching and for examinations at UCT. All applicants must show evidence of proficiency in English and must submit evidence of this as part of their application to study at UCT. The English Language admission requirements can be found on page 13).

## Financial Assistance

UCT does not offer bursaries/scholarships to international undergraduate applicants. American citizens undertaking full degree studies may apply for US Federal Aid (Direct Loans) via IAPO. UCT is also an accredited institution for Canadian Federal Aid. Direct enquiries to [Galiema.Darries@uct.ac.za](mailto:Galiema.Darries@uct.ac.za).

The MasterCard Foundation Scholarship is available to citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country. For further information on the scholarships please access [www.mcfsp.uct.ac.za](http://www.mcfsp.uct.ac.za)

E-mail: [info\\_mcfsp@uct.ac.za](mailto:info_mcfsp@uct.ac.za)  
Tel: +27 (0)21 650 5923 / 3601

## Study Visas

In terms of the Immigration Act No 13 of 2002, if you are resident outside of South Africa and are not a South African citizen or do not have permanent residence, you are required to obtain a study visa to enter the Republic for the purpose of attending the University. It is important that your visa is endorsed specifically for study at UCT.

If you hold refugee or asylum seeker status you are exempt from needing a study visa to attend the University however, you are required to produce a valid refugee or asylum seeker permit.

The offer of a study place by the University does not bind the Department of Home Affairs in any way to allow you to study in South Africa, nor does it remove the need for you to obtain permission to enter the country. If you are offered a study place, please apply immediately for a study visa. Your application must be made to the nearest South African Embassy, Consulate or High Commission in your home country. This procedure could take between 8-to-12 weeks to be processed, so apply without delay. The application form BI-1738, duly completed, must be accompanied by the following:

- (a) Valid passport
- (b) A fee (current details are available from the nearest South African Embassy, Consulate or High Commission)
- (c) an official letter from UCT confirming provisional or firm acceptance at the institution and the duration of the course
- (d) letter of undertaking from UCT in support of the study visa application
- (e) in the case of a person under the age of 21 years.
  - (i) the particulars of the person in the Republic who will act as that learner's guardian and a confirmatory letter from that intended guardian; and
  - (ii) proof of consent for the intended stay from both parents or from the custodian parent, along with proof of sole custody in the latter case
- (f) a police clearance certificate
- (g) Affidavit confirming conditions of existing visa have been upheld for those renewing a previous study visa for South Africa
- (h) medical and radiological reports
- (i) documents relating to marital status if applicable
- (j) a yellow fever vaccination certificate if that person travelled or intends travelling from or through a yellow fever endemic area
- (k) in the case of a foreign state accepting responsibility for the applicant in terms of a bilateral agreement, a written undertaking in respect of the departure of the applicant
- (l) proof of medical cover from a South African medical aid scheme, registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998). The duration of your medical aid cover must align with the duration of your study offer; renewed annually for each year of study and be valid for the full year, ending on 31 December (for full degree programmes).

- (m) proof of sufficient financial means
- (n) payment of a deposit: Provided that such deposit shall be refunded to the depositor after the final departure of the applicant or after a permit contemplated in section 25 of the Act has been issued to the applicant: Provided further that the payment of the deposit may be effected by means of a bank guaranteed cheque or credit card at places where such facility exists.
- (o) In the case of students from Africa, the payment of the deposit shall not be required: Provided that the Government of the relevant African country submits a written undertaking to pay all costs relating to the deportation of the student, should this become necessary.
- (p) Other requirements as may be prescribed by the Consulate/Embassy

In the case of a foreign state accepting responsibility for the applicant in terms of a bilateral agreement, a written undertaking from such foreign state to pay for the departure of the applicant.

In the case of a learner under the age of 18 years:

- (i) an unabridged birth certificate
- (ii) valid passport
- (iii) proof of physical address and contact number of the adult person residing in the Republic, who is acting or has accepted to act as such learner's guardian, including a confirmatory letter from that guardian; and
- (iv) proof of consent for the intended stay from both parents, or where applicable, from the parent or legal guardian who has been issued with a court order granting full or specific parental responsibilities and rights or legal guardianship of the learner

Other requirements as may be prescribed by the Consulate/Embassy Requirements may change and we thus recommend that you contact the nearest South African Consulate/Embassy before submitting your study visa application in order to find out about the required documents.

You should await the outcome of your application before making any travel arrangements to South Africa.

