



**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
POLICY AND SELECTION
CRITERIA FOR THE 2011
ACADEMIC YEAR**

1. INTRODUCTION

a. Preamble

The cornerstones of our admissions policy are that we will be flexible on access, active in redress and rigorous on success.¹

Our admissions policy is framed within the values of the Constitution and the requirements of the Higher Education Act. This Act requires that our admissions policy: “must provide appropriate measures for the redress of past inequalities and may not unfairly discriminate in any way”.² We interpret these values and requirements as placing an obligation on us as a University to provide redress for historical, racially-based discrimination in society, schools and higher education; we accept this obligation in part because we acknowledge that the effects of apartheid-era discrimination remain structural fault lines in our society.

As a matter of policy we aim for a student body which has a significant number of international students³ and where the local⁴ component of our student body increasingly reflects the demographics of the South African population. Our view is that everyone gains from a diverse student body.

We use *race*⁵ as a measure for giving effect to the requirement for redress for previously disadvantaged South African applicants, as it remains the best initial, broad-brush measure of past structural inequality and thus for effecting redress. We recognize the danger of perpetuating the use of *race* as a criterion for admissions decisions, and we know that we must move away from this in time.

An important aspect of our admissions policy is our commitment to better success rates. Key to this and the realisation of the objectives of our admissions policy are the academic development and intervention programmes we offer, which are described in more detail in this prospectus.

b. Race as a proxy for disadvantage and as a measure for achieving redress and a diverse student body

As our admissions policy is designed both to provide redress and to ensure a diverse student body, and as we use race as a marker to do this, we invite South African and permanent-resident applicants to classify themselves as follows.

South African citizens and SA permanent-resident applicants

We invite South African citizens and South African permanent-resident applicants to indicate whether or not they belong to a previously-disadvantaged, or designated⁶ group, and if so to categorise themselves as one of

- black African
- Indian
- coloured
- Chinese

¹ UCT Mission Statement, 1996

² S 37 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 as amended

³ International students are defined as students who are neither SA citizens nor SA permanent residents

⁴ By local students we refer to students who are SA citizens or SA permanent residents.

⁵ We invite local students to classify themselves into the categories used in employment equity legislation.

⁶By designated group we refer to designated groups as defined in South African employment equity legislation.

South African citizens and South African permanent-resident applicants who do not belong to one of these groups, or who choose not to categorise themselves in this way must categorise themselves as

- white; or ,
- other

Notes:

- (i) This classification is also required by the Department of Higher Education and Training for statistical purposes.
- (ii) Our redress and diversity policies apply only to applicants who are both from a designated population group (black African, coloured, Indian or Chinese) and South African citizens or South African permanent residents.
- (iii) We expect South African citizens and South African permanent-resident applicants to categorise themselves as an employer would have to under the employment equity legislation.

International Applicants

International applicants are not invited to classify themselves in these ways.

c. Equity Targets

We set overall enrolment targets and equity targets per programme. These are aspirational targets, not quotas. All faculties will aim to admit specified minimum numbers of eligible South African Black, Chinese, Coloured and Indian students in accordance with these targets.

d. First and Second Choices

Applications will be considered regardless of whether the programme is the applicant's first or second choice. Exceptions to this principle apply in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

e. Closing date

The closing date for South African applicants is 31 October and for international applicants 30 September. The earlier date is dictated by the process international applicants must follow to obtain study permits.

f. Places reserved for decanal discretion

We may allocate places for decision by decanal discretion in the following cases:

- (i) Disabled applicants
- (ii) Repeat applicants (provided they are still sufficiently competitive)
- (iii) Mature age applicants (who may be admitted on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning if they do not have matriculation exemption.)

Applications in each of the above cases will be considered on merit.

g. Early Conditional Offers

We may make early conditional offers to high achievers based on final Grade 11 results, and/or Grade 12 April, June and September examination results. Early offers will also be made to high achievers who are international applicants. Conditions are attached to early offers; the person to whom an early conditional offer is made must meet a specified level of performance in his or her final examinations.

Conditional offers lapse where the applicant fails to meet the specified level of performance in the final examination.

Early conditional offers to undergraduate and graduate applicants are limited to high achievers, and most applicants in this category will be considered together, after the closing date of 31 October.

Applicants who do not secure early conditional offers are reconsidered when their final results become available.

h. South African school-leaving certificates

Undergraduate applicants who have completed their schooling in South Africa may hold either the National Senior Certificate (NSC), or the Senior Certificate (SC). The admission criteria reflected in this document will cover both qualifications.

i. The National Benchmark Tests

All first-time entering undergraduate applicants normally resident in South Africa are required to write the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs) prior to admission. In some cases, transferring students to UCT may be required to write the NBTs as well. Applicants are required to meet the costs of writing the NBTs (currently R50 per test). Where applicants are not able to write the NBTs because of distance from a testing venue, the onus is on the applicant to contact the University in order to be exempted from writing the test/s prior to admission. In any event, such applicants are required to write the NBTs during Orientation Week.

There are two NBTs:

The Academic and Quantitative literacy test (AQL) consists of two components, namely, academic literacy and quantitative literacy. While one test is written, an applicant will be awarded separate scores for each component. Applicants to all faculties write the AQL.

The Mathematics test is based on the Mathematics Grade 12 syllabus and therefore will only be offered from August each year. Applicants who wish to enter a programme with mathematics-based coursework are required to write the Mathematics Test. One score is awarded for the Mathematics Test.

j. Scoring ratings achieved in the National Senior Certificate

The ratings achieved in six subjects, not including Life Orientation, will be awarded admission points.

k. The recognition of Life Orientation as a subject in the National Senior Certificate

We recognise the importance of Life Orientation as a subject and the skills with which this subject equips students. Applicants to UCT who write the NSC must achieve a minimum rating of 4 (50%) in Life Orientation.

l. Selection instruments used in the calculation of points for the Senior Certificate and National Senior Certificate

The following tables will be used to calculate admissions points on the basis of achievements in NSC or SC examinations.

NSC RATING TABLE	
ACHIEVEMENT RATING	APS POINTS
7 at 90% or better	8
7 at 80% or better	7
6	6
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	0
1 below 30%	0

SC RATING TABLE		
SYMBOL	HG	SG
	APS POINTS	APS POINTS
A	8	6
B	7	5
C	6	4
D	5	3
E	4	2
F	3	1

Points are allocated per subject, and six scores (excluding Life Orientation, and including subjects as indicated) are added together to produce an admissions point score (APS) per applicant.

m. Mathematics Paper 3 as part of the National Senior Certificate

The University of Cape Town encourages all grade 12 learners taking NSC Mathematics in South Africa to write Mathematics Paper 3. It is not a formal requirement for admission and the achievement in Mathematics Paper 3 cannot be allocated an APS score. Nonetheless, we advise applicants to take the Paper 3 option where they can and to write the Paper 3 examination; this is especially the case for applicants wishing to do Science, Engineering or Actuarial Science.

n. Selection instruments used in the calculation of points for School-leaving certificates administered by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

Applicants holding any CIE certificate must satisfy the requirements for Matriculation Exemption as stipulated by the Matriculation Board.

The following table reflects scores awarded for Advanced (A) levels, Advanced Subsidiary (SA) levels, Ordinary (O) levels, International General Certificate in Secondary Education (IGCSE) and General Certificate in Secondary Education (GCSE) symbols.

SYMBOL	A LEVEL	AS LEVEL	O LEVEL/ IGCSE/ GCSE
	APS Points	APS Points	APS Points
A	10	8	6
B	9	7	5
C	8	6	4
D	7	5	
E	6	4	

The following table reflects scores awarded for achievements in the Higher International General Certificate in Secondary Education (HIGCSE).

HIGCSE	
GRADE	APS POINTS
1	8
2	7
3	6

o. Selection instruments used in the admission of holders of an International Baccalaureate Diploma

Applicants holding the International Baccalaureate Diploma (not the International Baccalaureate Certificate, which is not sufficient for admission) must satisfy the requirements for Matriculation Exemption as stipulated by the Matriculation Board.

The IB Diploma is assessed in different ways, and the criteria for admission listed below will stipulate how it is to be assessed. The diploma can either be assessed using only performance in specific subjects, or using such performance in conjunction with a score reflected in one of two ways. The first is to take the score reflected on the IB Diploma itself and the second is to convert the performance of all scores to a score for this purpose. The following table is used for the conversion of IB Diploma scores:

Higher Level Subjects:	Standard Level Subjects:
7 = 10 APS points	7 = 8 APS points
6 = 9 APS points	6 = 7 APS points
5 = 8 APS points	5 = 6 APS points
4 = 7 APS points	4 = 5 APS points
3 = 6 APS points	(Below 4 is not accepted)

p. Meeting the minimum requirements for admission (*matriculation*)

For applicants holding a Senior Certificate, the minimum requirements for admission to degree study is a Senior Certificate with matriculation endorsement. For applicants holding a National Senior Certificate, it is an NSC endorsed to the effect that the candidate has met the minimum requirements for admission to degree study. For applicants holding other forms of school-leaving qualifications, it is meeting the requirements for a certificate of matriculation exemption issued by the Matriculation Board.

