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**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
SOUTH AFRICA**



A semester of study, a lifetime of memories!

The University of Cape Town offers a stimulating and vibrant semester study-abroad programme at the highest ranked education institution in Africa.

So, what makes UCT an ideal choice to enrich your studies and life experience?

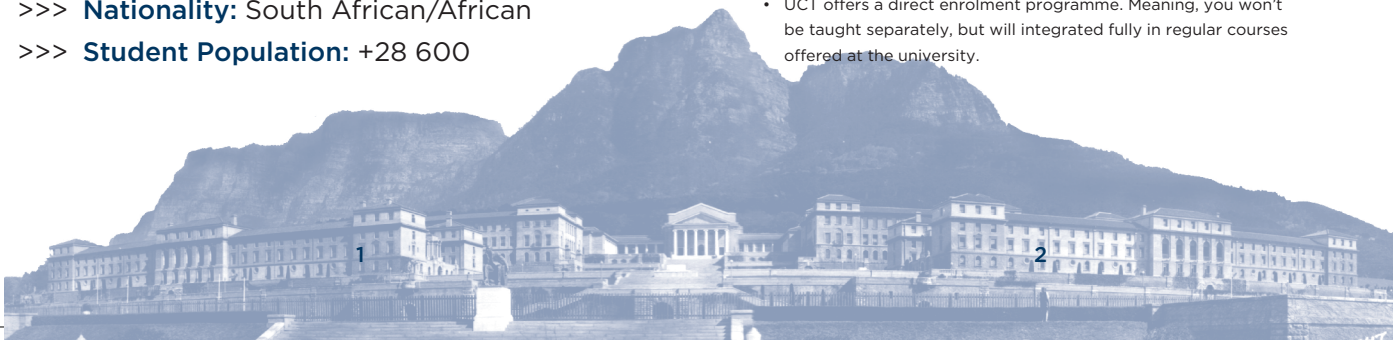
- UCT is consistently the highest ranked university in Africa.
- UCT is home to more than 5,000 international students from 117 countries around the world.
- UCT offers a wide range of mind-expanding and relevant semester courses to choose from: <https://uct.ac.za/students/study-uct-handbooks/handbooks>
- Course credits are easily transferable to your home university. For details on credit transfer see: <https://uct.ac.za/studyabroad/academic-life/academic-life>
- English is the medium of instruction.
- UCT provides a six day orientation programme upon arrival.
- UCT will assist you in finding suitable accommodation (see page 10).
- UCT gives you the opportunity to make a difference by doing volunteer work in a township in the Cape Town area (see page 6).
- UCT offers a direct enrolment programme. Meaning, you won't be taught separately, but will be integrated fully in regular courses offered at the university.

>>> **Name:** University of Cape Town (UCT)

>>> **Date of Birth:** 1918

>>> **Nationality:** South African/African

>>> **Student Population:** +28 600



UCT has Partner Agreements with:



The Council for
International Education
Exchange
www.ciee.org



IDACA
Cape Town International
Student Support Network

Ida Cooper & Associates
www.idaca.co.za



**Institute for the International
Education of Students**
www.iesabroad.org



International Studies Abroad
www.studiesabroad.com

Students may apply to UCT directly
or through any one of these partners.



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About UCT

UCT's main campus is located on the lower slopes of the Table Mountain range above a peaceful, leafy suburb of Cape Town – and just a 10 minute drive from the City Bowl. A bus shuttle service, called the Jammie Shuttle, is available free to all UCT students and staff. And has drop-off and pick-up spots at all UCT campuses, as well as select public bus, train and parking terminals around the university.



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Personal Support Services

Our local partner providers offer additional orientation and support to students, assist with housing, finding peer assistants and personal mentors, and also organise ongoing enrichment programmes which include local excursions and cultural activities.



“I think, in the beginning I was pretty unfamiliar. I had some homesick moments.”
“Maybe it’s because I’ve never been away from home, on a different continent, for so long. But now I just...don’t want to leave.”

Allison — Boston, Massachusetts

Community Service

Study Abroad Students can volunteer for various community service programmes. Popular student run organisations include UCT’s SHAWCO (Student Health and Welfare Centres Organisation) and Ubunye (isiXhosa word for unite). The volunteering initiatives offer great opportunities to make a difference by working in disadvantaged communities and learning first-hand about different aspects of South Africa. They are also a great place to make new friends!