If you have studied at another South African University or attended high school in South Africa, then your study visa needs to be changed for studies at the University of Cape Town. It is very important that your study visa is valid for studies at the University of Cape Town.

The Department of Home Affairs has officially outsourced the submission of applications to a company called Visa Facilitation Services (VFS). Applications accepted for processing by the relevant VFS office are then forwarded to the Department of Home Affairs for adjudication. Once the application has been finalised, the Department of Home Affairs will issue an outcome to the VFS office where the application was submitted. Application forms are completed online but submitted in hardcopy and in person at the VFS Office.

The online application process is located at [www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/](http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/). The list of requirements for new and renewal applications can be found at [www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/study-visa-content.html](http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/study-visa-content.html).

Please note that you may NOT take up studies at UCT with a study visa issued for another institution. The onus is on you to make sure that your study visa is valid for the duration of your studies at UCT. Pre-Registration

If you are not a South African citizen or permanent resident, you must report to IAPO with the following before proceeding for registration:

- your study visa valid for studies at UCT
- SADC students must provide proof of payment of minimum tuition, residence and administrative service fees prior to registration or entering student accommodation
- non-SADC students must provide proof of payment of the annual fees
- proof of medical health cover

For more information, contact:

**International Academic Programmes Office**

**Tel:** +27 (0)21 650 2822

**Email:** [iapo@uct.ac.za](mailto:iapo@uct.ac.za)

**Website:** [www.iapo.uct.ac.za](http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za)



# Tuition Fees & Residence Costs

**UCT publishes a booklet, which is updated every year, giving the fee for each academic course and accommodation in different types of student housing. The University uses a course-based fee structure. The fee booklet, together with the relevant Faculty handbook, will enable students to calculate the cost of their academic studies at UCT.**

The Faculty handbook will indicate the courses that can be taken in pursuing a programme of study and the relevant course code. Use this code to look up the all-inclusive cost of the course in the fee booklet. The sum of these costs will give you the total cost for the set of chosen courses.

There are no levies. Faculty handbook information is available on the UCT website: [www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)

You can obtain a Fees booklet from the Fees Office:

Tel: 021 650 1074 Fax: 021 6504768

Email: [fnd-feeeng@uct.ac.za](mailto:fnd-feeeng@uct.ac.za) or visit UCT's website at [www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/fees](http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/fees)

## Tuition Fees

The table below lists fees in 2020 for a "typical" first year undergraduate degree programme for South African applicants. It will give you an idea of what the fees are likely to be in 2021. Actual 2021 fees will be published on the university website towards the end of 2020.

## Payment of Fees

Full details of tuition and accommodation fees are sent to students before registration, as well as dates by when payment must be made. A variety of payment methods are available. An initial payment for both tuition fees and student accommodation must be made before registration. So, for example, for 2020 the initial payment was due by Friday, 31 January 2020 and the balance of the fees by 30 June 2020.

For tuition costs the initial payment in 2020 was R27 000

(or the full fee, where the full fee was less than R27 000). For residence costs, the initial payment in 2020 was R33 000 for catering residences or R21 500 for self-catering. For SADC applicants a levy of R4 000 was payable prior to registration.

For more information, please contact the Fees Office or visit the UCT website.

<b>Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Business Science</b>	<b>R63 280 - R81 380 R64 720 - R81 380</b>
<b>Bachelor of Business Science Actuarial Science</b>	<b>R81 380</b>
<b>Bachelor of Architectural Studies</b>	<b>R68 200</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Construction Studies)</b>	<b>R66 170</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Property Studies)</b>	<b>R68 440</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Geomatics)</b>	<b>R57 560</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Engineering)</b>	<b>R66 950 - R69 040</b>
<b>Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)</b>	<b>R85 320</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Audiology)</b>	<b>R72 180</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Speech-Language Pathology)</b>	<b>R72 820</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)</b>	<b>R66 460</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)</b>	<b>R63 090</b>
<b>Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Social Science</b>	<b>R59 440</b>
<b>Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art)</b>	<b>R66 290</b>
<b>Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Music Education</b>	<b>R56 320 - R65 000 R59 180 - R63 000</b>
<b>Bachelor of Arts (Theatre and Performance)</b>	<b>R82 710</b>
<b>Bachelor of Laws (LLB)</b>	<b>R60 430</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science</b>	<b>R65 000</b>

## 2020 Residence Costs

Fees for 2021 for the University's residences, houses and flats will be determined in November 2020. About 40% of the total fee for 2021 must be paid to UCT before the start of the academic year. The balance must be paid by the end of June 2021.

