

Did you know?

- 1 You may book your free interview with a Student Recruitment Officer by calling +27 (0)21 650 4556.
- 2 UCT will host an open day for prospective students. Please monitor our website for details.

The University of Cape Town (UCT) is renowned for the quality of its teaching and learning and for its commitment to engaging with society's challenges through research and active citizenship. UCT attracts talented students, particularly those who value social justice and engaged citizenship. In our commitment to transformation and social justice, UCT aims to mirror the country's racial and socio-economic diversity.

Handy facts for first-time applicants

- 1 UCT's applications cycle starts in April and closes on 31 July.
- 2 Available undergraduate funding includes merit-based entrance scholarships (criteria available at www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-funding-administration/financial-assistance/overview) and need-based financial assistance. Apply directly to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme at www.nsfas.org.za.
- 3 After applying, applicants may view their application status and update their applications by capturing interim results, or uploading certain documents through our online self-service portal.
- 4 An application for student accommodation is not a separate application but is incorporated into the application for admission.
- 5 Current learners should ensure that examination results from Grade 11 until September of Grade 12 (or equivalent) are submitted.
- 6 Applicant resources such as the Undergraduate Prospectus and Directions for Undergraduate Applicants are available at www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications-apply/forms.
- 7 UCT's Admissions Office hours are from 08:30 to 16:30 Monday to Friday (from 09:30 on Thursdays).



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Prospective applicants are encouraged to make appointments to learn more about UCT's qualifications.

*Information last updated in June 2023



Undergraduate student admissions



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UCT's admissions policy balances merit, disadvantage and diversity

Our current admissions policy is located within the contexts of these objectives. Our system for admission is based on five principles:

- 1 Identifying applicants with the highest potential, recognising that they may not have achieved the highest marks in the National Senior Certificate or National Benchmark Tests due to the quality of their schooling or home environment.
- 2 Attracting the highest-performing students nationally, regardless of their race or degree of disadvantage.
- 3 Increasing the number of black and coloured students.
- 4 Reflecting a wider diversity of social class in first-year classes by increasing first-generation university students, students from under-resourced schools and those from lower-income households.
- 5 Giving students the necessary support to ensure a high probability of graduating.

What data helps us achieve these goals?*

The admissions application process asks questions that are aimed at developing an applicant's 'disadvantage factor'. These include details of the school they attended, their parents' and grandparents' level of education, their mother's home language, and their financial background. UCT uses the computed 'disadvantage factor' to weigh applicants' scores. Admission to each academic programme is achieved by using the three bands described below.

* Read in conjunction with the Undergraduate Prospectus.

BAND A	BAND B	BAND C
Guaranteed offers based on Faculty Points Score (FPS)	Offers based on Weighted Points Score (WPS)	Redress offers based on Faculty Points System (FPS)

Demand vs availability of places



54 000

In 2022 UCT received applications from over 54 000 first-time entering undergraduate applicants.



4 200

There are approximately 4 200 first-year places available at the university each year.

Snapshot of UCT students

Approximately 29 000 students are enrolled to study at UCT each year.



Over 8 000 students can be accommodated in UCT residences (many more are accommodated privately off campus).

Students by faculty (undergraduate and postgraduate) in 2022:



7 658

Commerce

(including the Graduate School of Business)



4 556

Engineering & the Built Environment



4 927

Health Sciences



7 077

Humanities



1 280

Law



3 332

Science

*Unaudited figures correct as of July 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ADMISSION TO UCT, VISIT:

www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications/apply/undergraduates