

Welcome to the Faculty of Commerce

Commerce degree programmes prepare students for the constantly changing business and public management environments, and for participation in the global economy. The faculty continually reviews degree curricula and outcomes to ensure that they maintain relevance and accreditation with professional bodies.



Did you know?

- 1 The faculty offers two undergraduate degrees: a three-year Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and a four-year Bachelor of Business Science (BBusSc). Both programmes are divided into a variety of streams to cater for the interests of our students and the employment needs of the country.
- 2 An extensive range of postgraduate study options are available, including vocationally orientated postgraduate diplomas, and honours, master's and PhD degrees.
- 3 The College of Accounting launched a FASSET-funded free online teaching platform (www.learnaccounting.uct.ac.za) to help users understand essential financial and accounting concepts in their mother tongue. The website offers 100 English videos in five subject areas, 68 of which are available in Xitsonga, isiZulu, Sesotho and isiXhosa. They are presented by academics from UCT, Walter Sisulu University and the University of the Witwatersrand.
- 4 In collaboration with GetSmarter, the faculty offers over 40 not-for-credit online short courses directed at working individuals.



"The whole way of working is changing; more and more people are working in atypical employment. We need to think of the softer skills like flexibility and resilience and teach our graduates how to be adaptable. It isn't enough to say, 'This is what you're going to study, and this is what you're going to do in your job for the next 40 years.' Businesses will buy services as and when they need them. Our students have to be able to market themselves and have to be able to self-manage."

PROFESSOR INGRID WOOLARD
Dean of Commerce

How do I find out about undergraduate studies?

If possible, come and find out what is on offer at the faculty during UCT's annual Open Day. Alternatively, contact Admissions to arrange a time to visit UCT and the faculty.

For more information on undergraduate study, visit www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Pages/Prospective-Students

Undergraduate applications open in April each year and close on 30 September. Late applications will not be considered.

KEY NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE SUBJECT CHOICE NOTES

- You don't need to take accounting, business studies or economics at school.
- You must do mathematics, NOT maths literacy.

For more details on the admission guidelines, visit www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Pages/Admission-Requirements

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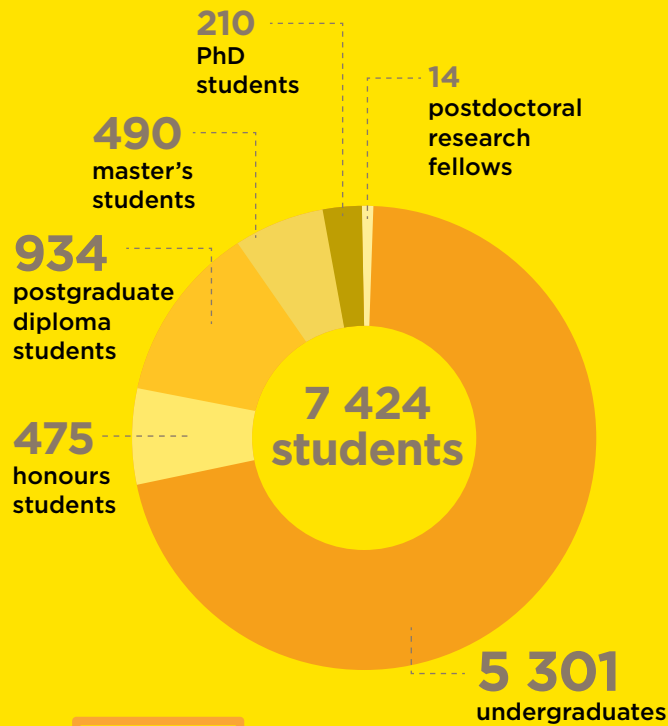
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Commerce students in numbers (2016)



Staff

Academics in the faculty make leading contributions to all aspects of South African society. They:

- track and model the causes of poverty and inequality
- perform fully professional monitoring and evaluation for public- and private-sector projects
- educate municipal, provincial and national public servants
- uphold SA's proudly won distinction as the global pace-setter in accounting standards
- diversify and transform the national profile of graduates
- generate information technology innovations relevant to Africa
- ensure that African statistics are accessible, reliable and useful
- understand African demographics.

Seven departments



Education Development Unit (EDU) is the home of the Commerce Academic Development extended and augmented programmes. EDU offers additional support and works with a variety of education initiatives throughout the faculty.



College of Accounting studies the language used to record business transactions. Accountants record transactions and use summarised information to communicate financial information to stakeholders.



Finance and Tax deals with the pricing and valuation of assets (investments) and the structure and financial decision-making of firms (corporate finance).



School of Economics asks what, how and why goods are produced and who benefits. Economics covers micro subjects (like the economics of the firm) and macro issues (like unemployment, inflation and economic growth).



School of Management Studies includes actuarial science, demography, marketing, organisational psychology, programme evaluation, professional communication and postgraduate diplomas in management.



Information Systems deals with information management and technology in organisations - from business analysis to information security and software development.



Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice promotes the development of strategic public leadership, with emphasis on accountability and trust in governance.



The Graduate School of Business (GSB)

operates as an independent entity within the university, under the academic governance of the faculty. The GSB offers a range of qualifications and non-credit bearing courses aimed at individuals with work experience, including an MBA and Executive MBA.

Research

R89.5 million in research contracts

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National Research Foundation (NRF)-rated researchers, of which two are A-rated

12 research groupings:

- African Collaboration for Quantitative Finance and Risk Research (ACQuFRR)
- AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)
- Centre for Actuarial Research (CARE)
- Centre for Information Technology and National Development in Africa (CITANDA)
- DataFirst
- Development Policy Research Unit (DPRU)
- Environmental Policy Research Unit (EPRU)
- Institute for Monitoring and Evaluation (IME)
- Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM)
- Research Unit in Behavioural Economics and Neuroeconomics (RUBEN)
- Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU)
- Unilever Institute of Strategic Marketing