In addition, applicants must meet the requirements for proficiency in English, the medium of instruction at UCT. The English language requirements are stipulated in the Language Policy of the University.

2. FACULTY OF COMMERCE

a. Introduction

APS cut-off point levels are set to achieve the desired demographic makeup of the student body.

The Academic Development programmes (for the BCom and the BBusSc) are specifically designed to provide redress.

Applicants are encouraged to write the NBT AQL *at the earliest opportunity*. The result in this test may lead to an early offer and may strengthen an applicant's eligibility for the award of a scholarship subject to meeting the minimum subject requirements, described below, in the final examinations.

The selection instruments we use for Commerce are:

- Academic results (usually school-leaving results) translated to an APS;
- Performance in the National Benchmark Tests.
- Performance (usually in the school-leaving examination) in Mathematics and English;
- The scores achieved by applicants are calculated as follows:

Senior Certificate (SC)

- by doubling the score for Mathematics and English achieved in the Senior Certificate (SC) and adding the next best four scores;

National Senior Certificate (NSC)

- by adding the score for NSC Mathematics and NSC English, and the next best four subjects excluding Life Orientation.

The tables below show how we use these APS scores.

Applicants must submit at least two sets of examination results in order to be considered for an early offer. These may include Grade 11 final results.

The guidelines that follow do not guarantee admission. Study offers may be limited for reasons of capacity. Satisfying the minimum subject requirements does not assure an applicant of admission.

b. Criteria for admission to Regular and Academic Development programmes

The following are guidelines only and do not guarantee admission. Places are limited by capacity.

Regular Programmes

An applicant who is made an *offer* of admission to a regular programme is entitled to *register* for ANY regular programme in the Faculty for which s/he meets the entrance criteria. Thus, if we have made an applicant an offer for a BCom Accounting and his/her final NSC results meet the entrance criteria for BBusSc Finance, s/he will be entitled to register for BBusSc Finance.

*Academic Development Programmes **

South African Black, Chinese, Coloured or Indian applicants may apply for admission to the Academic Development (AD) programmes. We may also offer places on AD programmes to equity candidates not meeting the point requirements for regular programmes, whose NBT results indicate potential.

i. Admission criteria for applicants holding the **Senior Certificate (SC)**

1. Admission to regular programmes

Programme	Minimum APS requirements for all applicants	Minimum Subject Requirements for SC applicants
BCom Accounting BCom Information Systems BCom Economics - PPE BCom Financial Accounting & Law BCom Economics & Law	49	Maths D(HG)/ B(SG)**
BCom Economics & Finance BCom Economics & Statistics	49	Maths D (HG)
BBusSc (Management Studies)	52	Maths D (HG)
BBusSc (Actuarial Science)	56	Maths A (HG) English First Language C (HG)
BCom (Actuarial Science)	56	Maths A (HG) English First Language C (HG)

2. Admission to Academic Development Programmes

All programmes other than Actuarial Science

Minimum Subject Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths HG (D) OR Maths SG (B) ** • English First Language HG (E) or English Second Language HG (C)

Actuarial Science

Maths (HG) A English First Language (HG) D English Second Language HG (C)

** SC: In exceptional circumstances SG Mathematics may be considered subject to a pass with a B or above. In general this will not be considered unless the applicant attended a school which did not offer HG Mathematics.

ii. Admission criteria and APS requirements for applicants holding the **National Senior Certificate (NSC)**

Programme	Minimum Subject Requirements	Minimum APS requirement for all applicants	*Applicants from designated groups may be considered for Academic Development programmes
BCom (Accounting) BCom (Information Systems) BCom (PPE) BCom (Accounting and Law) BCom (Economics and Law) BCom (Economics and Finance) BCom (Economics and Statistics)	60% (5) for Mathematics 50% (4) for English Home language or 60% (5) for English First Additional language	37	Below 37
BCom (Actuarial Science)	80% (7) for Mathematics 60% (5) for English Home language	41	Below 41
BBusSc (Management Studies)	60% (5) for Mathematics 50% (4) for English Home language or 60% (5) for English First Additional language	39	Below 39
BBusSc (Management Studies – Computer Science)	70% (6) for Mathematics 50% (4) for English Home language or 60% (5) for English First Additional language	39	Below 39
BBusSc (Actuarial Science)	80% (7) for Mathematics 60% (5) for English Home language	41	Below 41

* BBusSc (AD)	50% (4) for Mathematics	
* BCom (AD)	50% (4) for English Home language or 60% (5) for English First Additional language	
* (Actuarial Science) AD BBusSc or BCom	80% (7) for Mathematics 60% (5) for English 1 st additional language 50% (4) for English Home language	
		Applicants from designated groups who have not reached the minimum requirement for admission to the regular programmes will be considered on the basis of their APS and their performance in the NBTs provided they have met the subject requirements. In selecting applicants we will give attention to the composition of the class and our redress objectives. Preference will be given to under-represented groups.

*South African African, Chinese, Coloured and Indian applicants may apply for admission to the Academic Development (AD) programmes.

iii. Admission criteria for applicants with international school-leaving certificates

Calculation of Points

The following information is a *GUIDELINE* for applicants who have successfully completed international school-leaving qualifications and wish to study at UCT.

To be considered for admission, applicants must qualify for matriculation exemption from the Matriculation Board and meet certain minimum Faculty entry requirements.

Please note that the subjects and points score specified below are the minimum entrance requirements and do not guarantee admission. Each applicant will be assessed individually.

1. O level, AS level and A level applicants

A LEVELS, AS LEVELS AND O LEVELS

- Combine at least three **A-level/AS-level** subjects with the best relevant **O-level** subjects to have a total of 6 subjects. Double your points for Mathematics and English. **Each subject can only be counted once at A Level or AS Level or O Level.**

Minimum entry requirements: A-LEVEL AS-LEVELS/ O-LEVELS

Programme	Minimum APS points required	Mathematics	English
BCom (Financial Accounting, Financial Accounting & Law, Information Systems, PPE) BCom (Economics & Law)	53	A-level E or AS-level D or O-level B	A-level E or AS-level D or O-level B
BCom (Economics & Finance, Economics & Statistics)	53	A-level D or AS-level C	A-level E or AS-level D or O-level B
BBusSc (Management Studies)	55	A-level D or AS-level C symbol	A-level E or AS-level D or O-level B
Actuarial Science BBusSc/ BCom	60	A-level A or AS-level A	A-level C or AS-level C or O-level A

2. HIGCSE and IGCSE applicants

A minimum of 4 HIGCSE subjects must be scored and the best of relevant IGCSE subjects to have a total of 6 subjects. Each subject can only be counted once at HIGCSE or at IGCSE. Only Grades 1, 2 or 3 are acceptable for HIGCSE and Grades A, B or C for IGCSE. Double points for Mathematics and English. A Grade 4 and below on HIGCSE is not accepted

Minimum entry requirements: HIGCSE and IGCSE

Programme	Minimum APS Points Required	Mathematics	English
BCom (Financial Accounting) BCom (Fin Accounting & Law) BCom (Information Systems), BCom (PPE) BCom (Economics & Law)	53	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3 IGCSE: B	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3
BCom (Economics & Finance, Economics & Statistics)	53	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3
BBusSc (Management Studies)	55	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3 at	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3
Actuarial Science BBusSc/BCom	60	HIGCSE level Grade 1	HIGCSE level Grade 1 to 3

3. *International Baccalaureate (IB) applicants*

An applicant must have:

- the IB DIPLOMA (we do not accept the IB Certificate)
- at least 3 HL subjects plus 3 SL subjects, 2 of which must be Mathematics & English, and
- At least Grade 4 Higher Level (HL) Mathematics or Grade 5 Standard Level (SL) Mathematics (we do not accept Mathematical Studies)
- English at Standard Level 5
- For Actuarial Science: HL Mathematics at Grade 7 and HL English at Grade 5 or SL English at Grade 7
- Applicants must achieve the minimum points as outlined below (Double points for Mathematics and English)

Minimum entry requirements: IB Diploma

Programme	Minimum Points Required
BCom (Financial Accounting) BCom (Financial Accounting & Law) BCom (Information Systems), BCom (PPE) BCom (Economics & Law) BCom (Economics & Finance, Economics & Statistics)	53
BBusSc(Management Studies)	55
Actuarial Science BBusSc/BCom	60

4. *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

5. *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

iv. *Transferring Applicants*

Transferring applicants wishing to transfer to the Commerce Faculty (both from within UCT and outside of UCT) will be considered having regard to

- Meeting the minimum school subject requirements for Commerce
- Meeting the minimum points requirement for entry to Commerce
- National Benchmark Test results
- Post School academic record:
 - It is unlikely that students who have failed one or more courses will be accepted.
 - Particular attention will be given to courses relevant to the Commerce Faculty and to the proposed programme(s)

Entrance examinations may be required to continue in certain disciplines. Please refer to the Commerce website or contact the Faculty Office

v. *Additional admission criteria for proceeding to senior years in programmes containing Law Subjects*

Successful completion of the prescribed standard load and an average of 65% at the first attempt is required for the year/s prior to the year including the RDL courses. The rationale is that clear evidence of an ability to succeed in all subjects in the initial year/s indicates a good probability of coping with an increased workload in the following years.

