



UCT GSB Exchange Programme 2021



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WELCOME TO THE UCT GSB

The University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business (UCT GSB) is part of the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa's oldest public and internationally renowned leading research university. Triple-crowned by the international accreditation associations/bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), the UCT GSB is home to the only full-time African MBA to have featured in the FT rankings for 12 consecutive years. Additionally, the UCT GSB Executive Education division is consistently ranked in the top 100 by the Financial Times, currently first in South Africa and 56th globally for its customised programmes.

Our vision is to be the authority in business education in Africa, through providing aspiring leaders with relevant knowledge, skills and competencies to lead change in Africa and internationally. Our mission is to contribute to the success of individuals and organisations through research-informed teaching, practice and thought leadership that prioritises the

complex and pressing economic and social challenges of our world today. With our roots in Africa, our focus is on emerging market business and our teaching and research is geared towards driving development and understanding in this context, which is characterised by high degrees of uncertainty, complexity and inequality. Through initiatives like the Allan Gray Centre for Values-based Leadership, the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and the Development Finance Centre we seek to build a new kind of business school: one that is rooted in values and enables positive new ways of thinking and acting in business to achieve sustainable success.

Our campus is located in the heart of the City of Cape Town – one of Africa's most vibrant and culturally diverse cities. Wamkelekile! We look forward to you joining the UCT GSB family!



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PROGRAMME DATES

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021			
	TERM 1 (2021)	TERM 3:	TERM 4:
TERM DATES	18 January – 19 March 2021	12 July – 6 August 2021	13 September – 8 October 2021
ORIENTATION *MANDATORY	14 January 2021	7 July 2021	8 September 2021

Please note exchanges will be conducted online for the foreseeable future. Any changes or updates, including to format or dates, will be communicated via email to school administrators and nominated students.

NOMINATIONS

DEADLINES	<p>Exchange students must be nominated to the UCT GSB by the exchange coordinator of their home university.</p> <p>Nomination deadline: 9 April 2021</p>
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS <i>*Only required for in-person exchange</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination from home university exchange coordinator • CV • Exchange Application • Proof of English Proficiency (except if from English-speaking country) • Copy of valid passport biopage • Most recent official academic transcript/record • <i>* Passport-size photo (jpeg preferred)</i> • <i>* Proof of medical cover (in English)</i>
Admission requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 25 years old at the time of the exchange • Must have 3 years' professional work experience • English proficiency https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/toefl

REGISTRATION AND VISA PROCESS

Once nominated, we send students a letter offering them a place on the UCT GSB exchange programme, a UCT GSB application form for completion, and an information pack including course information.

The UCT GSB is prohibited from registering foreign students unless they are in possession of a valid visa for South Africa for the duration of their study period. It is every student's own responsibility to ensure that they are in possession of a valid visa to enter South Africa before travelling. We advise all students to contact their nearest South African Embassy or Consulate before travelling to South Africa, in order to confirm visa requirements. More information on visa conditions, exempted countries and entry requirements is also available on the South African Department of Home Affairs website:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/apply-for-a-south-african-visa>

Students from visa exempt countries, entering South Africa for three months/90 days or less, may enter on a Visitor's Visa with an endorsement stating that they are studying at the UCT GSB. A list of visa exempt countries is available on the South African Department of Home Affairs website:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

Students from non-visa exempt countries, however, are issued a Study Visa for the duration of their studies in South Africa. These students need to make an application for the visa through their nearest South African Embassy or Consulate in their home country as no visas are issued at a South African Port of Entry.

Study Visas are required for all foreign students intending to study at a learning institution in South Africa for longer than three months. Students must apply for a South African Study Visa through their nearest South African Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission, and should include a copy of the admissions letter offering them a place at the UCT GSB, together with a brief motivation of their reasons for wanting to study in South Africa.

Visa applications take a minimum of 8-10 weeks to process in the case of complete applications (all documentation in English) meeting all the requirements. Students should therefore ensure that they obtain the list of required documentation from their nearest SA foreign mission and start collecting their supporting information well in advance. Upon receipt of their UCT GSB Admissions Letter they should immediately submit their visa application for timeous processing.





HEALTH CARE

STUDY PERMITS: HEALTH COVER

One of the requirements of a study permit is proof of medical cover that is registered in and/or recognised in South Africa. You may select any medical aid scheme (NOT medical insurance) registered in South Africa and shown as “open” on this [list by the council of medical schemes](#). We recommend the following because they provide the best cover for international students and offer the best value for money:

[Compcare Wellness](#)

[Momentum Medical Aid Life Cover](#)

For more information comparing the two medical aid scheme options, please see the [Medical Aid Cover Guide 2020](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN HEALTHCARE CONSULTANTS

UCT has appointed ACA Employee Benefits (Pty) Ltd (ACA Healthcare) – a division of Sanlam - who are specialist health cover intermediaries, to assist international students with obtaining appropriate medical cover. ACA Healthcare, together with IEASA do an annual evaluation of available schemes and make clear proposals to universities around the most appropriate schemes, against the background of a wide range of criteria, including financial stability, benefits, costs and service offering.

Students can contact ACA Healthcare for further guidance on the process of applying for medical cover which complies with the relevant requirements, using the following contact details:

E-mail: aca.international.students@sanlam.co.za

Tel: (+27) 860 100 380

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

CLASS FORMAT

Lectures, group work, discussions, case studies, and presentations.