The average charge for a single room in a first-tier residence is R61 180 in 2020. If the meal option of 3 meals each day is added, the charge is R86 980.

Students have a choice of four meal options. The cost of the meal option is not included in the residence fee. The chosen meal option must be added to the residence fee.

### Meal options at 2020 prices are:

Add the cost of your selected meal option to your estimated room cost below.

<b>MEAL OPTION 1 (BLD): 3 MEALS PER DAY FOR SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK</b>	
<b>First Tier</b>	<b>R25 800</b>
<b>Groote Schuur and Forest Hill G</b>	<b>R28 000</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>R31 000</b>
<b>MEAL OPTION 2 (LAD): LUNCH AND DINNER SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK</b>	
<b>First Tier</b>	<b>R19 300</b>
<b>Groote Schuur and Forest Hill G</b>	<b>R21 000</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>R23 200</b>
<b>MEAL OPTION 3 (BAD): BREAKFAST AND DINNER SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK</b>	
<b>First Tier</b>	<b>R17 400</b>
<b>Groote Schuur and Forest Hill G</b>	<b>R18 900</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>R20 900</b>
<b>MEAL OPTION 4 (MOW): 3 MEALS PER DAY, WEEK DAYS ONLY</b>	
<b>First Tier</b>	<b>R19 200</b>
<b>Groote Schuur and Forest Hill G</b>	<b>R20 200</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>R22 500</b>

# Funding Your studies

**Most prospective students have concerns about funding. Coming to university may be your first experience away from home, and it is natural to wonder how you will manage. We understand your financial concerns and in this section we provide some information on sources of funding and guidelines on how to finance your studies.**

As a student, you will find that careful financial planning and management is essential. This is even more important if you are meeting the cost of studying yourself, or if you are studying away from home. When your personal expenses, accommodation and travel are included, a single year at UCT can cost over R100 000. A significant number of students fund their studies through a combination of scholarships, bursaries (either administered by the University or by organisations outside the University), loans, help from parents, sponsorship by companies, and through part-time and vacation work.

There are three kinds of financial support available to South African students: entrance scholarships; sports scholarships; and financial assistance packages. We encourage you to explore all of these possibilities. For instance, although you may obtain an entrance or sports scholarship from UCT, you can still apply for other funding, including need-based financial assistance from UCT.

## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

As of 1 August 2016, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) opened its student-centred application model. First-time applications for financial aid, as well as funding renewal for those students who are already recipients of NSFAS funding, will be handled centrally via NSFAS. Although applicants may have applied to multiple institutions for admission to study, only one financial aid application directly to NSFAS will be required. UCT will co-

fund and be part of this student-centred application model and all students and learners who need financial assistance should apply to NSFAS via the latter's online application system. NSFAS also accepts paper applications. Ensure that your application is submitted before the closing date.

If you think you may need to be assisted financially, our advice is to submit a completed financial aid application, since late applications cannot be considered. In addition you can apply to other sponsors and funders. You should not wait for the outcome of one application before applying for another. Application closing dates are strictly adhered to by all funders.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOOL-LEAVERS

Each year, UCT allocates over R8 million as entrance scholarships to school-leavers who are coming to study at the University for the first time. South African citizens and permanent residents are eligible for these awards. The awards range from R20 000 to R40 000. No application for a UCT entrance scholarship is necessary. Entrance scholarships are for the first year after which students are eligible for consideration for a faculty scholarship. Each faculty specifies academic criteria that you need to meet in order to be eligible for a faculty scholarship in subsequent years.

The University's entrance scholarships are for students who show academic potential. Entrance scholarship offers are based on considerations of how the University wishes to constitute its new undergraduate class. This does mean that the University is not able to make offers to each of the many deserving cases that we consider, nor do we guarantee entrance scholarships on the basis of high school academic performance. School-leaving applicants are considered for the following entrance scholarships:

**Entrance Scholarships:** Each faculty has its own criteria against which school-leavers are considered for the award of an entrance scholarship. No application is necessary. Applicants are automatically considered. Criteria for entrance scholarship for holders of the national Senior Certificate are available at <http://uct.ac.za/apply/funding/undergraduate/scholarships/>

**Sports Scholarships:** These scholarships are available to applicants who have represented their Province at a national or age-group level. For details on how to apply, see page 63.

**Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships:** These scholarships may be offered to:

- The top ten achievers, in grade 12 of the year of the olympiad, in each of the Mathematics Olympiad, Computer Science Olympiad and English Olympiad, provided they applied to UCT for admission.
- The winner of the Applications Olympiad, provided the winner is an applicant to UCT.
- Any of the Top 10 NSC achievers in the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) who applied for admission to UCT.
- Any of the top 15 achievers in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) final examinations (but excluding candidates from schools in the Western Cape) administered by the Department of Basic Education, who applied for admission to UCT.
- Any of the Top 5 NSC achievers from the Independent Examination Board (IEB), who applied for admission to UCT.

**Achievement Awards:** These are awards based on partnerships with particular schools in a geographical area. Applicants from partner schools will be considered for these scholarships should they meet the criteria. No application is required.

**NOTE:** *The University Council has determined that students who qualify for both a tuition fee at the staff tuition rate, and a*



UCT-funded scholarships (entrance, faculty, VC, Achievement), will have their scholarship adjusted equivalent to the staff tuition rate percentage.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NSFAS and UCT try to assist as many financially needy students as possible, subject to available funds. Applicants' are assessed, and the minimum criteria for eligibility are:

- financial need
- applying for a first undergraduate qualification or a capping diploma, such as PGCE or the PGDA.
- be South African

## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**NOTE:** Applying for financial assistance will have no impact on your chances of being admitted for study at UCT.

### How do I apply?

All applications for financial aid and NSFAS funding will be managed centrally by NSFAS for all higher education institutions.

You can apply on-line at [NSFAS.org.za](http://NSFAS.org.za), or complete their paper application form, which can be posted or emailed.

### Will my application for financial aid affect my chances of academic admission?

**No.** Your application for admission is not related to your application for financial assistance. These are separate and independent processes. However, if you are eligible for financial assistance the assistance is subject to academic admission and registration at UCT.

### Is there a deadline for my application for financial assistance?

**Yes.** Yes, NSFAS has an application window. Ensure that you check for the application opening and closing date.

### Why must I apply before I have an academic study offer?

It takes time to assess the eligibility of all application received and we want applicants to know their NSFAS and UCT financial aid funding status early. Knowing how you will pay for your studies, helps to make an informed decision about where you accept a study offer. Eligible students can also immediately receive their allowances once they are registered.

### How will my financial eligibility be assessed?

Higher Education and Training National Bursary Rules and Guidelines. For 2020, the NSFAS assisted first time entering students from families with a gross income below R350 000. It is important to note that gross family income is not the only criteria, applicants must be South African citizens that intend to register in an approved funded programme. Information on all NSFAS funding rules is available on their website at [www.nsfas.org.za](http://www.nsfas.org.za)

UCT however offers a GAP funding programme for those students from families that have a gross income between R350 000 and R600 000, that are South African citizens intending to register for an approved funded programme.

UCT will receive information from NSFAS and determine your eligibility for GAP funding.

### When will I know if I am eligible?

NSFAS and UCT will inform you of your eligibility for NSFAS and UCT financial aid or GAP funding.

### Will all my costs be covered if I am successful?

You will only be required to pay the UCT Expected Family Contribution or your GAP Funding shortfall. Approved study costs will be funded by a combination of NSFAS and UCT bursary funding.

### NSFAS Bursary

The NSFAS funding provided to successful applicants is a non-repayable bursary. The funding provided by UCT is in the form of a bursary and/or a loan that is repayable after your studies.

### Can I hold other awards along with the UCT financial assistance?

**Yes.** Funds are limited, and we encourage students to look for other sources of funding to enable more students to be assisted. You are obliged to inform UCT of any other financial assistance you receive.

### Is UCT & NSFAS financial assistance renewable?

Eligible students are automatically considered for renewal based on academic performance each year and the number of years of study. No student will be funded for longer than the minimum duration of the programme plus 1 year.

### How can I get more information about financial assistance at UCT:

Please visit the UCT website, phone the Student Financial Aid Office at **021 650 5094**, or email [FinancialAid@uct.ac.za](mailto:FinancialAid@uct.ac.za)

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# Student Life at UCT

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Lectures, seminars, tutorials and laboratory classes form part of the academic programme. In all of these settings students work and learn together. The most formal of these is the lecture, which may be attended by several hundred students, while tutorials offer contact between small groups of students and a tutor.

