

MISSION

UCT aspires to become a premier academic meeting point between South Africa, the rest of Africa and the world. Taking advantage of expanding global networks and our distinct vantage point in Africa, we are committed, through innovative research and scholarship, to grapple with the key issues of our natural and social worlds. We aim to produce graduates whose qualifications are internationally recognised and locally applicable, underpinned by values of engaged citizenship and social justice. UCT will promote diversity and transformation within our institution and beyond, including growing the next generation of academics.

- Emeritus Professor JM Coetzee (literature, 2003).
- UCT remains the highest-ranked African university in both the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities.

AUTHORITIES

- Council** is the governing body of UCT; its responsibilities include determining the mission, objectives, goals, strategies and policies for the progress of the institution.
 - It is made up of 12 members appointed from within the UCT community, and 18 external members.
 - Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane is the current Chair of Council while Ms Deborah Budlender serves as deputy chair.
 - The present Council will serve until the end of June 2012.
- Senate** is responsible for academic governance at UCT.
 - It organises and controls the teaching, curricula, syllabi, examinations and research of the university.
 - Senate comprised of the vice-chancellor; deputy vice-chancellors, professors, heads of department and the university librarian, as well as elected members and student representatives.
- The Institutional Forum** is a body of internal stakeholders that advises Council on issues affecting the university, as required by the Higher Education Act of 1997.
- The Students' Representative Council (SRC):** The UCT Statute provides for an SRC, which operates according to a constitution approved by the Council in terms of the Statute.
 - There are 15 seats on the SRC.
 - The SRC and other student groups report to UCT's Student Parliament.



CHANCELLOR AND EXECUTIVES



Chancellor
Mrs Graça Machel



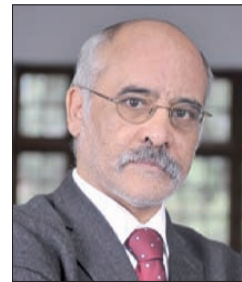
Vice-chancellor
Dr Max Price



Deputy vice-chancellor
Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo



Deputy vice-chancellor
Prof Danie Visser



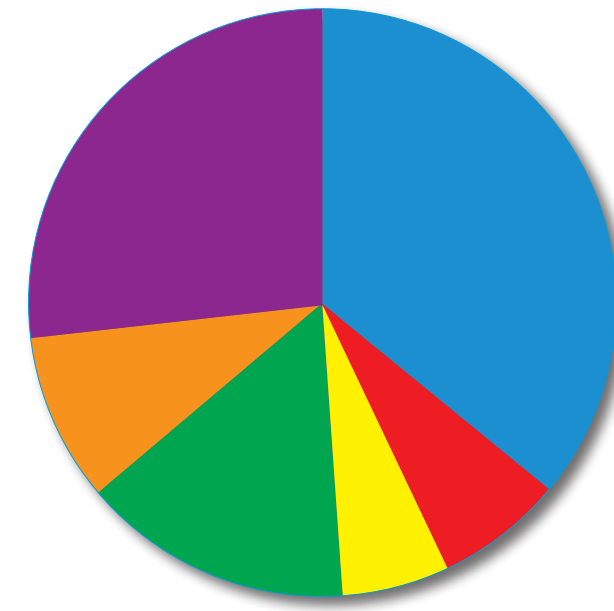
Deputy vice-chancellor
Prof Crain Soudien



Acting deputy vice-chancellor
Prof Nan Yeld

FINANCES

- UCT's total expenditure in 2010 amounted to R2.9 billion. Of this, more than R1.4 billion was spent on salaries. The university's R3.1 billion gross income in 2010 came from the sources indicated in the pie chart below.



- State subsidies and grants – 36%
- Investment income – 7%
- Donations and gifts – 6%
- Contract research revenue – 15%
- Sales of goods and services – 9%
- Tuition and other fee income – 27%

FACULTIES

- UCT has six faculties: commerce, engineering and the built environment, law, health sciences, humanities and sciences. The faculties' work is supported by the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED), which incorporates UCT's Academic Development Programme.



- UCT offers undergraduate degree and postgraduate degree programmes across the faculties. A range of undergraduate diplomas and certificates and postgraduate diplomas is also available.

PEOPLE

- Just under 25 000 students enrolled at UCT in the first half of 2010.
- Of these, more than 17 000 were undergraduates working on a first degree or on undergraduate diplomas and certificates, and over 7 500 were enrolled for a postgraduate qualification.
- Over half of UCT's enrolment is made up of black students. Just over half the students registered in 2010 were women.
- UCT employs approximately 5 442 staff (59% permanent staff and 49% contract staff), including 982 permanent academics, across the six faculties and the Centre for Higher Education Development.
- UCT keeps in contact with about 110 000 alumni (of whom more than 90 000 reside in South Africa) through its Development and Alumni Department.

