

# STUDY ABROAD

## Overview

Through an agreement between the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Princeton University, Princeton undergraduates may enroll directly in UCT for a semester or a year. Princeton students study alongside South African university students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by UCT and its student body.

The Woodrow Wilson School will offer a policy seminar each spring, taught by a UCT professor appointed by Princeton.

## University of Cape Town

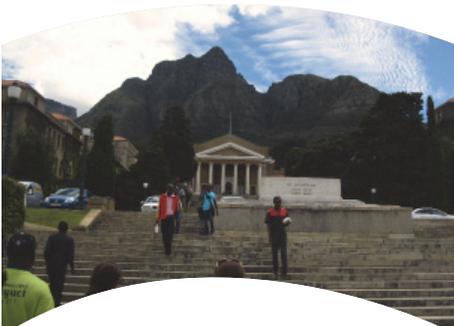
The University of Cape Town began as the South African College in 1829, providing secondary and tertiary education for young men. In the late 1890's, the college grew in response to South Africa's needs and also began to include women. Full university status was achieved in 1918, when it took on the name of the University of Cape Town. Now UCT has four campuses and around 21,000 students, including those enrolled in Master or Ph.D. degree programs.

The university is divided into six faculties, each of which is made up of a number of closely related departments: Commerce, Engineering and the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law, and Science.

UCT is dedicated to both teaching and research. It is one of South Africa's leading universities with a distinguished worldwide reputation. The university is committed to being a fully non-racial institution, opposed to any sort of discrimination, and sees itself as an active participant in the challenges confronting post-apartheid South Africa.

## The Setting

Cape Town, dominated by a towering, table-shaped mountain, lies at the northern end of the Cape peninsula, where the Indian and Atlantic oceans converge. Cape Town has immense natural beauty and a cosmopolitan community.



## Academic Program

Most Princeton students take courses at the 3000-level, but courses at the 2000- and 4000-level are also possible. Few 1000-level courses are appropriate for Princeton students. Princeton study abroad students are required to take 84-90 NQFs within UCT's NQF Credit System for semester study abroad students. Each course has a uniquely defined NQF credit value, which is published in the Faculty Course Handbooks, available at <http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/>. Check the NQF credit values for your selected courses carefully.

## IN BRIEF

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.uct.ac.za>

**SEMESTER AVAILABLE:** Full year or fall or spring semester

**PROGRAM DATES:** mid-July to mid-December for fall; early February to mid-June for spring

**ELIGIBILITY:** B average in the fall and spring preceding the semester abroad for Princeton; overall B average for UCT.

**COURSES:** Full range of courses in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering.

**HOUSING:** : Shared apartments near the campus, dormitory space when available.

**FINANCIAL AID:** Students who are approved to study at the University of Cape Town for Princeton credit may use university financial aid to meet expenses. Students must complete a budget form, available from the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office. The budget should include tuition, room, board, travel, books, and personal expenses.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** October 13 for spring semester; April 1 for fall semester

Study abroad participants must review their final course selection with Mell Bolen, director of the Study Abroad Program, to ensure credit transfer. It is important that students select courses for the correct semester to speed up the process of receiving an offer letter and pre-approval from the Head of Department at UCT. Please note that the F and S at the end of a course code do not refer to fall and spring at UCT but refers to First Semester (February-July) and Second Semester (July-November). For more information about selecting courses, see the guidelines for selecting courses at UCT. Students will choose courses from the departments in the faculties listed below. In some cases, students may request to take a course in other faculties. Such requests must be discussed in advance.

If a student takes two or more courses in a Faculty, they will be enrolled in that Faculty. On arrival at UCT, students will be able to change their course choices if necessary, but they will not be able to change their Faculty. Therefore, a student who has been admitted to the Science Faculty, for instance, must continue to take at least two courses in the Science Faculty upon registration. No Faculty changes will be permitted upon registration.

UCT faculty members have served as on-site independent work advisers for Princeton students in a number of majors. The student's home department at Princeton must approve of on-site advising in general; the department appoints a qualified faculty member to advise and grade the Princeton student's independent work abroad.

## Student Life

Princeton students have access to libraries, computing facilities, and infirmary services as do regularly enrolled students. In addition, there are non-university libraries in Cape Town that students may wish to use in connection with their research projects. Students are eligible to join any of more than 60 student societies that cater to academic, cultural, and social interests. The Sports Council of the UCT makes available some 40 sport and recreational activities. Students can register for clubs during Orientation Week. Princeton students at UCT have found that community service enriches their experience in South Africa. The International Programs Office at UCT can help you get involved in projects.

## Housing

Space in university residences is rare for visiting students, but it is sometimes available. Students will be assisted by Ms. Ida Cooper, the Princeton coordinator at UCT, in finding non-university housing. Students will be responsible for their own meals. Students must fill out the housing application and return to Ida Cooper as soon as possible after admission.

## Application Procees

The application to study at the University of Cape Town is a three-step process. Before you begin the application process, please check that your passport is valid for the entire time that you plan to be living in South Africa and renew it if necessary. If you do not yet have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. By **October 13/April 1**, please complete the following steps:

1. Fill out the online UCT application. You will need to upload a copy of your Princeton transcript. UCT indicates that within 48 hours, you will get an e-mail with a request for your proposed course selections. Please discuss your course selections with an OIP adviser before submitting them to UCT.
2. Submit the following items to the Office of International Programs:
  - Hard copy of your Princeton transcript. Please remember to request the transcript at least three days before your application is due.
  - A list of courses that you plan to take. Please review the guidelines for selecting courses at UCT before making your selections. You should discuss this list with an adviser in OIP before submitting it to UCT.

The Princeton Study Abroad Approval Form (available on the Office of International Programs website at <http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval>, is due by November 1 for students applying to be abroad in the spring and by May 1 for students applying to study abroad in the fall or for the full year). The Princeton approval form is reviewed by the Committee on Examination and Standing, which grants final approval to participate in the program. Students who have secured the approval of the Office of International Programs and their department are normally approved by the Committee



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