In line with our transformation and diversity goals, African, Chinese, Coloured and Indian South African (citizens and permanent resident) applicants may, at the discretion of the Faculty of Law, be admitted into the programme with an average of less than 65% but not lower than 60%.

3. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The guidelines that follow do not guarantee admission. Study offers are limited for reasons of capacity. Satisfying the minimum subject requirement does not assure an applicant of admission. Applicants for any of the programmes below may be waitlisted. Engineering programme applicants may be considered for ASPECT. Selections from the waiting list and for ASPECT will address equity objectives, with special attention to the recruitment of black South Africans.

National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)

All South African and South African based applicants must write the NBT tests in Mathematics; and in Academic and Quantitative Literacy. In cases where admission points calculated on the basis of the NSC results alone fall within the “Admission Possible” category, good scores in the NBTs may be an advantage.

Calculation of APS points for programmes in the Faculty (Life Orientation is not scores):

National Senior Certificate

Architectural Studies Programme

Score English and Mathematics or Physical Sciences and the next four best subjects.

Engineering and Geomatics Programmes

Score English, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and the next three best subjects.

Construction Studies Programme

Score Mathematics and Physical Sciences, and the next four best subjects.

Property Studies Programme

Score English, Mathematics and the next four best subjects.

Senior Certificate

Architectural Studies Programme

Score English and Mathematics/Physical Science and your next four best subjects.

Engineering and Geomatics Programmes

Score English, Mathematics, Physical Science and your next three best subjects. Double the points you score for Mathematics and Physical Science.

Construction Studies

Score English, Mathematics, Physical Science and your next three best subjects.

Property Studies Programme

Score English, Mathematics and your next four best subjects.

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE: Assessing the likelihood of admission

Programme	Admission Probable	Admission Possible (See NOTE above)	Minimum Requirements
Architectural Studies	Applications are assessed on the basis of school-leaving results and a portfolio of prescribed creative exercises, with equal weighting given to each. Offers are made to the top SA and International applicants on the basis of the ranked combined scores. The overall class is constituted based on the University's principles of diversity, redress and representivity, within the overall limited number of study places available. For SA applicants, offers are made to the highest ranked candidates within the respective population categories. Cut off scores between the categories may differ.		31 APS points 25 for the portfolio and 4 for Mathematics or Physical Sciences
Engineering	<i>Note: Applicants who achieve 7 or 8 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences <u>may</u> be considered on an individual basis if they do not attain the "Admission Probable" points shown hereunder.</i>		Minimum Requirements for possible admission to ASPECT Engineering Programmes
<i>Chemical</i>	40 APS points and above. (7 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences)	35 - 39 APS points (7 for Mathematics and 6 for Physical Sciences)	32 APS points (6 for Mathematics and 6 for Physical Sciences)
<i>Civil</i>	40 APS points and above. (7 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences)	35 - 39 APS points (7 for Mathematics and 6 for Physical Sciences)	32 ASP points (6 for Mathematics and 6 for Physical Sciences)
<i>Electrical, Electrical & Computer, and Mechatronics</i>	39 APS points and above (7 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences)	35 - 38 APS points (6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Sciences)	32 APS points (6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Sciences)
<i>Mechanical and Electro-Mechanical:</i>	39 APS points and above. (7 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences)	35 - 38 APS points (6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Sciences)	32 APS points (6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Sciences)
Geomatics	32 APS points and above (6 for Mathematics and Physical Sciences)	30 - 31 APS points (6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Sciences)	30 APS points (5 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Sciences)
Construction Studies	36 APS points and above (5 for Mathematics and 4 for Physical Sciences)	30 - 35 APS points (5 for Mathematics and 4 for Physical Science)	30 APS points (5 for Mathematics and 4 for Physical Sciences)
Property Studies	36 APS points and above (5 for Mathematics)	30 - 35 APS points (5 for Mathematics)	30 APS points (5 for Mathematics)

SENIOR CERTIFICATE: Assessing the likelihood of admission

Programme	Admission Probable	Admission Possible (See NOTE below)	Minimum requirements
Architectural Studies	Applications are assessed on the basis of school-leaving results and a portfolio of prescribed creative exercises, with equal weighting given to each. A number of places will be reserved for Black, Coloured and Indian applicants from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.		32 APS points (unweighted) and 25 for portfolio E (HG) / D (SG) Maths or Science
Engineering: Chemical Civil	56 APS points and above B for either (HG), Maths or Science and a C for the other	53 – 55 APS points C (HG) Maths and Science	53 APS points D (HG) Maths and Science
Engineering: Electrical Electrical & Computer Electro-Mechanical Mechatronics	54 APS points and above B for either (HG) Maths or Science and a C for the other	50 – 53 points C (HG) Maths and Science	50 points D (HG) Maths and Science
Geomatics	48 APS points and above C (HG) Maths and Science	Not applicable	48 APS points D (HG) Maths and Science
Construction Studies	38 unweighted APS points and above D (HG) or A (SG) Maths; E (HG) or B (SG) Science	35 - 37 unweighted APS points D (HG) or A (SG) Maths; E (HG) or B (SG) Science	35 unweighted APS points E (HG) or B (SG) Maths and Science
Property Studies	38 unweighted APS points and above D (HG) or A (SG) Maths	35 - 37 unweighted APS points D (HG) or A (SG) Maths	35 unweighted APS points E (HG) or B (SG) Maths
ASPECT (Engineering and Geomatics)	48 APS points and above C (HG) Maths and Science See NOTE 1 below.	Not applicable	45 APS points (weighted) D (HG) Maths and Science

Other than South African Qualifications

Note 1: Meeting the minimum requirements alone will normally not be sufficient to secure admission.

Note 2: Full Matriculation Exemption is a requirement applicable to all applicants.

Note 3: Applicants with only O-Level and/or IGCSE subjects are not eligible for admission.

A- or AS-levels (University of Cambridge or equivalent)

BAS: To be considered for admission applicants must (i) obtain at least a D symbol in two A-level subjects or at least a C symbol in four AS-level subjects, and (ii) at least a grade C symbol at O-level for Mathematics or Physical Science. Applicants must submit a written motivation and the drawings and creative work required by the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics.

BSc(Construction Studies):

For A-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least two D symbols, one of which must be in Mathematics. Applicants must also obtain at least a C symbol at O-level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry. The minimum requirement is at least one D and one E symbol at A-level, one of which must be Mathematics with a C symbol at O-level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry.

For AS-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least a D symbol for Mathematics and at least a B symbol in three other AS-level subjects and at least C symbol at O-level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry. The minimum requirement is at least a D symbol in Mathematics and at least a C symbol in three other AS-level subjects.

BSc(Property Studies):

For A-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least two D symbols at A-level, one of which must be in Mathematics. The minimum requirement is at least one D and one E symbol at A-levels, one of which must be Mathematics.

For AS-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least a D symbol for Mathematics and at least a B symbol in three other AS-level subjects. The minimum requirement is at least a D symbol in Mathematics and at least a C symbol in three other AS-level subjects.

BSc (Eng) in Chemical, Civil, Electro-Mechanical and Mechanical Engineering:

For A-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least a C in O-level English and at least a B in Mathematics at A-level AND either a B in A-level Chemistry and a pass with at least B in O-level Physics OR a B in A-level Physics and a pass with at least a B in O-level Chemistry. The minimum requirement is at least a D symbol in (i) Mathematics and Physics at A-level with a B symbol in Chemistry at O-level, or (ii) at least a D symbol in Mathematics and Chemistry at A-level with a B symbol for Physics at O-level.

For AS-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least a C for O-level English and at least an A for Mathematics and Physical Science and two B's at AS-level. If applicants do not offer Physical Science, then they need to obtain at least an A for Mathematics and an A for either Physics or Chemistry and a B for the other and one other B. The minimum requirement in order to be considered is at least four C symbols including Mathematics and Physical Science/Physics and Chemistry.

