

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
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UCT overview

Student profile:

- 18 000+ undergraduates
- 11 600+ postgraduates
- 300+ postdoctoral fellows

Seven faculties

- Science • Law • Health Sciences • Commerce
• Humanities • Engineering and the Built Environment
• Centre for Higher Education Development





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1st
IN AFRICA

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025
Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2025
US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings 2024–2025
Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) 2024
ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024
Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024

15th IN THE WORLD
DEVELOPMENT
STUDIES

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

36th IN THE WORLD
PUBLIC HEALTH

ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2023

25th IN THE WORLD
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024

24th IN THE WORLD
INFECTIOUS
DISEASES

US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings for Subjects 2024–2025

Top 100 World Rankings

- Immunology¹⁰
(51st in the world)
- Marine & Freshwater Biology¹⁰
(69th in the world)
- Oceanography¹¹
(51–75 range)
- Social sciences & public health¹⁰
(78th in the world)
- Clinical & health⁸
(81st in the world)
- Neuroscience & Behavior¹⁰
(86th in the world)
- Medicine⁹
(89th in the world)
- Education⁸
(92nd in the world)
- Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences¹⁰
(92nd in the world)
- Ecology¹⁰
(95th in the world)
- Microbiology¹⁰
(97th in the world)
- Social Sciences⁸
(100th in the world)
- Anthropology⁹
(51–100 range)
- Geography⁹
(51–100 range)
- Atmospheric science¹¹
(76–100 range)
- Clinical medicine¹¹
(76–100 range)
- Geography¹¹
(76–100 range)

⁸ THE Subject Rankings 2024

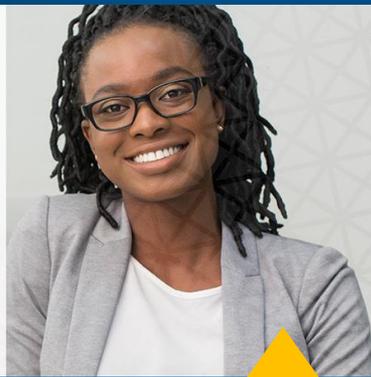
⁹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

¹⁰ US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings for Subjects 2024-2025

¹¹ ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2023



Committed to the SDGs
through research and education.



Overall, UCT is ranked

77th
among
universities
world-wide
for impact



2024 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings



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FOCAL
AREAS

Our strategic focal areas

1

Building a healthy Africa

2

Resource efficiency and nature-based solutions for sustainable development

4

Our southern location

3

Advancing Africa

5

On being human





Building a
healthy Africa

Infectious diseases

Health equity

Drug discovery

Brain health

Child & adolescent health

Biotechnology

Vaccine discovery & efficacy

Non-communicable diseases



2

Resource efficiency and nature-based solutions for sustainable development

The biosphere & biodiversity
(incl. human-wildlife conflict)

Minerals & soils

Atmosphere

Energy

Water quality, quantity & equity

Food security





Advancing
Africa

3

Climate mitigation and adaptation

Poverty & inequality

Crime & Violence

Cities in Africa

Building economic complexity

Health infrastructure

Youth empowerment

Infrastructure for development



4

Our southern location



Southern skies

Southern oceans



Biodiversity, microbiomes & viromes





5

On being
human

Citizenship & democracy

Heritage & identity

Gender and sexuality studies

Governance



Focusing on Equitable Partnerships

- **Cape Town statement on Fostering Research Integrity through Fairness and Equity**
World Conference on Research Integrity in Cape Town, May 2022
- **African Charter for Transformative Research**
UCT - Bristol University - UNISA
Launch – Nairobi, July 2023



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Thank you

For more details on our 5 focal areas: bit.ly/UCTsnapshot

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