

University of Cape Town South Africa

Semester Study Abroad Exchange Programme

Application details



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Greetings from the SSA team at UCT,

This leaflet provides application information about the semester study abroad (SSA) programme offered at the University of Cape Town (UCT). Should you require more detailed information, please refer to UCT's SSA website at <https://studyabroad.uct.ac.za>

You can contact the SSA Officers for application queries at ssa@uct.ac.za

Kind regards,

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Location and contact details

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Quick links

- Semester study abroad/Exchange programme information: <https://studyabroad.uct.ac.za>
- UCT Faculty course information: <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/study/handbooks/current>
- UCT Online application form: <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za>
- Student housing: <https://uct.ac.za/studyabroad/student-life>
- Study visa application details: <http://www.international.uct.ac.za/visas-immigration>

Overview

visit <https://studyabroad.uct.ac.za> for more details

Applicants are expected to have an overall academic score of 65% which is equivalent to

- a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above for the USA
- mid-point of the ECTS Grade B range

Additional requirements for specific courses may also apply.

Students are evaluated for admission on the basis of their academic transcripts and home university's grading scale.

Proof of English language proficiency is required, if English is not the first language:

- TOEFL iBT (internet-based test) overall score of 88 or above, with at least 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, and 22 in Speaking; or
- IELTS overall band score of 6.5 with no individual element scoring below 6.0; or
- Pearson Test of English overall score of 67, with at least 59 in each communicate element.

Test reports should be no more than 2 years old.

The semester study abroad programme is offered to international students who are registered for full degree studies at another university and have completed a minimum of three semesters.

A semester course load, usually not more than four courses, may be selected from the Faculties of Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Humanities, Law and Science.

Choice of undergraduate and/or postgraduate courses vary depending on the student's academic background. Credits earned for these courses can be transferred to their home university. Credits earned as an SSA student may not count towards a UCT qualification.

Application dates for 2023

| The SSA programme at UCT runs twice a year | When to apply? |
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| 1st semester 2023 (Feb - June) | 01 August - 31 October 2022 |
| 2nd semester 2023 (July - Nov) | 09 January - 30 April 2023 |

Application requirements

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

UCT is aware that the current crisis related to COVID-19 will impact the regular operational timelines. Given the fluid situation that prevails all dates contained in our publications and correspondence are subject to change.

- The UCT SSA online application before the relevant closing date.
- A recent, original academic transcript from your home university.
- A certified translated copy in English, if the original transcript is not in English.
- Proof of English proficiency, if English is not your first language.

South African medical aid and a study visa for study at UCT are required for the semester(s) of study. Kindly refer to the study visa application requirements (<http://www.international.uct.ac.za/visas-immigration>) and prepare the supporting documentation before the date of your study visa application.

Note:

- Certain documents take several weeks to obtain: for example, police clearances or FBI reports for US students could take up to 12 weeks to process.
- Visit the South African Consulate/Embassy in your home country to confirm the study visa dates and details: <http://www.dirco.gov.za/>

Submit the following

visit <https://studyabroad.uct.ac.za> for details on visa and medical aid requirements

For students applying from the USA: visit the FBI website for details about using the services of a FBI channeler: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks/list-of-fbi-approved-channelers-for-departmental-order-submissions>