RESEARCH

- In 2010 UCT was home to 32 A-rated researchers, considered world leaders by the National Research Foundation (NRF).
- UCT's tally of NRF-rated researchers in 2010 was 336, up from 320 in 2009.

- Total research income was valued at R768 million in 2010. Research-contract income contributed R760 million.
- Financial support to postgraduate students stood at R120 million and at R38 million for Postdoctoral Research Fellows.
- UCT has 27 of the 71 national chairs awarded under the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI), established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and managed by the NRF, to build scientific research and innovation capacity in the country.
- The university's 68 specialist research groups include nine research groupings funded by the Medical Research Council.
- UCT is also home to two national Centres of Excellence: the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Catalysis (or *c Change), and the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Birds as Keys to Biodiversity at the Percy Fitzpatrick Institute for African Ornithology. UCT also has ties with two other centres, the Applied Centre for Climate and Earth Systems, hosted at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and the Centre for Biomedical TB Research at Stellenbosch University. In addition, the Department of Chemical Engineering houses the DST Catalysis Competence Centre and the national Hydrogen Catalysis Competence Centre at UCT (HySA/Catalysis), which is co-managed by Mintek.
- UCT has also set up a number of programmes, such as the Project for the Enhancement of Research Capacity, to develop innovative scholarship; and the Emerging Researcher Programme, focused on the needs of developing academics.

HISTORY AND LEGACY

- The oldest teaching university in South Africa, UCT was founded in 1829 as the South African College.
- UCT was formally established as a university in 1918.
- The university moved to its spectacular Groote Schuur campus on Rhodes' Estate on the slopes of Devil's Peak in 1928.
- UCT has satellite campuses in Observatory, home to the Faculty of Health Sciences; the Gardens, in Cape Town, where the Hiding Campus for fine art, film and media, and drama studies is located; and the Breakwater Campus on the popular V&A Waterfront, the site for the Graduate School of Business.
- UCT counts five Nobel Laureates among its alumni: Max Theiler (medicine, 1951); Ralph Bunche (peace, 1950); Sir Aaron Klug (chemistry, 1982); Allan McLeod Cormack (medicine, 1979); and



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STUDENT SERVICES

UCT offers a range of student services. Among the units that deliver these services are the Disability Service, the Student Wellness Service, HIV/AIDS Co-ordination – UCT (HAICU), the Careers Service, and the Financial Aid Service.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Chancellor Oppenheimer Library and nine branch libraries house collections made up of over 1.2 million print volumes, including 28 300 print journal titles, and offer access to 63 000 e-journals and 177 electronic research databases.

The main library's new Research Wing on six floors offers a quiet haven and more focused services to senior postgraduates and researchers. It houses specialised collections and the Research Commons, with high-end technology for research and writing.

The undergraduate areas have many new group study spaces as well as the Knowledge Commons, a well-equipped support facility.

The branch libraries include the Health Sciences Library, opposite Groote Schuur Hospital; the Brand van Zyl Law Library, on Middle Campus; and the African Studies Library, which houses a world-renowned collection of Africana.

COMPUTING

- Over 2 000 personal computers in computing laboratories are available to students.
- All users have ready access to standard software and to teach-yourself courseware.
- Every student has an email account and access to the internet.
- Access to the internet and the university network is available in all residences.
- The ICTS department is currently investing in making UCT a wireless campus.



HOUSING

- UCT's 39 student residences, flats and houses accommodate 6 600 students.
- The residence system offers catering and self-catering options.
- Building is well under way on UCT's largest residence, Obz Square in Observatory, which will open its doors in 2012 to a further 880 students.

SPORT, SOCIETIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Over 9 000 students are registered with the university's 43 sports clubs.
- More than 8 600 students have joined the 118 academic, faith, cultural, political and special-interest societies at UCT. Total registrations stand at over 15 000, as some sign up to more than one society.
- Students can also get involved in the work of the Varsity newspaper, UCT Radio, or the Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation, among others.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

- UCT is home to or has affiliations with the Baxter Theatre Centre, the Irma Stern Museum, and the Little Theatre.

INTERNATIONALISATION

- The International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) negotiates international agreements and looks after the needs of international students.
- More than 4 600 international students from more than 100 countries study at UCT. Over half of these hail from the Southern African Development Community.
- UCT boasts a number of research and exchange agreements with leading universities in North America and Europe, and with the non-profit Council for International Education Exchange, which facilitates the exchange of students.
- UCT is the base university in the University Science, Humanities and Engineering Partnerships in Africa (USHEPIA) programme, set up in 1996 to promote collaboration between established African researchers and to build institutional and human capacity at eight Southern and East African universities. So far UCT has awarded 48 degrees through USHEPIA.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

- UCT plays a leading role in the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC), which manages major collaborative projects between the four public tertiary institutions in the Western Cape.



ABOUT UCT 2011/12

A brief introduction to the
University of Cape Town