BSc (Eng) in Electrical, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechatronics and BSc (Geomatics):

For A-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least a C for O-level English and at least a B for Mathematics at A-level AND a B for A-level Physics. The minimum requirement is at least a D symbol in Mathematics and Physics at A-level.

For AS-level candidates: Admission is probable if applicants obtain at least a C for O-level English and an A for two AS-level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science/Physics plus two B's at AS-level for two other subjects. The minimum requirement in order to be considered is at least four C symbols including Mathematics and Physical Science/Physics.

HIGCSE

BAS: To be considered for admission applicants must obtain at least a grade C pass at IGCSE level (or a grade 3 pass at HIGCSE level) for Mathematics or Physical Science. Applicants must submit a written motivation and the drawings and creative work required by the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics.

BSc (Construction Studies) and BSc (Property Studies): Admission is probable if applicants obtain level 2 passes in at least four HIGCSE subjects including Mathematics and, additionally for Construction Studies, Physical Science. The minimum requirement in order to be considered is at least level 3 passes in four HIGCSE subjects including Mathematics, and additionally, for Construction Studies, Physical Science.

BSc (Eng) and BSc (Geomatics): Admission is probable if applicants pass at least four HIGCSE subjects with a level 1 pass in both Mathematics and Physical Science. The minimum requirement in order to be considered is at least level 2 passes in both Mathematics and Physical Science and at least level 3 passes in two other subjects.

International Baccalaureate

BAS: To be considered for admission applicants must obtain the full IB Diploma with at least Grade 4 for Mathematics or Physical Science at subsidiary level. Applicants must submit a written motivation and the drawings and creative work required by the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics.

BSc (Construction Studies) and BSc (Property Studies): Admission is probable if applicants obtain the full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry (for Construction Studies) and Mathematics (for Property Studies). This is also the minimum requirement. Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable.

BSc (Eng) in Chemical, Civil, Electro-Mechanical and Mechanical Engineering: Admission is probable if applicants obtain the full IB Diploma with at least two Grade 6 passes at SL and two Grade 5 passes at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. (Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable.). The minimum requirement in order to be considered is a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

BSc (Eng) in Electrical, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechatronics and BSc (Geomatics): Admission is probable if applicants obtain the full IB Diploma with at least two Grade 6 passes at SL and two Grade 5 passes at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics. (Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable.) The minimum requirement in order to be considered is a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for Mathematics and Physics.

4. FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS:

1 Eligibility for consideration

- 1.1 We consider applications to the Faculty of Health Sciences from South African citizens or permanent residents only, or from citizens and permanent residents of Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries that do not have health sciences faculties or whose health sciences faculties do not offer the health sciences programme the applicant wishes to study. However, we will consider applications for the BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology programmes from international applicants other than SADC applicants if demand from South African applicants is not high in a particular admissions cycle.
- 1.2 The second set of results of applicants who have rewritten the final school-leaving examinations will not normally be considered; however, the results of an applicant who did not have a required admission subject at school and took this after completing the final school-leaving examinations in order to become eligible for consideration, will be considered.
- 1.3 Applicants who are already registered for a similar health sciences programme at another university and who wish to transfer to UCT are not normally considered (although such applicants may compete for admission to the first year of any programme); we do not consider applications from people who have been refused re-admission by a Faculty at UCT or another tertiary institution.
- 1.4 Preference is generally given to applicants who have listed the Faculty programme as their first choice of study, if the level of competition for admission to the programme concerned in that applicant category is high.
- 1.5 Applicants to MBChB already studying towards a tertiary qualification or who have obtained a tertiary qualification should have at least 35 Senior Certificate APS points, or 30 National Senior Certificate APS points, to be eligible for consideration. Exceptions are considered on merit.
- 1.6 To be eligible for consideration, applicants must have passed certain school-leaving subjects at specific performance levels and must have written the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs). (Two tests are written and the results reflected as three scores – for Mathematics, Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy.)
- 1.7 Applicants doing foundation programmes must generally have completed their foundation programmes, unless they would in any event be eligible for admission based on their SC or NSC scores and their results in the National Benchmark Tests.

2 Required subjects at school-leaving level and minimum performance levels:

South African school-leaving examinations:

For Senior Certificate:

For MBChB: English plus Mathematics plus Physical Science: E at Higher Grade or D at Standard Grade plus minimum APS of 39

For Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: English plus Mathematics plus Physical Science or Biology: E at Higher Grade or D at standard grade, plus minimum APS of 34

The table used to calculate the Senior Certificate score is given on Page 5.

Applicants' scores are calculated as follows: Points for the mandatory subjects given above plus points for next three best subjects. An additional point is added for a third official South African language at First or Second Language Higher Grade.

For National Senior Certificate:

For MBChB:

A pass in English (at Home or First Additional Language level) at performance level 4

A pass in Mathematics at level 4

A pass in Physical Science at level 4

A minimum APS of 36

For Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (i.e. BSc Audiology, BSc Speech-Language Pathology, BSc Occupational Therapy and BSc Physiotherapy:

A pass in English (at Home or First Additional Language level) at level 4

A pass in Mathematics at level 4 OR Mathematical Literacy at level 5

A pass in Physical Science OR Life Sciences at level 4

The table used to calculate the National Senior Certificate score is given on Page 5.

Applicants' scores are calculated as follows: Points for the mandatory subjects given above plus points for next three best subjects, excluding Life Orientation. An additional point is added for a third official South African language at Home or First Additional Language level.

International school-leaving certificates:

- A- and O-level applicants require at least three A-level subjects (including Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry). AS- and O-level applicants require at least four AS-level subjects (including Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry); the remaining subject (Chemistry or Physics) which is not at A- (or AS-) level must be at O-level.
- IB applicants require at least three Higher Level subjects, of which Mathematics plus either Physics or Chemistry must be two. (Mathematical Studies is not acceptable.) The remaining subject not taken at Higher Level (Chemistry or Physics) must be at Standard Level. Applicants who offer Mathematical Methods (Standard Level) are assessed on a case-by-case basis but would not normally be considered for admission to MBChB. IB applicants also need to be in possession of the IB Diploma, not the Certificate.
- HIGCSE/IGCSE applicants require at least four HIGCSE subjects (including Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry) and one IGCSE subject. The remaining subject not taken at HIGCSE level (Chemistry or Physics) must be at IGCSE level.] (In each of the above, Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry in the case of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.)

Required performance levels may vary, depending on whether the applicant is a SA citizen/permanent resident or SADC applicant, and in the category (equity or open) in which the applicant is competing.

Tables similar to the ones used for SC and NSC results may be used to calculate scores for international school-leaving examination results, where such tables exist. In such cases applicants' scores are calculated as follows: Points for the mandatory subjects given above plus points for next three best subjects. An additional point is added for a third official South African language at First or Second Language level.

Where conversion tables do not exist, applications are considered on individual merit.

3 Selection measures:

3.1 First-time entering undergraduate applicants are assessed using two measures:

- APS score (based on UCT points rating table) or other final school-leaving results (using a comparable rating table as guideline where possible.)
- Results in the National Benchmark Tests, reduced to a single score

3.2 Applicants currently studying at tertiary level, and applicants who have tertiary qualifications, are assessed using three measures:

- Senior certificate score or other final school-leaving results, converted to an APS where possible
- Tertiary education results
- Results in the National Benchmark Tests, reduced to a single score

The table used to calculate the National Senior Certificate score is given on page 6.

Applicants' scores are calculated as follows: Points for the mandatory subjects given above plus points for next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation. An additional point is added for a third official South African language at Home of First Additional Language level.

4 National Benchmark Tests (NBT)

All applicants are required to write both NBTs. Applicants applying for the Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (BSc Physiotherapy, BSc Occupational Therapy, BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology) who offer Mathematical Literacy instead of Mathematics are exempted from writing the Mathematics Test.

The results in the tests are converted to a total score out of 30, (or out of 20 if Mathematics NBT is not written in the case of applicants not taking Mathematics as an NSC subject). In all cases the final result is weighted 30% of the applicant's total score (see below).

5 Weighting of selection measures

The APS (derived from either the SC or NSC results) is weighted 70% of an overall total score, and score for the NBTs is weighted 30% of an overall score.

6 Selection categories, targets, and early conditional offers

Applicants compete in selection categories as follows:

- South African school leavers and first-time applicants (African, Coloured, Indian/Chinese, Open) (the Open category includes those who do not classify themselves, and those who classify themselves as White)
- SADC applicants
- Transfer applicants (with tertiary study here or at other institutions)

SC/NSC applicants are ranked in their selection category by overall weighted score, and the Faculty Selection Committee may make early conditional offers from about mid-year of the year preceding admission. Early offers are made to applicants with the highest overall weighted scores; the cut-off point for early offers may be dropped during the year preceding admission, but will not be dropped to a level where the Selection Committee considers it likely that there will be many other applicants with the same or better scores in the final SC/NSC examinations. The condition on which early offers are made is that applicants maintain or improve, in the final examinations, their best level of performance to date, at the time that the offer was made.

