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UCT to graduate 5,000+ students in December

13 ceremonies will take place from 15 to 20 December 2014 at Jameson Hall, Upper Campus, UCT

Next week the University of Cape Town will send off approximately 5,772* students with undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from across its six faculties. The university's end-of-year graduation ceremonies will take place from 15 to 20 December 2014 in the Jameson Hall, Upper Campus.

This month UCT will graduate approximately 106 doctoral candidates; 1,120 recipients of diplomas and certificates; 3,165 bachelors; 901 honours; 477 master's; and three MBA degree holders. This brings UCT's total number of graduates for 2014 (June and December combined) to 7,236* - a slight increase on last year's total of 6,964.

The faculty breakdown of UCT's PhD graduates for December is: nine for Commerce; nine for Engineering & the Built Environment; 23 for Health Sciences; 26 for Humanities; four for Law; and 35 for Science.

PhD research topics are far-ranging, including, for example, the threatened endemic of southern African seabirds; the depiction of Coloured, female murderers in the *Daily Voice* and *Son* tabloids; and the competitiveness of the Southern African Development Community's banking industry.

Other PhD research topics relate to new statistics applications in astronomy and cosmology; designing architecture for the secure sharing of personal records; and how intensive-care nurses' experiences of death can make an impact on a postgraduate nursing curriculum.

Research pertaining to Africa includes: the economics of climate change vulnerability, adaptation and mitigation in Tanzania; how drug trafficking activities have eroded the functional and juridical attributes of the state in Ghana; and the potential of community participation in conflict resolution processes to sustain peace in Northern Uganda.

UCT's December graduation figures from 2012 to 2014* are:

COMMERCE	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014
Diplomas & certificates	528	468	574
Bachelors	778	829	845
Honours	107	162	181
Master's	29	34	41
MBA	3	3	3
Doctoral	20	8	9
TOTAL	1465	1504	1653

ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014
Diplomas	8	6	5
Bachelors	551	599	572
Honours	104	120	115
Master's	122	122	122
Doctoral	11	9	9
TOTAL	796	856	823

HEALTH SCIENCES	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014
Diplomas	158	129	127
Bachelors	295	310	344
Honours	76	70	71
Master's	75	97	74
Doctoral	27	30	23
TOTAL	631	636	639

HUMANITIES	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014
Diplomas & certificates	369	354	408
Bachelors	980	955	968
Honours	350	394	358
Master's	99	92	101
Doctoral	16	16	26
TOTAL	1814	1811	1861

LAW	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2013
Diplomas	5	11	6
Bachelors	108	126	112

Master's	38	47	74
Doctoral	5	4	4
TOTAL	156	188	196

SCIENCE	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2013
Diplomas	3	1	0
Bachelors	387	307	324
Honours	170	189	176
Master's	69	66	65
Doctoral	40	32	35
TOTAL	669	595	600

GRAND TOTAL	5531	5590	5772
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***Please note that the graduation figures mentioned in this press release reflect figures available at the time of going to print, and are not necessarily the final figures.**

Media who would like to cover any of the graduation events, should please contact Kemantha Govender at 021 650 5672, 084 737 6522 or kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za.

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