UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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: https://uct.ac.za/explore-uct/fact- sheets

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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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.

https://uct.ac.za/studyabroad/apply- uct/choose-your-courses

Grading System

UCT grades	US	UK	ECTS
75-100% First Class	A	1	A
70-74% Second Class	B+	2.1	A
60-69% Second Class	B	2.2	B
50-59% Third Class	C		C-D
0-49% Fail	F	Fail	F
DPR: Not permitted to write the exam	F	Fail	F
AB: Absent from exam	F	Fail	F

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.

Academic Calendar 2025

Term One
First Quarter 17 February to 28 March
First Vacation 29 March to 06 April
Second Quarter 07 April to 23 June

Mid-year Vacation 24 June to 27 July

Term Two
Third Quarter 28 July to 05 September
Mid-term vacation 06 September to 14 September
4th Quarter 15 September to 19 December

https://uct.ac.za/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.

https://uct.ac.za/studyabroad/apply-uct/choose-your-courses

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.international.uct.ac.za/visas- immigration

Cost of Living

Expenses	Rand cost per month	Dollar cost per month	Semester total
Meals	ZAR 5 000	286 USD	1 430 USD
Accommodation	ZAR 7 000	400 USD	2 000 USD
Books & Stationery	ZAR 3 500 per semester	200 USD	200 USD
Transportation	ZAR 2 000	114 USD	570 USD
Spending money	ZAR 3 000	171 USD	855 USD
Living costs	ZAR 3 000	171 USD	855 USD
Medical Aid Cover	ZAR 455	26 USD	156 USD
Tuition	per semester		8 310 USD
		Total	14 376 USD

Exchange rate used for this exercise: USD1/ZAR17.47
All amounts listed above are estimates and subject to change, depending on economic factors.
Above-mentioned expenses may not all be incurred by the student.

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.
https://www.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.
https://www.uct.ac.za/dsa/student- development-student-societies-organisations/overview

Quick Links

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http://www.international.uct.ac.za/opportunities/overview
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