A similar process applies to applicants with tertiary results.

International applications are considered simultaneously (and not on an on-going basis, as for South African applicants), soon after the closing date for all international applicants of 30 September. Very few offers are made to international students, particularly where competition among South African applicants is high.

In January, once the final school and tertiary results of all applicants are available, the Selection Committee ranks, on one list, all competitive applicants who have not been made early offers. Applicants in selection categories where the target for that category has not been met may be placed higher on the overall ranked list. Offers then continue to be made from this ranked list until registration, if and as places become available.

7 Tables summarising admission criteria, minimum achievement levels for consideration and likely scores required for admission for SC and NSC applicants

Notes:

- *NBT = National Benchmark Tests result. Most applicants must write both the tests, in which case a result out of 30 is calculated. For applicants to the Rehabilitation Sciences who have Mathematical Literacy rather than Mathematics, and who write only one test, a result out of 20 is calculate, but this result is also converted to a score out of 30 (given the weighting of NBT vs SC/NSC results).*
- *If an applicant obtains the minimum SC/NSC score, he/she is usually required to obtain a higher NBT score than the minima mentioned in the “admission possible” column below.*
- *An NBT score of 30% or less for any single test result (10 out of 30 or 7 out of 20) is generally unacceptable.*
- *The following scores for “possible” and “probable” admission offers are guidelines only. Meeting these does not guarantee admission.*

Senior Certificate applicants

Programme and selection category	Subject requirements	Minimum APS points to be considered	Admission possible (minima acceptable)	Admission probable
MBChB				
Black	Mathematics	39	APS: 39	APS: 41
Coloured			NBT result: 12/30	NB T result: 15/30
Indian / Chinese	HG: E		APS: 39	APS: 42
	SG: D		NBT result: 12/30	NBT result: 16/30
White/Open	Physical Science	APS: 42	APS: 47	
		NBT result: 18/30	NBT result: 24/30	
	HG: E	APS: 42	APS: 47	
	SG: D	NBT result: 18/30	NBT result: 24/30	

BSc Physiotherapy				
Black	Mathematics: HG E SG: D	34	APS: 34	APS: 34
			NBT result: 11/30	NBT result: 14/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
Coloured			APS: 34	APS: 34
	NBT result: 11/30	NBT result: 14/30		
	If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20		
Indian / Chinese	Physical Science OR		APS: 40	APS: 41
	Biology:		NBT result: 16/30	NBT result: 18/30
	HG: E		If Maths Literacy offered: 12/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 14/20
White/Open	SG: D		APS: 42	APS: 43
			NBT result: 18/30	NBT result: 21/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 14/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 16/20
BSc Occupational Therapy				
Black	Mathematics: HG E SG: D	34	APS: 34	APS: 34
			NBT result: 11/30	NBT result: 14/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
Coloured			APS: 34	APS: 34
	NBT result: 11/30	NBT result: 14/30		
	If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20		
Indian / Chinese	Physical Science OR		APS: 38	APS: 38
	Biology:		NBT result: 14/30	NBT result: 15/30
	HG: E		If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 11/20
White/Open	SG: D		APS: 38	APS: 40
			NBT result: 15/30	NBT result: 16/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 12/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 13/20
BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology				
Black	Mathematics E (HG)/D (SG)	34	APS: 34	APS: 34
			NBT result: 11/30	NBT result: 13/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20
Coloured			Physical Science/Biology E (HG)/D (SG)	
			NBT result: 11/30	NBT result: 13/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20
Indian / Chinese			APS: 36	APS: 38
			NBT result: 12/30	NBT result: 14/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
White/Open			APS: 38	APS: 38
			NBT result: 14/30	NBT result: 15/30
			If Maths Literacy offered: 11/20	If Maths Literacy offered: 12/20

National Senior Certificate Applicants

Programme and selection category	Subject requirements	Minimum level of performance and NSC point score to be considered	Admission possible (minimum acceptable)		Admission probable
MBChB					
Black	Mathematics	Level 4 for • Maths plus • Physical Science plus • English plus • NSC score of 36	APS: 36	APS: 36	36
			NBT result: 12/30	NBT result: 15/30	
Coloured			Plus	APS points: 36	APS: 40
			NBT result: 12/30	NBT result: 16/30	16/30
Indian / Chinese	Physical		APS: 40	APS: 46	46
			NBT result: 18/30	NBT result: 24/30	24/30

White/Open	Science		APS: 42 NBT result: 18/30	APS: 47 NBT result: 24/3
BSc Physiotherapy				
Black	Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy Plus Physical Sciences OR Life Sciences	Level 4 for Maths OR level 5 for Maths Literacy;	APS: 28 NBT result: 11/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20	APS: 28 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
Coloured		Plus level 4 for English;	APS: 28 NBT result: 11/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20	APS: 28 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
Indian / Chinese		Plus level 4 for Physical Science OR Life Sciences;	APS: 28 NBT result: 16/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 12/20	APS: 35 NBT result: 18/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 14/20
White/Open		Plus overall score of 28	APS: 28 NBT result: 18/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 14/20	APS: 35 NBT result: 21/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 16/20
BSc Occupational Therapy				
Black	Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy Plus Physical Sciences OR Life Sciences	Level 4 for Maths OR level 5 for Maths Literacy;	APS: 28 NBT result: 11/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	NSC score: 28 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
Coloured		Plus level 4 for English; plus	APS: 28 NBT result: 11/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	APS: 28 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
Indian / Chinese		level 4 for Physical Science OR Life Sciences;	APS: 28 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20	APS: 35 NBT result: 15/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 11/20
White/Open		plus: overall score of 28	APS: 28 NBT result: 15/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 12/20	APS: 35 NBT result: 16/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 13/20
BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology				
Black	Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy Plus Physical Sciences OR Life Sciences	Level 4 for Maths OR level 5 for Maths Literacy;	APS: 28 NBT result: 11/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	APS: 28 NBT result: 13/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20
Coloured		Plus level 4 for English; plus	APS: 28 NBT result: 11/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 8/20	APS: 28 NBT result: 13/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20
Indian / Chinese		level 4 for Physical Science OR Life Sciences;	APS: 28 NBT result: 12/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 9/20	APS: 35 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 10/20
White/Open		plus overall score of 28	APS: 28 NBT result: 14/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 11/20	APS: 35 NBT result: 15/30 If Maths Literacy offered: 12/20

5. THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Admission requirements and the calculation of points

All applicants writing the National Senior Certificate must obtain the NSC with endorsement for degree studies (or endorsement for diploma studies where this is the programme of choice). Applicants who completed the Senior Certificate need to have obtained matriculation exemption to be eligible for consideration for degree programs. Matriculation exemption is not required for diploma programmes.

For applicants writing the National Senior Certificate, and for those who wrote the Senior Certificate in the past, an Admissions Point rating system (APS) is used which assigns points to subjects passed, as indicated in the tables below. Admissions points are allocated to English, and the next five best subjects.

For applicants completing the National Senior Certificate, Life Orientation must be passed at level 4, but is not included in the points calculation.

National Benchmark Tests (NBT)

All applicants must write the NBT tests. The NBT results are used to complement the APS score, and are only ever used positively (i.e. they are not used to exclude, but may include someone whose APS scores might be low). The NBT test is used as:

- (a) a placement indicator to identify applicants in need of language development courses, or other additional academic support;
- (b) an indicator, along with the APS score, of eligibility for an early offer or an Entrance Scholarship.

South African applicants will usually not be considered until an NBT score is available. Applicants who are out of the country on a gap year and therefore unable to write the NBT test may be made an offer on their APS score only, on condition that they write the NBT test during Orientation Week. Applicants who are unable to write the NBT test on the first occasion may be made an early, conditional offer on the basis of two sets of *excellent* results, on condition that the NBT test is written on the second occasion. No Entrance Scholarship will be awarded without an NBT score.

Arts and Social Science degrees (BA and BSocSc)

APS requirements for applicants holding the National Senior Certificate:
 These are guidelines only and do not guarantee admission. Study offers are limited by capacity.

Programme	Admission Probable	Admission Possible *	Considered individually	Minimum subject requirements
BA/BSocSc (with majors other than Economics and Psychology); and BA Film & Media Production	38 and above	32– 37	below 32	English level 4
BSocSc/BA majoring in Psychology <i>Admission to a programme may be subject to further requirements for admission to certain majors or courses. Please consult the entry under 'Admission to Specific Subject Courses' in the Prospectus.</i>	38 and above	35-37	below 35	English level 4 <i>Please consult the entry under 'Admission to Specific Subject Courses' in the Prospectus.</i>
BSocSc/BA majoring in Economics	41 and above	37-40	below 37	English level 4 Maths level 5
BSocSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)	41 and above	37-40	below 37	English level 4 Maths level 5
BSW (Bachelor of Social Work)	38 and above	29-37	below 29	English level 4

* **If applicants have obtained excellent results on the NBT test, they may be made an early offer of a place in the Faculty, subject to meeting the minimum subject requirements described above in the final exams.**

APS requirements for applicants holding the Senior Certificate:
 These are guidelines only and do not guarantee admission. Study offers are limited by capacity.

