



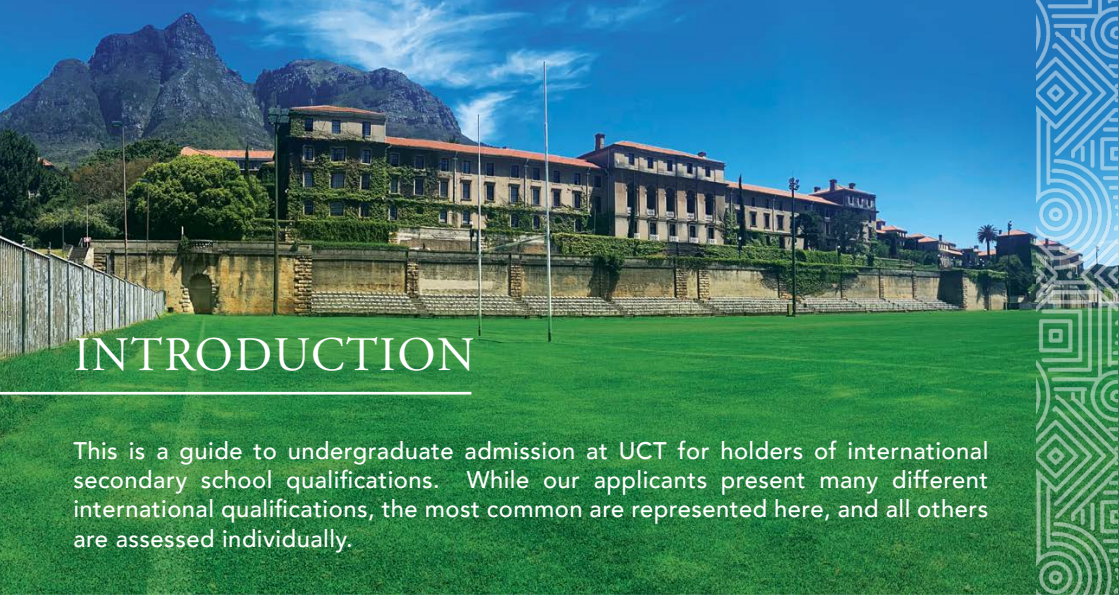
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

IYUNIVESITHI YASEKAPA • UNIVERSITEIT VAN KAAPSTAD



2025

GUIDELINES FOR
HOLDERS OF INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES



INTRODUCTION

This is a guide to undergraduate admission at UCT for holders of international secondary school qualifications. While our applicants present many different international qualifications, the most common are represented here, and all others are assessed individually.

The table below is a guide to how we assess performance in these common subjects and qualifications: International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level, Advanced (A) Level, Namibian Secondary School Certificate (NSSC) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Applicants who have written only IGCSE subjects or equivalent examinations, and who are not writing any other secondary school-leaving examination, are not eligible for admission to UCT.

MATRICULATION EXEMPTION

Before making you an offer, the faculty will ensure that you are eligible for matriculation exemption. As soon as you have been registered at UCT, you will need to apply through your faculty office to the Matriculation Board for a certificate of exemption. The onus remains on you, as a student, to check that the faculty office has received your certificate from the Matriculation Board.

Enquiries about certificates of exemption should be addressed to the Matriculation Board, through their website at mb.usaf.ac.za/

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English is used both for teaching and for examinations at UCT. All applicants must show evidence of proficiency in English and must submit evidence of this as part of their application to study at UCT. International applicants whose home language is not English must submit, as part of their application to study, one of the following:

- a stipulated score on the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)

- The NBTs are offered by the Centre for Educational Testing for Access and Placement (CETAP) and can be arranged to be taken anywhere in the world. (Visit www.nbt.ac.za for details)
- a recent score (obtained within 5 years of your application for admission) of at least 570 (paper-based test) or 230 (computer-based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); or 88 on the Internet-based TOEFL test
- a recent overall band score of 7.0 (with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS);
- a score on the Pearson PTE Academic test of 64.

