Welcome to UCT

UCT aspires to become a premier academic meeting point between South Africa, the rest of Africa and the world. Taking advantage of expanding global networks and our distinct vantage point in Africa, we are committed, through innovative research and scholarship, to grapple with the key issues of our natural and social worlds.

We aim to produce graduates whose qualifications are internationally recognised and locally applicable, underpinned by values of engaged citizenship and social justice.

INSTITUTIONAL DETAILS

Name: University of Cape Town (UCT)
City, Country: Cape Town, South Africa
Website: www.uct.ac.za
Language: English
Factsheets: [www.uct.ac.za/main/explore-uct/factsheets](http://www.uct.ac.za/main/explore-uct/factsheets)

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Credit System/Transfer
Grades are awarded at the end of the semester for individual courses and usually based on the final examination as well as continuous assessment through the semester (assignments, tutorials and tests). Grades expressed as percentages are classified as first, upper second, lower second and third, similar to the British system. [http://www.studyabroad.uct.ac.za/course-and-credit-load]

Grading System

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<td>75-100% First Class</td>
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<td>50-59% Third Class</td>
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<td>0-49% Fail</td>
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Duly Performed Certificate Refused | F | Fail
i.e. Not permitted to write the exam
AB: Absent from examination | F | Fail

Language Learning
The UCT English Language Centre offers a wide range of English Language courses, including conversational English, business English, and preparation courses for the IELTS (International English Language Test System), TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), FCE (First Certificate in English) or CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) exams. Our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme is designed for students who need to use English in a University context, and covers topics including essay writing, giving presentations and dealing with academic texts. [https://uctlanguagecentre.com/]

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Accommodation
The International Office IAPO team will assist in arranging accommodation for all participating students before arrival in Cape Town. For more information, email ssa@uct.ac.za.

UCT offers limited on-campus accommodation. However, a range of off-campus accommodation options is available. The university provides students with a wide variety of high-quality, secure, suitably furnished private accommodations within walking distance of the campus.

Visa & Immigration
Apply for your study visa (at least 8 weeks in advance of your planned departure) at your nearest South African Consulate or Embassy in your country. Check that your passport is valid for the duration of your studies. [http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/visas-immigration]

Academic Calendar 2022

Term One
First Quarter 14 February to 25 March
First Vacation 26 March to 03 April
Second Quarter 04 April to 12 June
Mid-year Vacation 13 June to 24 July

Term Two
Third Quarter 25 July to 02 September
Mid-term vacation 03 September to 11 September
4th Quarter 12 September to 24 December

[http://www.studyabroad.uct.ac.za/academic-calendar-terms]

Usual Work Load
Students should take between 72 and 90 credits per semester to be considered as having a “full academic load”. This is equivalent to the credits typically earned by a degree-seeking student in a semester.

Course Offerings For Bachelor, Masters and Ph.D. students
Organisationally, UCT is structured into faculties, five of which offer courses to study abroad and exchange students. Each faculty office houses academic departments that focus on particular subjects or disciplines. [http://www.studyabroad.uct.ac.za/choose-your-courses]
Students with disabilities
As soon as possible after registering at UCT students can go to the Disability Service office to request support or special assistance. A staff member will discuss individual requirements with each student. Disabled students not requiring assistance are also encouraged to register with the Disability Service so their names can be added to the distribution lists for social / advocacy events.
http://www.staff.uct.ac.za/staff/support/disability-service/

Integration Activities
There are more than 100 student societies and organisations at UCT reflecting a wide range of interests, including academic, religious, cultural, social, and political activities. The societies allow students to enjoy activities on the University that are not normally part of the academic curricula. Societies allow students to enjoy being part of a community on campus that is stimulating and opens new challenges and opportunities for them.
http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/student-societies-organisations/overview

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