



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

FACT SHEET 2018-2019

INSTITUTIONAL DETAILS

Name	University of Cape Town
City, Country	Cape Town, South Africa
Website	http://www.uct.ac.za

About the university The University of Cape Town is a public research university founded in 1929, is one of Africa's leading teaching and research institutions. In 2016 UCT was home to 29 074 students (18 421 undergraduates and 10 653 postgraduates), UCT offers a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in six faculties: Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law and Science. As Africa's top research-led university, UCT is home to a large number of world-ranked researchers. UCT is the highest-ranked African university in both the Times Higher Education and Quacquarelli Symonds world university rankings. It is home to the most top-rated researchers of all South African universities. In 2012 UCT was voted as one of the three most beautiful universities in the world by British newspaper The Telegraph.

http://www.news.uct.ac.za/images/userfiles/files/publications/factsheets/UCT_FactSheet_01_AboutUCT.pdf

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE

Website	http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za	
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<http://www.studyabroad.uct.ac.za>
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/intexchange>
<http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications/apply/forms>
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/app/studperm/reqs>
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/intstud/orientationpre-reg>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar It is divided in two terms with each term have 2 quarters each

TERM ONE

1st quarter

10 February to 12 April 2019

1st vacation

13 April to 22 April 2019

2nd quarter

23 April to 9 June 2019

Mid-year vacation

10 June to 14 July 2019

TERM TWO

3rd quarter

15 July to 23 August 2019

Mid-term vacation

24 August to 1 September 2019

4th quarter

2 September to 24 December 2019

Course offer for <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/study/handbooks/current>

**Bachelor, Master and
PhD students**

Credit System Credit Transfer

UCT does not use a US grade point average system. Grades are awarded at the end of the semester for individual courses and are 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.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/intstud/ssa/credtrans>

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.

Grading System

UCT grades	Approximate equivalents:	
	In the US	In the UK
75 - 100% First Class	A	1
70 - 74% Second Class (Division One)	B+	2.1
60 - 69% Second Class (Division Two)	B	2.2
50 - 59% Third Class	C	3
0 - 49% Fail	F	Fail
DPR: Duly Performed certificate refused ie. Not permitted to write examination	F	Fail
AB: Absent from examination	F	Fail

National Qualification Framework <http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/intstud/ssa/credtrans>

Deadlines for Registration 9th February
Language of Teaching Academic Registration according to Faculty
 All courses are taught in English
Recommended Language Skills You must submit evidence of proficiency in English as part of your application to study at UCT
<http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications/admission-requirements/language>

Language Learning The Confucius Institute at the University of Cape Town promotes the learning of Chinese language and culture, and a broader and more informed understand of China in Cape Town area and across South Africa.
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/about/sections/ci>



At the School of Languages and Literatures, there are 11 language majors to choose from. For more information of the specific undergraduate programmes on offer.

<http://www.sll.uct.ac.za>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VISA 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 passport is valid for the duration of your studies.
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/app/studperm/regs>

Housing The University of Cape Town has both on and off campus options available.
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/app/acc>

Cost of Living

					PER SEMESTER COST
MEALS	Per month ZAR	3000	Per month	USD250	\$ 1250
RENT	Per month ZAR	4300	Per month	USD358	\$ 1790
BOOKS	Per month ZAR	700	Per month	USD 58	\$ 290
LOCAL TRANSPORT	Per month ZAR	500	Per month	USD 41	\$ 250
POCKET MONEY	Per month ZAR	1500	Per month	USD 125	\$ 625
LIVING COSTS	Per month ZAR	2500	Per month	USD 208	\$ 1040
TUITION	Per semester		n/a		\$ 6000
			TOTAL		\$ 11 200

Exchange rate used for this exercise is 12.

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 come to the Disability Service to complete the registration form to request support or special assistance (also known as Reasonable Accommodations). Please bring any supporting documentation with you. You will then speak to a staff member to discuss your individual requirements. Disabled students not requiring assistance are also encouraged to register with the Disability Service so we can add your names to our 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. Each society is run by students and any student may be a member. Societies hold a number of events every year including an AGM where the new leadership is elected for the New Year. Each society is partially funded by the University and partially by subscription fees which the societies charge. 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 up new challenges and opportunities for them.

<http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/student-societies-organisations/overview>