This is the minimum level of English proficiency you will need to be considered for admission to UCT. The tests must be taken at your own expense, before sending in your application. Some programmes have higher English language requirements.

ADMISSION POINTS TABLE						
Points	IGCSE	NSSC HL	AS LEVELS	A LEVELS	IB SL	IB HL
10				A		7
9				B		6
8		1	A	C	7	5
7		2	B	D	6	4
6	A	3	C	E	5	3
5	B		D		4	
4	C		E			

NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS (NBTs)

All undergraduate applicants who are normally resident or at school in South Africa must write the NBTs, and all applicants to programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences must write the NBTs wherever they reside. International applicants to undergrad LLB must write the AL part of the NBT. Applicants are responsible for the costs of writing the NBTs.

THERE ARE TWO NBTs:

The Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test (AQL) and the Mathematics Test.

The Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test (AQL) consists of two components, namely, academic literacy and quantitative literacy. An applicant will be awarded separate scores for each component, even though they are written as one test. Applicants to all faculties, write the AQL. Applicants who wish to enter a programme with mathematics-based coursework are required to write the Mathematics Test.

You must:

- register for the NBTs before you apply online (or before you submit a paper application form).
- include your NBT registration number in your application,
- write the NBTs by 12 October 2024,
- write the NBTs by 31 July 2024 if you wish to be considered for a conditional offer in the Faculty of Health Sciences; if you write the NBTs after 31 July 2024, you will only be considered for an offer in early 2025 after your final examination results are received.

For registration and further information about the NBTs, dates and venues, please visit www.nbt.ac.za or tel: +27 (0)21 650 3523

CONTACTING US

BOOKING OF APPOINTMENTS (ONLINE AND IN PERSON)

(All you need is an internet connection, and we will do the rest.)

Michelle Roodt +27 (0)21 650 4556 michelle.roodt@uct.ac.za

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Johannes Jemaar +27 (0)21 650 3731 johannes.jemaar@uct.ac.za
Kiviet Cewu +27 (0)21 650 4400 kiviet.cewu@uct.ac.za

Follow us  **@uctadmissions**

Apply online at <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za>

Closing date for all undergraduate programmes is 31 July 2024.

The University has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information provided. However, we reserve the right at any time, if circumstances dictate, to make changes to any of the published details.

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary (A-Level and AS-Level) applicants

Combine at least:

- three A-Levels plus three subjects which may be IGCSE or AS-Level
- four AS-Levels plus two IGCSEs
- three AS-Levels plus one A-Level and two IGCSEs Double your points for Mathematics and English.

If English is taken as a 2nd Language, then you must have another language as a 1st Language in order to be considered further. English Literature is not accepted.

DEGREE WITH PLANS	GUARANTEED ADMISSION	MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS	
		MATHEMATICS	ENGLISH
Bachelor of Business Science specialising in: Computer Science Economics Economics with Law Finance Finance with Accounting Information Systems Marketing Organisational Psychology Analytics and Data Science	53	A-level C or AS-level B	A-level E or AS-level D or IGCSE B
	53	NSSC Grade 1	NSSC Grade 3
	53	IB Diploma with Grade 5 Higher Level or Grade 6 Standard Level NOTE: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation are not accepted	IB Diploma with Grade 3 Higher Level or Grade 5 Standard Level (English Literature is accepted.)
BBusSc/BCom specialising in: Financial Accounting (General/Chartered) Accounting with Law Economics with Law Economics with Finance Economics & Statistics Information Systems Information Systems & Computer Science Information Systems & Finance Management Studies Philosophy Politics & Economics	60	A-Level A	A-level C or AS-level B or IGCSE A
	56 (without A-level subjects)	AS-Level A	
	60	NSSC Grade 1	NSSC Grade 2
	60	IB Diploma Grade 7 Higher Level NOTE: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation are not accepted	IB Diploma Grade 5 Higher Level or Grade 7 Standard Level (English Literature is accepted.)