However, being at university is primarily about learning to work by yourself and for yourself. In this section we describe some of the resources that are available at UCT to help you succeed.

## COMPUTING FACILITIES

UCT provides an extensive network of computer workstations for use by students. All students are allocated a personal email address, and have access to the University's computer network as soon as they register. Wireless coverage extends to all campuses. Software applications available on campus range from basic word-processing to advanced statistical and design packages. In addition to the extensive network of computers available to all students in UCT's Library, Student Learning Centres and faculty computer laboratories, several departments have their own facilities with specialised software to support teaching and learning in their degree programmes.

## UCT LIBRARIES

UCT's main library, the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, and its seven branch libraries offer a diverse array of study and research materials, as well as professional and expert assistance in finding information and carrying out research. Library Buddies (student assistants) wearing the green ASK ME bibs are found in the library ready to assist with any library or general questions. In keeping with its central role in the academic life of the University, the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library is centrally located on the upper campus, while the branch libraries are spread across UCT's various campuses, close to the academic departments they serve. The Libraries' webpage provides 24/7 on- and off-campus access to more than 84 000 electronic journals, a growing collection of electronic books and 190 databases. There are approximately 1,2 million print volumes, with more than 16 700 print journal titles. The modern design of the main library draws on the very best models of university libraries world-wide, offering spacious reading areas, numerous computer workstations, audio-visual viewing areas, group project rooms, wireless internet access and plug points, as well ample photocopying, printing, and scanning facilities.

The Vincent Kolbe Knowledge Commons, our fully-equipped undergraduate learning facility, provides both professional

help and high-end IT facilities for researching, writing, and printing assignments to students. In addition, the 24/7 study area offers a safe and comfortable space for those who need to burn the midnight oil. A recent learning facility for all students is the Library Learning Lounge which is a library space without books but with amazing virtual services and Library Buddies (student assistants) on hand to support students in finding information. This is a "bring-your-own-device" space in the Snape Building on upper campus.

## Contact us:

**Tel:** 021 650 3703/3704

**Email:** [libraries@uct.ac.za](mailto:libraries@uct.ac.za)

**Website:** [www.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.lib.uct.ac.za)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/uctlibraries](http://www.facebook.com/uctlibraries)

**Twitter:** [@UCTLibrary](https://twitter.com/UCTLibrary)

**Instagram:** [uctlibraries](https://www.instagram.com/uctlibraries)

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Academic Development Programme (ADP), based in the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED), runs a range of Extended Curriculum Programmes (ECPs) and individual courses and workshops that support students academically by offering extra material, more class time in smaller groups, more contact with lecturers and more social support than in



other programmes. An ECP can be regarded as a somewhat longer (usually up to a year longer), but safer and more supported route to qualifying for a degree. In fact, many students not on ECPs take longer anyway to complete their degrees because of failing some of their courses and being unable to continue. Failure could be avoided by following an ECP instead. Each Faculty at UCT has its own ADP unit, and the faculty-based ECPs are fully integrated with later years of study in the Faculty. There is no difference between a qualification obtained following the ECP route and those obtained following the usual route. ADP also helps to develop innovative curricula and courses developing students' language and quantitative literacy skills.

The Writing Centre on Upper Campus and the Writing Lab on the Health Sciences campus form part of ADP. At both these writing centres students can book individual consultations to work with a consultant on their academic writing. ADP also offers short courses supporting postgraduate students. For more information or contact details for your Faculty's ADP unit or the Writing Centres, visit the ADP page on the CHED website: [www.ched.uct.ac.za/ched/adp](http://www.ched.uct.ac.za/ched/adp).

## CAREERS SERVICE

UCT Careers Service empowers students to take ownership of and make informed decisions about their futures through a broad range of advisory services and networking opportunities. The award-winning, future focused and innovative Service has been commended by both UCT students and employers locally and internationally for its professional service and for its efforts to connect students to opportunities and support them on their career journeys.

The Service houses a well-equipped office with state-of-the-art workstations; a virtual interview room where students can connect with potential employers digitally; and customized online, print and take-away resources. Daily careers consultations are available for all registered students and may be booked online or at the reception.