Programme	Admission Probable	Admission Possible *	Considered individually	Minimum subject requirements
BA/BSocSc (with majors other than Economics and Psychology); and BA Film & Media Production	41 and above	35 – 40	below 35	D (HG) English
BSocSc/BA majoring in Psychology <i>Admission to a programme may be subject to further requirements for admission to certain majors or courses. Please consult the entry under 'Admission to Specific Subject Courses' in the Prospectus.</i>	41 and above	38 – 40	below 38	D (HG) English <i>Please consult the entry under 'Admission to Specific Subject Courses' in the Prospectus.</i>
BSocSc/BA majoring in Economics	43 and above	40 – 42	below 40	D (HG) English D (HG) Maths (or B (SG) Maths ONLY if school did not offer Mathematics at HG level)

BSocSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)	43 and above	40 – 42	below 40	D (HG) English D (HG) Maths (or B (SG) Maths ONLY if school did not offer Maths at HG level)
BSW (Bachelor of Social Work)	41 and above	32 - 40	Below 32 **	English level 4

* **If applicants have obtained excellent results on the NBT test, they may be made an early offer of a place in the Faculty, subject to meeting the minimum subject requirements described above in the final exams.**

** **An application may be considered in exceptional cases, for eg, where an applicant is able to demonstrate relevant experience**

SELECTION PROCEDURES

Applications are usually considered only when two sets of internal examination results (or final school-leaving results) AND the NBT score are available.

We aim through our selection procedures to construct a class based on the principles of diversity, redress and fairness. To this end, applications are considered in the following categories:

- Citizenship (SA and SA permanent residence, and International)
- Population groups (Black, Coloured, Indian, Chinese and White)

Offers are made to South African applicants in their respective population groups starting with the top applicant in each group (ie highest APS score) working downwards in numerous iterations. If there are more applicants with the minimum points required in a category than the target number of places for applicants in that population group allows, only the best among them (highest APS scores) are made an offer. The cut-off points may differ between categories.

If there are fewer South African Black, Coloured, Indian and Chinese applicants who meet the required APS scores than places for that population group, consideration for a mainstream place will be given to applicants in a narrow band below the minimum required (see “Considered Individually” in table below). In these cases an offer would only be made if the NBT scores indicated potential to succeed.

If, after all applicants in a category have been considered, there are still not enough applicants to fill the number of places available, and no further applicants can be expected, the remaining places will be filled, if possible, with applicants from another category to ensure that the Faculty reaches its overall enrolment target.

Extended degree programmes

Applicants who are selected on the basis of their performance in the NBT tests, APS score and on educational background may be offered a study place in the Extended BA/BSocSc degree (four-year programme). Only South African Black, Coloured, Indian and Chinese applicants are eligible to be considered individually for a place in the Extended Programmes. Applicants may be offered a place in one of the Extended Programmes if:

- (1) the NBT score indicates a reasonable success rate in a programme of this nature;
- (2) the APS score indicates a reasonable success rate in a programme of this nature;
- (3) in the case of a programme with Economics the applicant’s Maths result is adequate, or in the case of a programme with Psychology, the applicant’s Maths or Maths Literacy result is adequate.

Applicants do not normally apply directly for a place in the Extended Programmes. If they do not meet the admission point requirements for the programme applied for, but their application information scores indicate the potential to succeed with additional support, they may be offered a place on one of the Faculty’s Extended Programmes.

Early conditional offers

Early conditional offers may be made to applicants on the basis of two sets of school results above the minimum required level, and satisfactory NBT scores.

All early offers are conditional on the applicant retaining these points in his/her final results, obtaining minimum admission requirements for degree study and at least level 4 for English (NSC) or HG D (Senior Certificate). If an applicant's final results drop to a level below the threshold for his or her category, the offer may be withdrawn.

Applicants whose schools do not have grade 12 exams may be considered for an early offer on the basis of their final grade 11 results and NBT scores.

Performing and Creative Arts programmes (degrees and diplomas)

Admission Rating requirements for applicants holding the National Senior Certificate:	
Programme	Minimum admission criteria
Music Diploma Programmes	NSC endorsed for diploma studies with English at level 4; Music at level 5; OR Grade V Theory of Music and Grade VII Practical (Unisa); OR a qualification deemed by the Director of the College of Music to be equivalent. NBT and successful audition. Alternative musical and linguistics abilities may be considered in lieu of English at level 4.
Performers Diploma in Music (Foundation)	NSC endorsed for diploma studies with English at level 4; Music at level 5; OR Grade V Theory of Music and Grade VII Practical (Unisa); OR a qualification deemed by the Director of the College of Music to be equivalent. NBT and successful audition. Alternative musical and linguistics abilities may be considered in lieu of English at level 4.
Performer's Diploma in Opera	NSC endorsed for diploma studies with English at level 4; satisfactory performance in the NBT test; and a successful audition. Alternative musical and linguistics abilities may be considered in lieu of English at level 4.
Bachelor of Music (Foundation Programme)	NSC endorsed for degree studies, 29 points with English at level 4, NBT and successful audition.
Bachelor of Music	NSC endorsed for degree studies, 32 points with English at level 4, Music at level 5; OR Grade V Theory of Music and Grade VII Practical (Unisa) OR a qualification deemed by the Director of the College of Music to be equivalent, NBT score and successful audition.
Dance Teacher's Diploma	NSC endorsed for diploma studies with English at level 4 and NBT score; successful audition, Royal Academy of Dancing or ISTD Cecchetti Intermediate Certificate or a qualification deemed by the Head of Department to be equivalent, or at least three years of formal training in a recognised Dance discipline.
BMus (Dance)	NSC endorsed for degree studies, 32 points with English at level 4 and NBT score, Royal Academy of Dancing or ISTD Cecchetti Intermediate Certificate or a qualification deemed by the Head of Department to be equivalent, or at least three years of formal training in a recognised Dance discipline. A successful audition.
BA (Fine Art)	NSC endorsed for degree studies, 32 points with English at level 4, NBT results and an assessment of artistic competence by submission of portfolio.

Performer's Diploma in Theatre	NSC endorsed for diploma studies with English at level 4; a successful audition and the NBT score. Post Grade 12 theatre or language experience may be considered by the Head of Department in lieu of the English at level 4.
BA Theatre and Performance	NSC endorsed for degree studies, 32 points with English at level 4; a successful audition and the NBT score.

Admission Rating requirements for applicants holding the Senior Certificate:	
Programme	Minimum admission criteria
Music Diploma Programmes	Senior certificate with 17 points, D (HG) for English; Music at C (HG) or B (SG); OR Grade V Theory of Music and Grade VII Practical (Unisa); OR a qualification deemed by the Director of the College of Music to be equivalent. NBT and successful audition. Alternative musical and linguistics abilities may be considered in lieu of English D (HG).

Programme	Minimum admission criteria
Performers Diploma in Music (Foundation)	Senior certificate with 17 points, D (HG) for English; Music at C (HG) or B (SG); OR Grade V Theory of Music and Grade VII Practical (Unisa); OR a qualification deemed by the Director of the College of Music to be equivalent. NBT and successful audition. Alternative musical and linguistics abilities may be considered in lieu of English D (HG).
Performer's Diploma in Opera	Senior Certificate with 17 points, D (HG) for English; satisfactory performance in the NBT test; and a successful audition. Alternative musical and linguistics abilities may be considered in lieu of English D (HG).
Bachelor of Music (Foundation Programme)	Matriculation Exemption, 32 points, D (HG) for English, NBT and successful audition.
Bachelor of Music	Matriculation Exemption; 35 points, Music at C (HG) or B (SG); OR Grade V Theory of Music and Grade VII Practical (Unisa) OR a qualification deemed by the Director of the College of Music to be equivalent, D (HG) for English, NBT and successful audition.
Dance Teacher's Diploma	Senior Certificate, 23 points, D (HG) English and NBT; successful audition, Royal Academy of Dancing or ISTD Cecchetti Intermediate Certificate or a qualification deemed by the Head of Department to be equivalent, or at least three years of formal training in a recognised Dance discipline.
BMus (Dance)	Matriculation Exemption, 35 points, D (HG) English and NBT, Royal Academy of Dancing or ISTD Cecchetti Intermediate Certificate or a qualification deemed by the Head of Department to be equivalent, or at least three years of formal training in a recognised Dance discipline. A successful audition.
BA (Fine Art)	Matriculation Exemption with 35 points, D (HG) English, NBT results and an assessment of artistic competence by submission of portfolio.
Performer's Diploma in Theatre	Senior certificate with 17 points and D (HG) in English; a successful audition and the NBT. Post Grade 12 theatre or language experience may be considered by the Head of Department in lieu of the English D.
BA Theatre and Performance	Matriculation Exemption, D (HG) in English, and 35 points; a successful audition and the NBT.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

For programmes in the Performing and Creative Arts, in addition to the selection process as detailed above for general BA and BSocSc degrees, and admission points requirements listed in the relevant table, the selection process includes the assessment of a portfolio or audition as described below. Applicants are encouraged to liaise with the department concerned for assistance in preparing for such audition or portfolio.