These points are a guideline but each candidate will be assessed individually depending on their combination of A and AS Level subjects

PLEASE NOTE: In certain circumstances applications will also be considered, where applicants meet the FPS and subject criteria with 5 subjects, and meet the Matriculation Board requirements.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The table below is a guide for applicants with Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) or similar subjects, the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

NOTES:

- Performance in non-South African school-leaving examinations is not converted to points for applications to programmes in this faculty.
- Applicants must meet the requirements listed below.
- The subject requirements below are minimum requirements only, and do not guarantee admission. Additional subjects may be required to meet matriculation exemption requirements.
- A pass in English Language is required at A-Level, IGCSE, Baccalaureate or other equivalent level.
- At IGCSE Level English must be taken as a first language, or another first language must be offered.
- Applicants must submit at least IGCSE (or the equivalent) results and predicted final school-leaving results to be considered for an early conditional offer.

<p>Bachelor of Architectural Studies</p>	<p>All applicants must submit a written motivation and a portfolio of creative work. Details are provided in the Directions for Undergraduate Applicants.</p> <p>A-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least D in two A-Level subjects and • at least C at IGCSE level for Mathematics or Physics <p>AS-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C in four AS-Level subjects • at least C at IGCSE level for Mathematics or Physics <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least a Grade 3 pass at Higher level or a grade C pass at Ordinary level for Mathematics or Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least Grade 4 for Mathematics or Physics at standard level.</p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Construction Studies</p>	<p>A-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least two D symbols, one of which must be in Mathematics; and • at least C at IGCSE level for Physics or Chemistry <p>AS-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-Level subjects and • at least C at IGCSE level for Physics or Chemistry <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) Level 2 passes in at least four higher level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at standard level or a Grade 4 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry</p> <p><i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Property Studies</p>	<p>A-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least two D symbols at A-Level, one of which must be in Mathematics <p>AS-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-Level subjects <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) Level 2 passes in at least four higher level subjects including Mathematics</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at standard level or a Grade 4 pass at higher level for Mathematics</p> <p><i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>

<p>Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, and Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering</p>	<p>A-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least C in IGCSE level English; and at least B in Mathematics at A-level AND either B in A-level Chemistry and a pass with at least B in IGCSE level Physics; or B in A-Level Physics and a pass with at least B in IGCSE level Chemistry <p>AS-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least C for IGSCSE/O-Level English; and at least A for Mathematics and Physical Science and two B symbols at AS-Level; or without Physical Science: at least A for Mathematics; and A for either Physics or Chemistry; and B for the other (Physics or Chemistry), plus one other B symbol <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least four higher level subjects with Level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with a Grade 6 pass at standard level or a Grade 5 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry</p> <p><i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechatronics</p>	<p>A-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least C for IGCSE-Level English; and at least B for Mathematics at A-Level AND B for A-Level Physics <p>AS-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least C for IGCSE-Level English; and A for two AS-Level subjects including Mathematics and Physics plus two B symbols at AS-Level for two other subjects <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least four higher level subjects with Level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at standard level or a Grade 5 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics</p> <p><i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Geomatics</p>	<p>A-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least C for English at IGCSE level; and at least C for Mathematics at A-Level and C for Physics at A-Level <p>AS-Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least C for IGCSE level English; and at least B for Maths at AS-Level and C for Physics at AS-Level plus two other AS-Level subjects with B symbols <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least four higher level subjects with Level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at standard level or a Grade 5 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics</p> <p><i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

