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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/

ADMISSION POINTS TABLE						
Points	IGCSE	NSSC HL	Cambridge AS-LEVELS	Cambridge 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			

Academic Test Report Form with an overall score of band 6.5 or above, with at least 6.0 in each component.

- A valid (no more than 2 years old) PTE Academic Score Report with an overall score of 67 or above, with at least 59 in each communicative skills component.

For more information about the TOEFL (including information on how to register for the tests and dates

when tests are held), use one of the following contacts: Email: toefl@ets.org
Website: www.toefl.org

Information on TOEFL is also available from the American Embassy or Consulate in your country. Information about the IELTS may be obtained from the British Council at the British Embassy or Consulate in your country. Information on IELTS is also available from the British Council, South Africa: Tel: +27 11 560 9300

Email: ssa.enquiries@britishcouncil.org
Website:

www.britishcouncil.org.za/exam/ielts

If you are writing an English proficiency test you must ensure that the test score is received by our Admissions Office no later than 30 September 2025. The NBTs are offered by the Centre for Educational Assessments (CEA) and can be arranged to be taken anywhere in the world (visit www.nbt.ac.za for details). For graduate applicants, this is 68% (proficient) or above on the Graduate Academic Literacy (G-AL) and 70% (proficient) or above on the Graduate Quantitative (G-QL) Tests, unless otherwise stipulated.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English language proficiency is a requirement for study at UCT. All international students for whom English is not a first/home language or have not passed English at NSC Grade 12, AS-level, IGCSE, IB, NSSC, ZIMSEC level or equivalent secondary school-leaving qualification from an English medium-of-instruction institution must provide proof of English language proficiency.

UCT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ARE

As part of your application to study at UCT, you must submit one of the following:

- A valid (no more than 3 years old) NBT Academic Literacy Test Plus report with an overall score of Upper Intermediate or above. The NBTs are offered by the Centre for Educational Assessments (CEA) and can be arranged to be taken anywhere in the world. (Visit www.nbt.ac.za for details)
- A valid (no more than 2 years old) TOEFL iBT Score Report with an overall score of 88 or above, with at least 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, and 22 in Speaking.
- A valid (no more than 2 years old) IELTS

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 4 October 2025,
- write the NBTs by 31 July 2025 if you wish to be considered for a conditional offer in the Faculty of Health Sciences; if you write the NBTs after 31 July 2025, you will only be considered for an offer in early 2026 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

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BOOKING OF APPOINTMENTS (ONLINE AND IN PERSON)

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

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Closing date for all undergraduate programmes is 31 July 2025.

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FACULTY OF COMMERCE

CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (OR EQUIVALENT), NAMIBIA SENIOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE. (NSSC), INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA AND ZIMSEC APPLICANTS

FOR CAIE (OR EQUIVALENT) APPLICANTS: A total of five subjects will be considered for admissions by combining three A-Levels plus two subjects which may be IGCSE or AS-Level **OR** four AS-Levels plus one IGCSE. **Each subject will only be counted once at A-Level or AS-Level or IGCSE. Only National Senior Certificate equivalent subjects will be considered.** 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.

FOR NSSC APPLICANTS: A total of five subjects will be considered for admission by combining a minimum of 4 NSSC subjects and the best relevant IGCSE subject. Only Grades 1, 2 or 3 are acceptable for NSSC and Grades A, B or C for IGCSE. If English is taken as a 2nd Language, candidates must have another language as a 1st Language in order to be considered further. English Literature is not accepted.

FOR IB DIPLOMA APPLICANTS: A total of six subjects an applicant must hold the IB Diploma (not the certificate) and satisfy the following minimum requirements:

- at least 3 Higher Level (HL) subjects plus 3 Standard Level (SL) subjects
- English Literature is accepted

All streams other than Actuarial Science and Quantitative Finance

- At least Grade 5 at HL or at least Grade 6 SL Mathematics/Maths Method

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	36	A-level C or AS-level B	A-level E or AS-level D or IGCSE B
	36	NSSC Grade 1	NSSC Grade 3
	36	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: Actuarial Science Quantitative Finance	40	A-Level A	A-level C or AS-level B or IGCSE A
	40 (without A-level subjects)	AS-Level A	
	40	NSSC Grade 1	NSSC Grade 2
	40	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.

APPLICANTS HOLDING SAT RESULTS

SAT I	SAT I score of 1050 or more with sub minima of 500 for both the Verbal and Mathematics scores; or
SAT II	SAT II score of 1050 or more for English and one of Physics or Chemistry with sub minimum of 500 for either the English or the Physics or the Chemistry scores

ABITUR

Applicants' performance on the Abitur is assessed using the following points table:

Umrechnungstabelle/conversion table (grades to percentages)

- At least a 'GUT' for Mathematics and English

POINT RANGE		% RANGE
15	sehr gut	100-95
14		94-90
13		89-85
12	gut	84-80
11		79-75
10		74-70
9	befriedigend	69-65
8		64-60
7		59-55
6	ausreichend	54-50
5		49-45
4		44-40



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

The table below is a guide for applicants with Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) or similar subjects, the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC), 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.
- 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, AS-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 Level (or the equivalent) results and predicted final school-leaving results to be considered for an early conditional offer.