By visiting the Career Service's online portal, MyCareer at [mycareer.uct.ac.za](http://mycareer.uct.ac.za), students have 24/7 access to a broad range of information such as careers events, bursaries and employment opportunities. Students can personalise their MyCareer account to receive customised email notifications about information and opportunities relevant to them. Up-to-date information and opportunities are also available on the UCT Mobile App, and social media. Our goal is to create career-ready interns and graduates, with a strong focus on empowering future student entrepreneurs. We focus on helping students with career planning throughout their time at university to help them navigate the ever-changing world of work. Alumni are able to access the Service up to three years after they graduate.

## WHAT WE OFFER:

- Free confidential face-to-face careers advice
- Access to internships and part-time work
- Vacation work and graduate vacancies
- Help with CVs, application and interview preparation
- Networking with employers
- Information on postgraduate study options
- Bursary and scholarship information
- Help understanding the skills that employers want

- Help with developing entrepreneurial skills
- Career information and resources
- (including vacancies) via the online portal, MyCareer: [mycareer.uct.ac.za](http://mycareer.uct.ac.za)

## Contact us:

**Enquiries:** Careers Service reception, Level 1, Hoerikwaggo, North Lane, Upper Campus

**Tel:** 021 650-2497

**Email:** [careers.service@uct.ac.za](mailto:careers.service@uct.ac.za)

**Website:** [www.careers.uct.ac.za](http://www.careers.uct.ac.za)

**Facebook:** @UCTCareers

**Twitter:** @UCTCareers

**Instagram:** @Uctcareersservice

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/UCTCareersService](http://www.youtube.com/UCTCareersService)

**UCT Mobile App:** UCT- Careers Service

Pre-admissions counselling enquiries and info:  
[beyondschool@uct.ac.za](mailto:beyondschool@uct.ac.za) Tel: 021 650 2497

## ORIENTATION

Orientation at UCT is a process through which you learn about the university. The purpose of this process is to assist you in your transition and adjustment to your new learning environment. It also ensures that you are accustomed to life at university, so that you can make friends and feel at home on campus, succeed at whatever you do (academic work, sports, student societies, etc.), and develop pride in your accomplishments.



Orientation is offered through a series of programmes. Each faculty provides an orientation programme for its own students, as does the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) for international students, whilst students in residence have residence orientation programmes.

Faculty orientation includes academic advice (about courses and programmes), computer training, campus and library tours, as well as introductions to student services. IAPO's programme covers a wide range of issues relevant to international students: study visas; fees; employment opportunities; medical cover; where to go to when in Cape Town and personal safety. Residence Orientation helps students adjust to their new living and learning environment and this includes both the social and learning aspects and responsibilities of living in a university residence.

## STUDENT ORIENTATION AND ADVOCACY SERVICE (SOAS)

SOAS is a student friendly, walk-in, advocacy and referral centre. SOAS deals with students' needs and queries ranging from directions (e.g. finding offices, buildings, people, venues, etc.) to services offered by the Department of Student Affairs. The SOAS provides access to printed information (brochures, pamphlets, forms, notices, handbooks and other university publications) and assistance with using these. SOAS also provides a free student advice service, where students can meet with a student advisor in a comfortable and friendly space. Students will be assisted and guided in processes relating to an effective and manageable university life. An effective referral system is in place that ensures sufficient support and care to all students. SOAS works closely with faculties and departments within the University and where appropriate would refer students to the relevant sector. Referral processes are closely monitored to ensure students receive appropriate and timeous assistance.

### Contact us:

Computer Science Building, Room 2.01, Level 2,  
Upper Campus. Tel: 021 650 5082

## STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICE

The Student Wellness Service provides general medical services and counselling during office hours throughout the year and the service is located in various campuses of the university as clinics and satellite service points. Primary Health Care services offered includes common ailments, manageable medical conditions, minor surgical procedures, reproductive health and pregnancy advise, travel advise, sports injuries and a confidential HIV-testing service with pre-test and post-test counselling. An onsite dispensary in the main clinic provides essential medication at low cost. Psychological services offered include individual therapy

group therapy, long term support groups, trauma debriefing and mental health education. Counselling services are offered in most campuses of the university; the various service locations can be found on the Department of Student Affairs website. Appointments can be made on the SWS online system on the website or the UCT App however; emergencies can be accessed without an appointment at the main clinic.