<p>MBChB</p>	<p>Advanced (A) Level Minimum admission score: 40 points plus NBT score in the Proficient range Probable admission score: 46 points or above plus NBT score in the Proficient range At least a C symbol in two A Level subjects (including Mathematics PLUS Physics or Chemistry) and an A in the remaining subject (Physics or Chemistry) and in English, both of which may be at AS or IGCSE Level.</p> <p>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level Minimum admission score: 40 points plus NBT score in the Proficient range Probable admission score: 46 points or above plus NBT score in the Proficient range AS and IGCSE level subject requirements: At least B in four AS level subjects (including Mathematics and Physics and Chemistry), and a B symbol in English, which may be at IGCSE/ Ordinary Level.</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Minimum admission score: 40 points plus NBT score in the Proficient range Probable admission score: 46 points or above plus NBT score in the Proficient range At least grade 5 in three higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English. At least grade 5 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English not taken at higher level), which may be at standard level. Mathematical Studies is not acceptable. IB applicants need to be in possession of the IB Diploma, not the Certificate.</p>
<p>BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology</p>	<p>Advanced (A) Level Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least a C symbol in two A level subjects (A level subjects must include Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry or Biology); plus At least an A at AS level or IGCSE Level in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology, if these were not taken at A level; plus At least a C in English, which may be at AS or IGCSE Level.</p> <p>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least a C in four AS level subjects, of which two must be Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry) At least an A in English, which may be at IGCSE level. If Mathematics is taken at IGCSE Level, a B is required.</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least grade 4 in three higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry). At least grade 4 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English), which may be at standard level. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry.) If Mathematics is at standard level, Physics and Chemistry or Biology must be at higher level.</p>



<p>BSc Physiotherapy</p>	<p>Advanced (A) Level Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least an A symbol in two A level subjects (A level subjects must include Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry or Biology); plus At least an A at AS Level or IGCSE level in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology, if these were not taken at A level; plus At least a C in English, which may be at AS or IGCSE level.</p> <p>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least a C in four AS Level subjects, of which two must be Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry) At least an A in English, which may be at IGCSE Level. If Mathematics is taken at IGCSE Level, a B is also required.</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate.</p>
<p>BSc Occupational Therapy</p>	<p>Advanced (A) Level Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least a C symbol in two A level subjects (A level subjects must include Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry or Biology); plus At least an A at AS level or IGCSE Level in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Biology, if these were not taken at A level; plus At least a C in English, which may be at AS or IGCSE Level.</p> <p>Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least a C in four AS level subjects, of which two must be Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry) At least an A in English, which may be at IGCSE level. If Mathematics is taken at IGCSE Level, a B is required.</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Minimum admission score: 36 points plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. Probable admission score: 44 points or above plus NBT score of Higher Intermediate. At least grade 4 in three higher level subjects, two of which must be Mathematics and/or Chemistry and/or Physics and/or English. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry). At least grade 4 in the remaining two subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or English), which may be at standard level. (Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry.) If Mathematics is at standard level, Physics and Chemistry or Biology must be at higher level.</p>

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary (A-Level and AS-Level) applicants

To qualify for admission to Humanities qualifications, applicants should have passed two A-level subjects at grade C or above. Where an applicant has not completed A-Level subjects, AS-levels may be accepted at the rate of two AS-Levels for each required A-Level.

To calculate your Admission Point Score, combine your best A-Level subjects with your best relevant IGSCSE subjects to reach a total of six subjects. Each subject can only be counted once at A-level or IGSCSE.

Namibian Secondary School Certificate (NSSC) applicants

To meet the minimum requirements for matriculation exemption, applicants must hold at least four Higher Level subjects at level 3 or above and at least one Ordinary Level subjects at a grade of C or above.

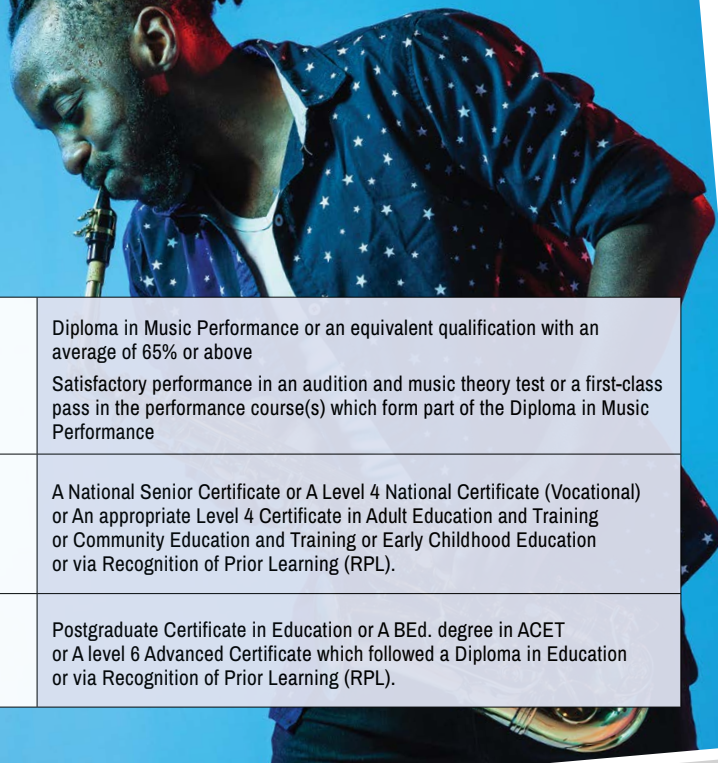
To calculate your Admission Point Score (APS), combine your best Higher Level subjects with the best relevant Ordinary Level subjects to reach a total of six subjects. Each subject can only be counted once at Higher Level or Ordinary Level.

