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UCT reclaims its top 10 position in world rankings

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has moved up two places to reclaim its position in the top 10 in the 2019 QS World University Rankings by Subject – placing among the top 100 universities in a total nine disciplines.

The 2019 QS World University Rankings by Subject assessed 1 222 institutions, ranking them across 48 disciplines in five broad subject areas.

Eight other subjects at UCT were also ranked among the top 100 in the latest rankings. These are anatomy and physiology, anthropology, archaeology, architecture/built environment, education, geography, social policy and administration, and sports-related subjects.

For development studies, the university moved up two places from 2018 and now occupies ninth position. UCT is also the only university in the global south to feature among the top 10 for this discipline.

UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng welcomed the results as recognising UCT's strengths in these areas.

"We at UCT pride ourselves on the impact of our research in combating the numerous issues faced by our continent – and more broadly, the global south. Our position among the top 10 for development studies, in particular, is evidence of the value of our research, and teaching and learning in this area," she said.

UCT's rankings in the five broad subject areas for 2019 were:

- Arts & humanities: 145th
- Engineering & technology: 300th
- Life sciences & medicine: 112nd
- Natural sciences: 223rd
- Social sciences & management: 166th

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