The service charges nominal fees for consultations (medical, nursing and counselling) and minor procedures however; students who are on financial aid are not charged. Student Wellness Service can be contacted on **021 650 1020** or **650 1017**. For full details see the website at [www.uct.ac.za/students/health/wellness/clinical](http://www.uct.ac.za/students/health/wellness/clinical)

## DISABILITY SERVICE

Are you an applicant with a disability? If so, let us know as we are committed to equal access for people with disabilities, and providing reasonable accommodations for your disability. The Disability Service strives to create an environment in which people with disabilities and chronic illnesses can participate equitably in all aspects of university life. Our primary goal is to facilitate access to University services and facilities for students, staff and visitors with disabilities. It is important that you contact the Disability Service if you are considering studying at UCT. Knowing about your access requirements well in advance to coming to study also enables us to ensure that a support system is in place by the time you arrive. We can also provide support with the application process, provide you with application documents in alternative format, as well as provide vital information about writing the compulsory National Benchmark Test which all applicants need to take.

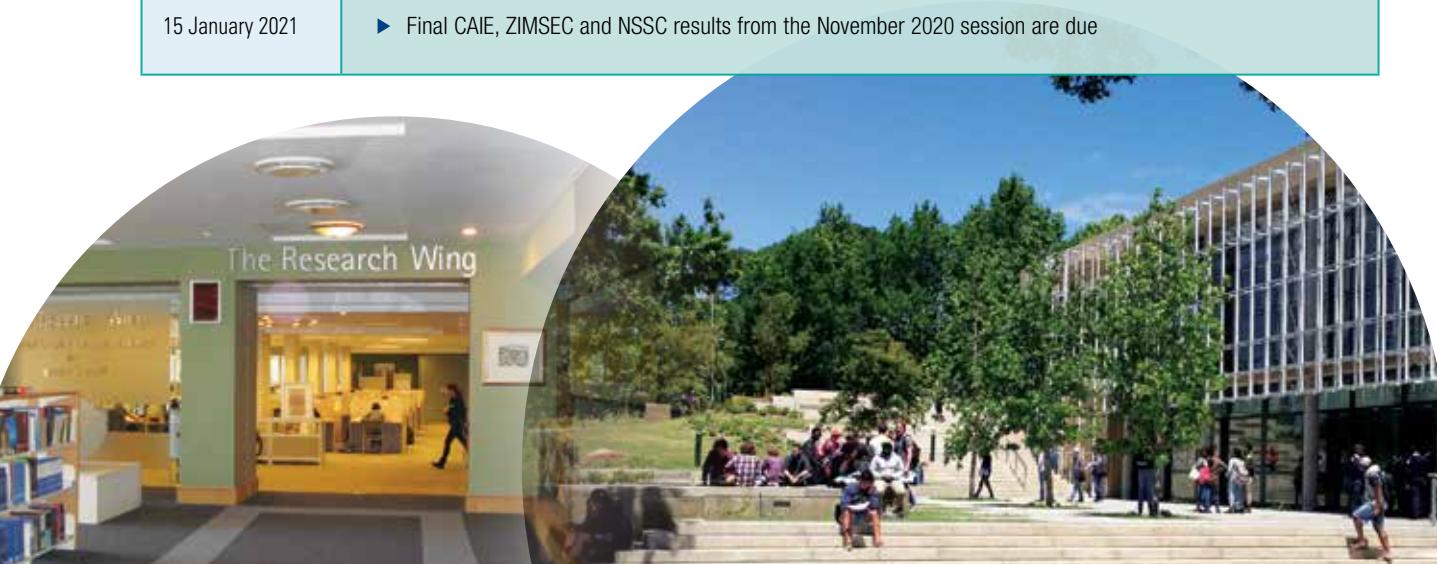
### Contact us:

Tel: 021 650 2427  
Email: [disabilityinfo@uct.ac.za](mailto:disabilityinfo@uct.ac.za)

# Key Dates for 2020/2021 Applicants

UCT is aware that the current crisis related to COVID-19 will impact the regular operational timelines. Given the fluid situation that prevails all dates contained in our publications and correspondence are subject to change.