Bachelor of Architectural Studies	<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>
Bachelor of Science in Construction Studies	<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>
Bachelor of Science in Property Studies	<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>

Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, and Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering	<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 IGCSE/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 <i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechatronics	<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 <i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
Bachelor of Science in Geomatics	<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 <i>NOTE: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>

OTHER NON-SOUTH AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS

Secondary school-leaving subjects MUST include Mathematics. Applicants from some countries (e.g. Angola and DRC) must have completed the first year of a four-year degree programme at a university in their country of origin before applying to UCT. Applicants with only IGCSE subjects need to complete the first year of a four-year degree programme at a university in their country of origin, before applying to the UCT. Applications will be assessed on an individual basis. Meeting the above minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission may be limited due to available capacity.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS WRITING NSC EXAMINATIONS

Admission criteria for the Higher Certificate in Disability Practice or the Advanced Diploma in Cosmetic Formulation Science are not expressed in terms of bands.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY PRACTICE

To be eligible for consideration to the Higher Certificate all applicants must:

- have obtained a National Senior Certificate or an approved HEQSF-level 4 (school-leaving) qualification;
- meet the Upper Intermediate to Proficient level in the Academic and Quantitative Literacy components of the National Benchmark Tests.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN COSMETIC FORMULATION SCIENCE

To be considered for the programme, students must have obtained:

- a BSc, or equivalent, with Chemistry 3
- or a degree with Biochemistry 3 (students with Biochemistry 3 need to have at least Chemistry 2 to be eligible for admission)
- or a partially completed/ non-degree with Chemistry 2 and relevant work experience.

Offers in this program are made subject to availability of space.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS WRITING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

If you take a non-South African secondary school-leaving examination, we will consider your application by:

- Assessing your academic performance, using the rating tables on page 3
- Assessing your performance in the National Benchmark Tests;
- Comparing your overall performance to that of other applicants

A table is used to convert non-NSC results to a comparable score, where possible – see Admission Points Table for A, AS, IGCSE and IB Diplomas on page 3. Please note, applicants require six different eligible subjects, the subjects must meet the requirements for a Matric Exemption and applicants must meet the required NBT performance.

In addition, candidates writing A-level, AS-level, IGCSE or IB Diploma examinations must meet the following minimum admission score requirements, obtained using the scoring examples in the **SCORE CALCULATION TABLE FOR SELECTED NON-SOUTH AFRICAN EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**.

Note 1. The same subject cannot be counted twice.

Note 2. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

MBChB	<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.</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>
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**BSC
PHYSIOTHERAPY**

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 or above.

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.

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 or above.

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.

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 or above.

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.

**BSC
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY**

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 or above.

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.

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 or above.

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.

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 or above.

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.

**BSC
AUDIOLOGY
AND BSC
SPEECH-
LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY**

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 or above.
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.

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 or above.

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.

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 or above.
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.



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION ADVANCED AND ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (GCSE A-LEVEL AND AS-LEVEL) APPLICANTS

To meet the minimum requirements for matriculation exemption, applicants must hold at least two A-level subjects at a grade of E or above and at least three IGSCSE/ GCSE subjects at a grade of C or above including English Language and an approved second language. Where an applicant does not hold A-levels, at least four AS-levels are required at grade D or above and at least one approved IGSCSE/ GCSE subject at a grade of C or above including English Language and an approved second language.

It is important to note that matriculation exemption requires specific subject combinations and that certain subjects are not recognised. 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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY QUALIFICATION

	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION	LEVEL AT WHICH YOU ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE AN OFFER
Diploma in Music Performance Diploma in Theatre and Performance	School-leaving qualification endorsed for Diploma studies Satisfactory performance in an audition For Diploma in Music Performance: Satisfactory performance in a music theory test	
Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) Bachelor of Arts (Theatre & Performance) Bachelor of Music	Admission Point Score 32 Satisfactory performance in the portfolio / audition evaluation	

FACULTY OF LAW

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL-LEAVING CERTIFICATES

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	40+ APS points
SA applicants in targeted redress categories	39+ APS points	38+ APS points
* Applicants writing other international authority examinations will be assessed on their individual merits.		
NOTE: As explained in the section on 'career opportunities' above, obtaining the LLB does not automatically entitle non-citizens and non-permanent residents of South Africa to be admitted to practise as attorney or advocates in this country.		

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

FACULTY POINTS SCORE (FPS) FOR NON NSC EXAMINATIONS

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). Obtained using the scoring table in the section of this prospectus titled "Applying to UCT".

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 Analysis & Approaches: Grade 5 at HL or Grade 6 at SL Maths Applications and Interpretation/ (Maths Studies is not accepted) Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): Grade 5 at HL or Grade 6 SL</p>
<p>NOTE: Due to capacity constraints offers are unlikely to be made to applicants who only meet the minimum admission requirements.</p>	

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

All international students for whom English is not a first/home language or have not passed English at Grade 12, AS-level, IGCSE level or equivalent, must provide proof of English language proficiency.

Applicants are required to achieve one of the following:

- A score of at least 51% for the Academic Literacy (AL) component of the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)
- A pass in the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a score of at least 570 on the paper-based test, or 230 on the computer-based test; or 88 on the internet-based test
- An 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 of 64 on the Pearson PTE Academic test.

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