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) applicants

Applicants must hold a full diploma with a minimum of three higher level subjects from a total of six subjects and a total of 24 points.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY QUALIFICATION

	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION	LEVEL AT WHICH YOU ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE AN OFFER
English language (for all qualifications)	A-Level: E AS-Level: D NSSC: Grade 3 GCSE/ IGCSE: C IB HL: Grade 3 IB SL: Grade 4	A-Level: D AS-Level: B NSSC: Grade 2 GCSE/ IGCSE: A IB HL: Grade 4 IB SL: Grade 6
Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Social Science Bachelor of Social Work	Admission Point Score 32	Admission Point Score 38
Bachelor of Social Science (Philosophy, Politics and Economics)	Admission Point Score 32 Minimum Mathematics requirement A-Level: E AS-Level: C NSSC: Grade 3 IB HL: Grade 3 IB SL: Grade 5	Admission Point Score 39 Minimum Mathematics requirement A-Level: E AS-Level: C NSSC: Grade 3 IB HL: Grade 3 IB SL: Grade 5
Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) Bachelor of Arts (Theatre & Performance) Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Music (Dance)	Admission Point Score 32 Satisfactory performance in the portfolio / audition evaluation	

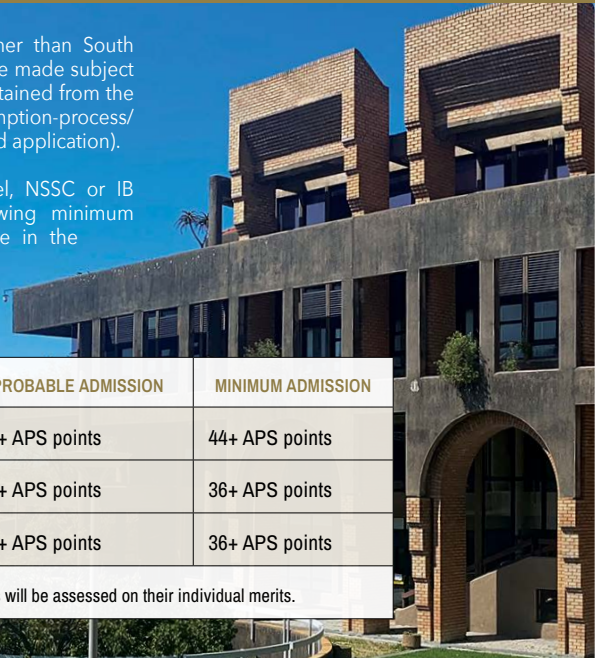


<p>Diploma in Music Performance Diploma in Theatre and Performance</p>	<p>Diploma in Music Performance or an equivalent qualification with an average of 65% or above Satisfactory performance in an audition and music theory test or a first-class pass in the performance course(s) which form part of the Diploma in Music Performance</p>
<p>Higher Certificate in Adult and Community Education and Training</p>	<p>A National Senior Certificate or A Level 4 National Certificate (Vocational) or An appropriate Level 4 Certificate in Adult Education and Training or Community Education and Training or Early Childhood Education or via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).</p>
<p>Advanced Diploma in Adult and Community Education and Training</p>	<p>Postgraduate Certificate in Education or A BEd. degree in ACET or A level 6 Advanced Certificate which followed a Diploma in Education or via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).</p>

FACULTY OF LAW

For applicants in possession of, or writing, other than South African qualifications, offers of places may only be made subject to the equivalent bachelor's exemption being obtained from the Matriculation Board (refer to mb.usaf.ac.za/exemption-process/ for further information and on-line assessment and application).