Fine Art: In addition to the general UCT application (which must be submitted to the central Admissions Office), applicants must submit a portfolio of their work to the Michaelis School of Fine Art. A portfolio should consist of at least 10 pieces of work (either originals or good colour photographs) that show evidence of observational skill and creative engagement. Additional information, and advice on preparing the portfolio, are available by contacting the School, or visiting their website. The Selection Panel grades and ranks the portfolios and makes a recommendation to the Faculty. The Faculty Office matches the portfolio recommendation with the APS score and NBT score. The applicant must have both an acceptable APS score AND portfolio recommendation to be made an offer. As long as the APS score is above the cut off, the portfolio recommendation is the leading indicator.

Theatre and Performance: The Selection Panel auditions applicants and identifies the best audition performances. Auditions are conducted in two rounds. In the first round, individual auditions are held where the focus is on the applicant's skills and abilities. In the second round, short-listed applicants are recalled for a group audition where the focus is on applicants' ability to work in a group context with others, and consideration is given to the composition of the class as a whole. Under certain circumstances an offer may be made after only one audition if in the opinion of the examiners, the audition merits immediate acceptance. The top candidates are recommended to the Faculty Office. Other acceptable auditionees are wait-listed in rank order to be considered later if offers are turned down. Applicants are also asked to submit an essay which is used as an additional indicator of an applicant's writing ability alongside the NBT score. Depending on the APS score and NBT, the Faculty Office makes an offer of a place in either the degree or diploma programme to these applicants. The leading indicator is the audition performance.

Dance: The Selection Panel auditions and selects applicants. Recommendations are made to the Faculty Office. Depending on the APS score and NBT, the Faculty Office may make an offer of a place in either the degree or diploma programme. The leading indicator is the audition performance.

Music: The SACM Selection Panels audition applicants and thereafter the HoD will make recommendations to the Faculty Office. Depending on the APS score and performance in the NBT, the Faculty Office makes offers to those applicants recommended by the Selection Panels for either the degree or diploma programme, depending on the APS scores and NBT scores. The leading indicator is the audition performance.

Applicants with international school leaving qualifications

To be considered for admission, applicants with international school-leaving qualifications must qualify for a matriculation exemption certificate from the Matriculation Board and must meet the Faculty entry requirements. Points threshold and minimum subject requirement are the same for international applicants as for local students. Points are calculated to the applicant's advantage, e.g. a combination of A levels, AS levels and O levels can be used for calculating points.

Specific entrance requirements: Psychology I (PSY1001W):

1. First-time entry students (students who have not previously attended a tertiary institution):

1.1. Students in named degree programmes

The Department of Psychology will admit first-time entry students to PSY1001W who are registered in the Faculties of Humanities, Commerce, Science, or Health Sciences, provided the subject is listed as a required course in a specified programme. Students admitted to PSY1001W in this category will not necessarily have access to all PSY courses. Students who do not meet the criteria stipulated in the table under 1.2 may not major in Psychology.

1.2. Students in general degrees

Students who satisfy one of the following scenarios have unconditional access to PSY1001W:

- (1) 38+ APS points (SC) and 65% on the Quantitative Literacy Test (QLT)/65% on the Quantitative Literacy component of the NBT or at least Maths (HG) D (SC); or
- (2) 35+ APS points (NSC) and 65% on the Quantitative Literacy Test (QLT)/65% on the Quantitative Literacy component of the NBT or at least 4 on Maths (NSC)

Students who do not meet these requirements may be allowed into PSY1001W via the routes set out in the table below.

APS (SC)	APS (NSC)	NBT QL score	QLT score*	Access to PSY1001W
38+	35+	65%	65%	Unconditional access to PSY1001W
38+	35+	60-64%	60-64%	Registration for MAM1014F and MAM1016S concurrent with PSY1001W
38+	35+	Below 60%	Below 60%	MAM1014F and MAM1016S as a prerequisite for PSY1001W
35-37	32-34	At least 60%	At least 60%	Entry on to the waiting list, and access in competition with other candidates
below 35	Below 32	At least 60%	At least 60%	Access at the discretion of the HOD
Extended BSocSc Degree Programme				Registration for MAM1014F and MAM1016S concurrent with PSY1003W in the first year

*Entry of candidates who have achieved a D (or higher) on Maths HG (SC) or 4 (or higher) on Maths NSC is not subject to the QLT criterion, but only to number of SC or NSC points. Students who completed Maths Literacy (NSC) are subject to the QLT criterion.

2. Returning students:

Humanities students who were unable to gain admission to PSY1001W in a previous year of study, will be admitted to PSY1001W only if they passed six semester courses in the year of study immediately preceding, as well as meeting the mathematics requirements set out in the table above. Humanities students registered prior to 2009 who were unable to gain admission to PSY1001W due to insufficient Matric points or university credits may be admitted to PSY1001W at the discretion of the Head of Department. Returning students from other faculties will not be admitted, unless PSY1001W is required for programme or major purposes.

3. Transferring students:

Transferring students must satisfy the mathematics entrance requirement set out above, as well as the requirement for UCT returning students i.e. must have passed at least the equivalent of 6 semester courses in the most recent prior year of study at the institution they are transferring from.

4. The Head of the Department of Psychology may admit students who do not satisfy the conditions above.

6. THE FACULTY OF LAW

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR 2011

Admission criteria for applicants holding the National Senior Certificate

ADMISSION PROBABLE			ADMISSION POSSIBLE			MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS (ALL APPLICANTS)
SA WHITE	SA BLACK, CHINESE, COLOURED & INDIAN	INTERNATIONAL*	SA WHITE	SA BLACK, CHINESE, COLOURED & INDIAN	INTERNATIONAL	
42+ APS points	37+ APS points	47+ APS points	40+ APS points	35+ APS points	45+ APS points	5 in English; pass in Mathematics or 5 in Mathematical Literacy

*AS/O level or AS/GCSE = 42+ (probable); 40+ (possible)

Note: these are guidelines only and do not guarantee admission. Study offers may be limited for reasons of capacity. Satisfying the minimum does not assure an applicant of admission. Black, Chinese, Coloured and Indian applicants, if admitted with fewer than 37 points or having an Intermediate NBT score, may be required to enter an extended programme with a minimum completion time of more than four years. Applications are usually considered only when 2 sets of pre-final school results are available. In seeking to construct a class based on the principles of diversity, redress and fairness, applications are considered in the categories of citizenship (SA & Permanent Residents, and International) and population groups (Black, Chinese, Coloured, Indian & White). Offers are made starting with the top applicant in each group.

Admission criteria for applicants holding the Senior Certificate

ADMISSION PROBABLE			ADMISSION POSSIBLE			MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS (ALL APPLICANTS)
SA WHITE	SA BLACK, CHINESE, COLOURED & INDIAN	INTERNATIONAL*	SA WHITE	SA BLACK, CHINESE, COLOURED & INDIAN	INTERNATIONAL	
45+ APS points	40+ APS points	47+ APS points	42+ APS points	37+ APS points	45+ APS points	D symbol in English 1st Language HG or C symbol in English 2nd Language HG; pass in

						Mathematics recommended
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*AS/O level or AS/GCSE = 42+ (probable); 40+ (possible)

Note these are guidelines only and do not guarantee admission. Study offers may be limited for reasons of capacity. Satisfying the minimum does not assure an applicant of admission. Black, Chinese, Coloured and Indian applicants, if admitted with fewer than 40 points or having an Intermediate NBT score, may be required to enter an extended programme with a minimum completion time of more than four years. Applications are usually considered only when 2 sets of pre-final school results are available. In seeking to construct a class based on the principles of diversity, redress and fairness, applications are considered in the categories of citizenship (SA & Permanent Residents, and International) and population groups (Black, Chinese, Coloured, Indian & White). Offers are made starting with the top applicant in each group.

An applicant with an admission points score below 35 will not usually be admitted. Where fewer than the overall target number of applicants qualify, the Faculty may in its discretion fill the remaining places selecting students on the basis of academic excellence, again using the selection instruments listed above. International students require at least 45 points. If there are insufficient South African nationals or South African permanent residents meeting the requirements for admission to the LLB degree, then the normal admission requirements for South African nationals and permanent residents shall apply.