Find out more by visiting:
www.shawco.org or www.ubunye.org.za

Important Dates

1ST SEMESTER: February - June

- Application deadline: 31 October

2ND SEMESTER: July – November

- Application deadline: 30 April

For the full academic calendar including term dates, please see <https://uct.ac.za/calendar/terms>

Orientation can start up to two weeks prior to the first meeting of classes.

Please note:

- Exam dates and times cannot be changed.
- All students must ensure that they stay until the end of the Semester.



How to apply

Students should complete an online UCT International Student application form before the application closing date, and submit all relevant documentation. This is available at: <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za/>

- Applicants from the USA are expected to have an overall **grade point average of 3.0** or above. Additional requirements may also apply.
- Applicants from other countries are assessed on the basis of their academic transcript.
- Proof of English language proficiency is required where it is not an applicant's first language or home university's medium of instruction.
- Students applying for the **Feb to June** semester must apply by **31 October**.
- Students applying for the **July to November** semester must apply by **30 April**.
- A full application guide is available at <https://uct.ac.za/studyabroad>



Study Visas and Permits

UCT will issue the letter you need to apply for a study visa from your local South African embassy or consulate. You cannot study in South Africa without this permit. It takes about eight weeks to obtain.

Please note that a police clearance certificate may also be required; you should apply for this as early as possible (no letter is needed to make this application).

To find a South African embassy in your country, see here:

http://www.dirco.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm



Tuition

Study Abroad semester fee

USD 8,310 in 2025

This includes tuition, course levies, airport transfer upon arrival and orientation. Personal support services and accommodation costs extra.*

UCT sets fees annually in December of the previous year. For the latest fees, see

<https://uct.ac.za/studyabroad/apply-uct/tuition>

Tuition fees typically increase between 5 and 7 percent annually.



Accommodation

Most students live in private self-catered accommodation close to campus. We will assist you in finding suitable accommodation before you arrive in Cape Town.

For more information, email ssa@uct.ac.za.

Students are responsible for payment of rental.



Cost of living in Cape Town

	Per month (ZAR)	Per month (USD)	Per semester cost
Meals	R 5,000	\$ 272	\$ 1,360
Accommodation	R 9,000	\$ 490	\$ 2,450
Books	R 5,000		\$ 272
Transportation	R 2,500	\$ 114	\$ 570
Pocket Money	R 3,000	\$ 164	\$ 820
Living costs	R 5,000	\$ 272	\$ 1 360
Tuition			\$8 310
TOTAL			\$ 15,142

Exchange rate used for the above: USD1 / ZAR18.37

Above-mentioned expenses may not all be incurred by the student

* *Rental is for a room in a shared furnished and equipped self-catering apartment.*

** *Living costs include wifi, electricity, local telephone, laundry, cleaning, health and toiletries.*



ENDORSEMENTS



“All I can say is damn! It's nice. It's a crazy city, but it's beautiful with lots and lots of green. And I love green.”

Cameron
Boston, Massachusetts

“I've found being here really exciting! I go to school in a very small town, in rural Kentucky. To have a semester in a big city is a big change for me but it's super exciting!”

Augusta
Cincinnati, Ohio



“I've been loving Cape Town so far. I love exploring all of the nature it has to offer. I do a lot of hiking actually. Table Mountain, Lions Head, and a lot of going to the beach.

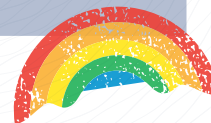
It's just beautiful and everyone is really nice. So, I've had a great time.”

Shannon
Boston, Massachusetts



“Campus is really beautiful. I don't have an actual campus back home so it's really nice to go to school on campus, in a big city in South Africa.”

Arriana
New York, New York





Destination Cape Town

Cape Town (locally known as the Mother City) has received countless awards and accolades as one of the world's most beautiful and beloved cities. A coastal city in the southernmost region of Africa, the City of Cape Town is overlooked by the majestic Table Mountain (one of the seven natural wonders of the world) and surrounded by a string of beaches washed by both the Atlantic and Indian oceans.



A popular location for surfing, yachting, hiking and numerous outdoor activities; the city is also a hub of arts and culture, award-winning wine estates and restaurant. Beyond its beauty and vibrant city lifestyle offering, Cape Town and is the top destination for research, start-ups and innovation in Africa.

Find out more: www.capetown.travel





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