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## INTRODUCTION

This document provides essential information to grade 9 learners in choosing their subjects for the FET phase (grades 10 - 12) at high school. This is a very important decision, as the wrong choice of subjects will have implications for tertiary studies. Please note that the subject requirements in this document only refer to degree programmes offered at UCT.

### Minimum requirements for admission to degree studies for holders of a National Senior Certificate

The minimum admission requirement for the Bachelors degree is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate Achievement, 50 - 59%) or better in four subjects.

The UCT Admission Points Score (APS) uses the percentage obtained for any approved NSC subject. Life Orientation (LO) does not contribute to the APS. Universities have additional requirements which applicants have to meet in order to be considered for admissions. At UCT applicants must meet the subject and points requirements.

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### Minimum requirements for admission to Undergraduate diploma studies for holders of a National Senior Certificate

The minimum requirement for admission to undergraduate diploma studies is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) endorsed with eligibility for diploma admission.



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## NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE SUBJECT SELECTION GUIDE





# SUBJECT CHOICES AND STUDY OPTIONS

MATHS & PHYSICAL SCIENCES REQUIRED		MATHS REQUIRED		MATHS OR MATHEMATICAL LITERACY	
ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	SCIENCE	COMMERCE	ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	HUMANITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French</li> <li>German</li> <li>Hebrew Language and Literature</li> <li>History</li> <li>Italian</li> <li>Law*</li> <li>Linguistics</li> <li>Media &amp; Writing</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Portuguese</li> <li>Spanish</li> <li>Theatre</li> <li>Xhosa Communication</li> </ul>
Chemical Engineering Civil Engineering Construction Studies Electrical Engineering Electrical & Computer Engineering Geomatics Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering Mechanical Engineering Mechatronics	<b>Bachelor of Science Majors:</b> <u>Applied Mathematics</u> <u>Applied Statistics</u> <u>Archaeology**</u> Artificial Intelligence Astrophysics Biochemistry Biology Business Computing* Chemistry Computer Engineering <u>Computer Science*</u> <u>Environmental &amp; Geographical Science**</u> Genetics Geology Human Anatomy & Physiology Marine Biology <u>Mathematical Statistics</u> <u>Mathematics</u> Ocean & Atmosphere Science Physics Statistics & Data Science Quantitative Biology	<b>Bachelor of Business Science</b> Actuarial Science Actuarial Science in Quantitative Finance Computer Science Economics Economics with Law Finance Finance with Accounting Information Systems Marketing Organisational Psychology Statistics and Data Science	Architectural Studies Property Studies	<b>STRUCTURED DEGREES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art (BA (FA))</li> <li>Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance (BA (T&amp;P))</li> <li>Bachelor of Music (BMus)</li> <li>Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)</li> </ul>	<b>Bachelor of Social Sciences Majors:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African Studies</li> <li>Anthropology</li> <li>Gender Studies</li> <li>Industrial Sociology</li> <li>Philosophy</li> <li>Politics &amp; Governance</li> <li>Religious Studies</li> <li>Social Development</li> <li>Sociology</li> </ul>
HEALTH SCIENCES	Audiology* MBChB (Medicine) Occupational Therapy* Physiotherapy** Speech-Language Pathology*	<b>Bachelor of Commerce</b> Actuarial Science Actuarial Science in Quantitative Finance Financial Accounting: General Accounting Financial Accounting: Chartered Accountant Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Economics and Finance Economics and Statistics Economics with Law Information Systems Information Systems and Computer Science Information Systems and Finance Management Studies	<b>HUMANITIES</b>	<b>STRUCTURED DEGREE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Social Science in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (BSocSc PPE)</li> </ul>	
			<b>GENERAL DEGREE WITH SPECIALISATIONS OFFERED BY DEPARTMENTS NOT ESTABLISHED IN THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES</b>	<b>GENERAL DEGREES WITH SPECIALISATIONS OFFERED IN HUMANITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Arts specialising in Film and Media Production (BA)</li> <li>Bachelor of Arts specialising in Music Education (BA)</li> </ul>	* Majors offered by departments not established in the Faculty of Humanities
			Bachelor of Social Sciences Majors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economics</li> <li>Informatics</li> <li>Organisational Psychology</li> <li>Psychology</li> </ul>	<b>STRUCTURED DIPLOMAS IN THE PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diploma in Dance Education (DDE)</li> <li>Diploma in Theatre and Performance (DTP)</li> <li>Diploma in Music Performance (DMP)</li> </ul>	
				<b>GENERAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>LAW</b>  The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is offered in three different ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 year Undergraduate LLB</li> <li>5 years Combined Humanities and LLB or Commerce and LLB</li> <li>3 year Graduate LLB</li> </ul>
	<b>HUMANITIES</b>  Humanities students may select one of the <u>above underlined subjects</u> as a second major, but must have one major offered by departments established in the Faculty of Humanities.			<b>Bachelor of Arts Majors:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Afrikaans</li> <li>African Languages &amp; Literatures</li> <li>Arabic Language &amp; Literature</li> <li>Art History &amp; Discourse of Art</li> <li>Business French</li> <li>Chinese Studies</li> <li>Classical Studies</li> <li>Dance</li> <li>English</li> <li>Film &amp; Television Studies</li> </ul>	

The three columns above indicate the combinations of subjects UCT requires in each area by applicants holding the National Senior Certificate.