Admission requirements for transferring students

The Faculty aims to admit the 6 best transferring applicants to the undergraduate LLB. Such applicants are assessed on their UCT (or other University) results, together with NBT results (if available) and the motivation form.

The National Benchmark Test

All applicants must write the National Benchmark Test AQL test. Should a South African Black, Coloured, Indian or Chinese applicant not meet the Faculty's admission criteria, the Faculty may nevertheless admit such applicant if the applicant's NBT results indicate that he or she has the potential to succeed in law studies. In general, we will only consider exercising our discretion to admit an applicant who does not meet the admission points if the applicant scores a 'proficient' result in both the Academic and Quantitative Literacy components of the AQL NBT. An applicant admitted on this basis may be offered a place on the extended Academic Development Programme, in which case the four-year undergraduate LLB will be extended to five years.

The personal motivation form

All applicants to the LLB are required to submit a personal motivation form. The answers given and the information submitted in the form will not be used to exclude students who would otherwise qualify for admission based on their admission points. The personal motivation form is only used in the applicant's favour. Should a situation arise in which an applicant does not meet the admission points and the results of the NBT do not show sufficient proficiency, candidates may, at the faculty's discretion, be invited to write a further test. In exercising this discretion we will take an applicant's personal motivation into account, as well as the applicant's language proficiency, and ability to express him or herself in a clear and coherent manner.

7. FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Admission Requirements for 2011

The Admissions Point Score (APS) derived from the Senior Certificate (SC) or National Senior Certificate (NSC) is the primary guide for admission to the BSc degree.

(i) Admission criteria for applicants holding the National Senior Certificate (NSC)

Applicants with 36 points or above have a good chance of admission to the Science Faculty. Applicants with 34 or 35 points will be considered for admission to regular Science Faculty offerings, taking into account other factors including availability of places, educational background and results in the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs). Applicants with a score in the range 28 to 33 points will be considered for the General Entry Programme for Science (GEPS, see below).

Note: Although Maths Paper 3 is not an admission requirement for 2011, we strongly encourage anyone who is considering studying Applied Mathematics, Astrophysics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Mathematical Statistics at UCT from 2011 to take Maths Paper 3 where they have the opportunity to do so.

All applicants to the Science Faculty are required to write the NBTs (Academic & Quantitative Literacy (AQL), and Mathematics).

General Entry Programme for Science (GEPS)

Admission to the Science Faculty is either directly into a major within the BSc degree, or via the General Entry Programme for Science (GEPS). Students in GEPS register for a year of intensive half-courses in Mathematics, and three from Chemistry, Computer Science, Life/Earth Sciences and Physics. Students then register for a major in their second year. GEPS is run in association with the Academic Development Programme (ADP) and offers students the opportunity to establish a sound educational foundation before proceeding in their second year to their chosen major. The minimum time for a GEPS student to complete the BSc degree is therefore four years. Admission is restricted and is at the discretion of the Dean.

Subject entrance requirements

Besides scoring at least 36 points, applicants must meet subject entrance requirements as set out in the table below, which shows the **minimum requirements** for admission to the respective majors. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission to a programme of study may be limited due to available capacity.

APS requirements and admission criteria for applicants holding the National Senior Certificate (NSC)

Major	Admission probable	Admission possible	Minimum Subject requirements
Applied Mathematics/Astrophysics/ Chemistry/Mathematical Statistics/ Mathematics/Physics/ Oceanography & Marine Biology	≥ 36	34-35	Mathematics 6 & Physical Science 5
Computer Science	≥ 36	34-35	Mathematics 6
Applied Biology/Ecology & Evolution/ Biochemistry/Genetics/Microbiology/ Geology/Human Physiology	≥ 36	34-35	Mathematics 5 & Physical Science 5
Archaeology/Environmental & Geographical Science	≥ 36	34-35	Mathematics 5 & Physical Science 4 OR Life Sciences 4

Programme	Admission probable	Subject requirements
General Entry Programme for Science (GEPS) (A maximum of 130 students will be admitted to this programme)	28 to 33	Mathematics 5 & Physical Science 4 OR Life Sciences 4

(ii) Admission criteria for applicants holding the Senior Certificate (SC)

Applicants who score 36 points or above have a good chance of admission to the Science Faculty. For applicants who score below 36 SC points, a number of other factors are taken into account during the assessment of the application including availability of places, educational background and results in the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs). Applicants with an APS in the range 30 to 35 will be considered for the General Entry Programme for Science (GEPS, see above).

All applicants are required to write both NBTs (Academic & Quantitative Literacy, and Mathematics).

Subject entrance requirements

Besides scoring an APS of at least 36, applicants must meet subject entrance requirements as set out in the table below, which shows the **minimum requirements** for admission to the respective majors. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission to a course of study may be limited due to available capacity.

Admission criteria for applicants holding the Senior Certificate (SC)

Major	Admission probable	Subject requirements
Applied Mathematics/ Mathematical Statistics/ Mathematics	≥36	Mathematics D (HG) & Physical Science E (HG)/ C (SG) OR Biology/ Physiology E (HG)/ C (SG)
Astrophysics/Physics	≥36	Mathematics D (HG) & Physical Science D (HG)
Chemistry/Computer Science	≥36	Mathematics D (HG) & Physical Science E (HG)/C (SG)
Applied Biology/Ecology & Evolution/ Biochemistry/Genetics/Microbiology/ Geology/Human Physiology/ Oceanography & Marine Biology	≥36	Mathematics E (HG)/A (SG) & Physical Science E (HG)/C (SG)
Archaeology/Environmental & Geographical Science	≥36	Mathematics E (HG)/A (SG) & Physical Science E (HG)/C (SG) OR Biology/ Physiology E (HG)/C (SG)
Programme	Admission	Subject requirements

	probable	
General Entry Programme for Science (GEPS) (A maximum of 130 students will be admitted to this programme)	30 to 35	Mathematics E (HG)/A (SG) & Physical Science E (HG)/ C (SG) OR Biology/ Physiology E (HG)/C (SG)

(iii) Transferring applicants

We require students wishing to transfer to Science at UCT from elsewhere to have passed at least two full courses (or the equivalent) by the end of the first year of study, or four full courses (or the equivalent) by the end of the second year of study. Please note that normally only those students who have passed more than the minimum number of university courses described above are admitted (students excluded from other tertiary institutions will not be admitted). Students transferring from other universities may receive credit for and exemption from a maximum of four full courses (or the equivalent in half courses) provided that courses passed are recognised as equivalent to those offered at UCT. Senior major courses may not be transferred for credit or exemption. Students will be required to produce details of the courses for which they wish to obtain credit.

(iv) Minimum requirements for applicants with other than South African qualifications

To be considered for admission, applicants must qualify for an exemption from the Matriculation Board. In the case of applicants not writing South African Senior Certificate examinations, offers of places may be made subject to such exemption being obtained. In addition candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:

A-, AS- and O-Level (University of Cambridge)

- At least 2 A-level subjects including Mathematics and a Science subject
- At least D for A-level Mathematics, or B for Additional Mathematics at O-Level
- (NOTE: O-Level Mathematics is not acceptable)
- At least E in Chemistry or Physics or Biology at A-Level.
- At least 4 AS-level subjects including Maths and a Science subject. Only grades A to D are acceptable; the rest can be O-level subjects (grades A to C).
- At least C for AS-level Maths.
- At least D in Chemistry or Physics or Biology at AS-level.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- At least 30 points (include Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge score)
- Three Higher Level (HL) subjects
- Mathematics and a Natural Science subject with at least Grade 4 at HL or at least grade 5 SL for Math Method or Mathematics (Mathematics Studies is NOT acceptable)
- English (at least at SL)
- Applicants must be in possession of the Diploma and not the Certificate of the IB.

HIGCSE and IGCSE

- At least 4 HIGCSE subjects including English (1st or 2nd language) and Mathematics as well as Biology or Physical Science, and at least 1 IGCSE subject.
- Only Grades 1, 2 or 3 are acceptable for HIGCSE.
- Only Grades A, B and C are acceptable for IGCSE.

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- At least "Gut" for Mathematics (>70%)
- Grades 1, 2 or 3 for Physics or Chemistry or Biology (>55%)
- English as a 1st or 2nd language subject AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education)
- The equivalent of 5 full courses
- Grades A-D are considered as passes; only merit or distinction is acceptable.

- English, Mathematics and a Science subject are required.

NOTE: Applicants with only O-Level and/or IGCSE subjects need to complete the first year at a local university, before applying to the University of Cape Town.

If applicants have not completed Physical Science or Chemistry in their school-leaving examinations, restrictions may be placed on their choice of curriculum.