31 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Applications close for ALL undergraduate programmes</li> <li>▶ Applications for housing close</li> <li>▶ Deadline for the writing of the Health Sciences NBTs</li> <li>▶ Preferred date for submission of BAS portfolio for early consideration</li> </ul>
31 August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Preferred date for submission of BA (FA) portfolio for early consideration.</li> <li>▶ Closing date for programme changes</li> </ul> <p>You may elect to apply for a different programme until 31 August 2020. You do so by sending a request to <a href="mailto:admissions-ug@uct.ac.za">admissions-ug@uct.ac.za</a> or submitting a written request to the Admissions Office.</p>
30 September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Final date to submit the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) and Bachelor of Fine Art (BA(FA)) portfolios</li> </ul>
10 October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Except for Health Sciences programmes, National Benchmark Tests must be written no later than 10 October 2020</li> </ul>
31 October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For applicants finishing secondary school in 2020, all grade 12 interim results, or predicted scores in the case of non-NSC candidates, are due</li> <li>▶ Interim and past transcripts for transferring applicants are due</li> </ul>
31 December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ All non-NSC school-leaving results (except CAIE, ZIMSEC and NSSC) must be submitted as certified paper documents</li> <li>▶ The final tertiary transcripts for students registered for tertiary studies in 2020 are due</li> </ul>
15 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Final CAIE, ZIMSEC and NSSC results from the November 2020 session are due</li> </ul>



Registration for all NBT sessions opens 1 April 2020			
NBT test dates 2020		Last day to register online	Results available to writers
May	30	10 May	29 Jun
	31	10 May	29 Jun
June	6	17 May	06 Jul
	19	31 May	20 Jul
	20	31 May	20 Jul
	27	7 Jun	27 Jul
	4	14 Jun	03 Aug
July	11	21 Jun	11 Aug
	12	21 Jun	11 Aug
	18	28 Jun	17 Aug
	19	28 Jun	17 Aug
	25	5 Jul	24 Aug
Aug	26	5 Jul	24 Aug
	1	12 Jul	31 Aug
	2	12 Jul	31 Aug
Sep	22	2 Aug	21 Sep
	5	16 Aug	05 Oct
	12	23 Aug	12 Oct
Oct	26	6 Sep	26 Oct
	3	13 Sep	02 Nov
	4	13 Sep	02 Nov
	10	20 Sep	09 Nov

\*Sunday test session

\*\* Friday test session

# Contact information

FACULTIES	EMAIL ADDRESS	TEL NUMBER	FAX NUMBER
Commerce	com-faculty@uct.ac.za	021 650 4375	
Engineering & the Built Environment	ebe-faculty@uct.ac.za	021 650 2699	
Health Sciences	fhs-ug-admiss@uct.ac.za	021 406 6328	
Humanities	hum-ugrad@uct.ac.za	021 650 2717	
Law	law-studies@uct.ac.za	021 650 3086	
Science	sci-science@uct.ac.za	021 650 2712	

## OFFICES & SERVICES

Admissions Office	admissions-ug@uct.ac.za	021 650 2128	021 650 5189
NBT Office	nbt@uct.ac.za	021 650 3523	
Disability Service	dsa-disabilityservice@uct.ac.za	021 650 2427	021 650 3794
Fees Office	fnd-feeinq@uct.ac.za	021 650 1704	
International Academic	iapo@uct.ac.za	021 650 2822	
Pre-Admissions Careers Service	beyondschool@uct.ac.za	021 650 2497	
Sport & Recreation	sport@uct.ac.za	021 650 3563/3564	
Student Housing	res@uct.ac.za	021 650 2977	021 650 4014
Student Orientation and Advocacy	orientation@uct.ac.za	021 650 5082	
Student Financial Aid Office	financialaid@uct.ac.za	021 650 3545/5094	

## POSTAL ADDRESS

University of Cape Town  
Private Bag X3  
7701, Rondebosch  
South Africa

## OFFICE HOURS - Monday – Friday\*

Admissions Office (Middle Campus) 08h30 – 16h30  
Fees Office (Middle Campus) 09h00 – 15h30  
Student Housing (Middle Campus) 08h30 – 16h30  
Receipts Cashier (Middle Campus) 09h00 – 15h30

\* UCT offices may be closed on Thursdays from 08h30 – 09h30 for staff training.

## VISIT THE UCT HOME PAGE AT [www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)

We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in this Prospectus and other handbooks.

However, we reserve the right at any time, if circumstances dictate, to:

- (i) make alterations or changes to any of the published details in this Prospectus, as well as the courses and curricula on offer or
- (ii) add to or withdraw any of the courses or programmes on offer.

We give students every assurance that changes to courses and curricula will only be made under extraordinary and compelling circumstances and we will inform students as soon as possible of any changes.