In addition, candidates writing A-level, AS-level, NSSC or IB Diploma examinations* must meet the following minimum requirements, obtained using the scoring table in the admissions prospectus. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission which is limited by available capacity.



	PROBABLE ADMISSION	MINIMUM ADMISSION
International applicants	46+ APS points	44+ APS points
All SA applicants	44+ APS points	36+ APS points
SA applicants in targeted redress categories	39+ APS points	36+ APS points

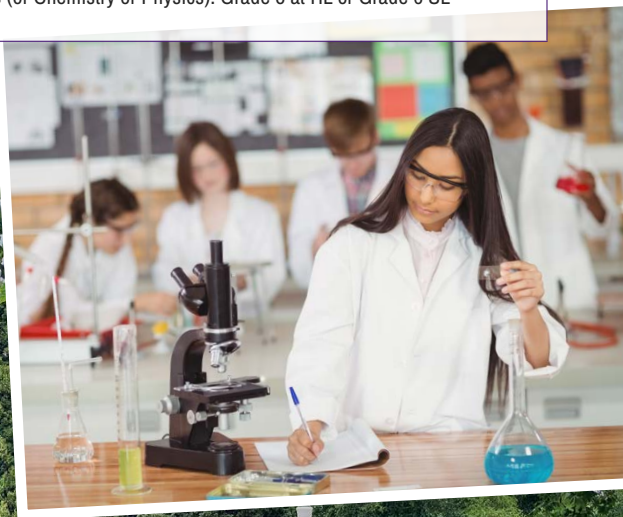
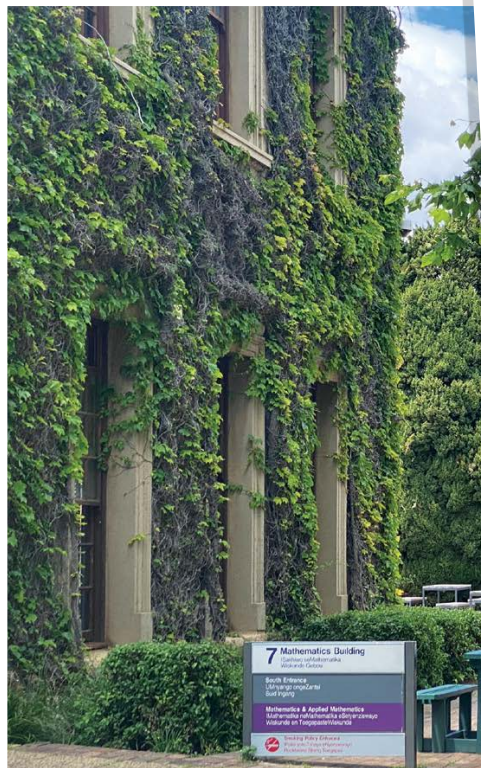
* Applicants writing other international authority examinations will be assessed on their individual merits.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Admission to the Faculty of Science requires an applicant to have achieved a FPS of 34 points or above, based on the five best subjects (including the required subjects).

Applicants writing other international authority examinations will be assessed on their individual merits.

Bachelor of Science	<p>CAIE English: C at IGCSE level Mathematics: B at A/AS level Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): C at A/AS level</p> <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) English: C at Ordinary Level Mathematics: 70% (or level 1 Higher Level) Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): 60% (or level 1 Higher Level)</p> <p>International Baccalaureate English: Grade 5 at SL Mathematics: Grade 5 at HL or Grade 6 at SL (Maths Studies is not accepted) Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): Grade 5 at HL or Grade 6 SL</p>
----------------------------	---





Apply online at <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za>



@uctadmissions



<https://www.youtube.com/c/UCTAdmissions>

