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## **Five UCT open online courses in the top 100 of all time globally**

Five University of Cape Town (UCT)'s massive open online courses (MOOCs) have made the [Class Central list of the Top Free Online Courses Of All Time](#), based on tens of thousands of user reviews.

This puts UCT in first place alongside the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (US) and the University of Sheffield (UK) which also have five courses each.

The UCT MOOCs that made the list are: [Medicine and the Arts: Humanising Healthcare](#), [What is a Mind?](#), [Extinctions: Past and Present](#), [Education for All: Disability, Diversity and Inclusion](#) and [Understanding Clinical Research: Behind the Statistics](#).

Commenting on the news, Sukaina Walji, Online Education Project Manager at the UCT [Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching](#) – who create UCT's MOOCs – shared: "This news is testament to the passion and expertise of our fabulous academics who have opened their teaching to a global audience and to the production teams who have designed such high quality online courses."

MOOCs provide an opportunity to share knowledge generated by leading academics and researchers on the continent and allow UCT to showcase its array of intellectual and teaching resources. While the physical classroom can typically reach only 250 to 300 students at a time, MOOCs are freely accessible anywhere, at any time, with the potential to widen and democratise access to higher education.

There are more than 13 000 MOOCs, from around 1 000 universities worldwide and the Top 100 list features courses from 53 universities in 18 countries.

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