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is mandatory, except where permission is granted by the programme convenor.

PARTICIPATION

Active participation is encouraged and may form part of each student's grade (5-10%). Much of the course work is carried out in groups, preparing students for the challenges of managing and being part of a team. Skills such as team-building, communication, delegation, negotiation and conflict resolution are honed through group interaction.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Elective courses are offered each year depending on student interests, and our offering changes from year to year.

For Term 1, exchange students take electives separately from GSB students.

There is no Term 2.

For Terms 3 and 4, exchange students take electives with GSB students.

Both terms are made up of 2-week teaching blocks (for online learning there may be an additional week before and after for preparation and assessment, respectively).



COURSES

Term 1 Elective Courses	
Economics of Emerging Markets	Doing Business in Africa
Social Finance	Business Development in Emerging Markets
Strategic Brand Building	Negotiation

Term 3 and 4 Elective Courses	
Advanced Finance	Integrated Reporting
Advanced Leadership	Lean Thinking and Operational Excellence
Branding in Emerging Markets	Management Control Systems
Change Management	Marketing Metrics
Coaching	Negotiation
Management Consulting	Project Management
Company Valuations	Social Finance
Digital Market-Making	Strategic Marketing
Doing Business in China and Asia	Venture Launch
Emerging Market Economic Development	Venture Exploitation
Global Supply Chain Management	

Courses are subject to availability

GRADING

The final course grade varies from class to class, but may be based on the following: Class participation, individual assignments, group projects, oral and written presentations, mid-term tests, final examination or term paper.

See UCT's grading table to the right, which we issue with your final transcript. This is intended as a guide to your home university. Please do note that grade conversion varies from one university to another. It is up to your home institution to convert your grades into their system.

UCT grades
75 - 100% First class
70 - 74% Second class (division one/upper second)
60 - 69% Second class (division two/lower second)
50 - 59% Third class
0 - 49% Fail

LOCATION

Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and students are enthralled by the diversity it has to offer.

The UCT GSB's Breakwater Campus is situated in the heart of Cape Town's most popular tourist attraction, the [Victoria and Alfred Waterfront](#), which is home to the world-renowned [Zeitz MOCAA Museum of Contemporary African Art](#). The city's iconic [Table Mountain](#) overlooks the school, the

city and the harbour. Cape Town also has a beautiful coastline, premium wine farms and vibrant night-life, which are all nearby.

Cape Town is also home to many global and national organisations in sectors including retail, petroleum, financial services, wine and beer production, fashion, and education. It is a major centre of entrepreneurial activity and is fast emerging as the innovation hub of Africa.

Visit www.capetown.travel to see what Cape Town has to offer

FACILITIES

Centrally located and easily accessed, the UCT GSB is just 1.5km away from the central business district and 20 minutes from Cape Town International Airport.

The Breakwater Campus, once a 19th century prison, is equipped with modern lecture theatres and syndicate rooms for group study, as well as a library and restaurants. Our teaching venues are world-class. The campus also offers a new Solution Space environment specially designed to foster creativity and collaboration with floor-to-ceiling chalkboard walls, flexible furniture for multiple set-ups, hot desk facilities, lounge areas, a computer lab (e-mail, internet and Wi-Fi), an open learning space including video conferencing facilities for virtual meet-ups and presentations.

Our state-of-the-art Academic Conference Centre, opened in 2019, was specifically planned to conform to the requirements of a technologically advanced era in academic and research circles. Additionally, our satellite site in the community of Philippi, one of Cape Town's poorest suburbs, offers students, alumni, clients and local entrepreneurs a place to meet and engage, and to exchange skills and ideas. It was established in a deliberate effort to deepen our roots and relevance as an African business school. Our teaching, learning and research is directed towards building a more economically prosperous, equitable and integrated continent.

For more information about all the services on the UCT GSB Breakwater campus visit: <https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/campus-services>



ACCOMMODATION

RESIDENCE ON OUR BREAKWATER CAMPUS

The Protea Breakwater Lodge, on the UCT GSB campus features 18 conference venues, four public lounges, gym, spa, business centre, 24-hour secure parking with 250 parking bays, and offers airport transfers and laundry service.

The hotel boasts 191 modern environmentally conscious rooms with standard rooms, business suites and family units. All rooms are equipped with minibar fridge, free uncapped Wi-Fi, tea/coffee facilities, air-conditioning, LCD flat screen TV, telephone and laptop-friendly electronic safes.

Stonebreakers Restaurant offers a la carte and buffet menus daily in a relaxed atmosphere with magnificent views of both the V&A Waterfront and Table Mountain. A selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages is available from the full-service bar.

Student accommodation is offered at special rates on either a monthly or half-yearly basis. For more information visit <https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/breakwater-lodge>.

The following accommodation options are provided on campus at the Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge:

SINGLE SHARE SHOWER

Own room, but share shower/basin/toilet with one other room R 743.00 pppn (Bed & Breakfast)

STANDARD ROOM

One bedroom and private bathroom facilities

R 1036.00 pppn (Bed & Breakfast)

SINGLE BUSINESS SUITE

One bedroom and private shower/basin/toilet/bath R 1336.00 pppn (Bed & Breakfast)

Please check current prices with the hotel directly.

RESIDENCE OFF CAMPUS

Students wishing to arrange their own housing should plan to arrive in advance. There are a number of online rental booking platforms available: the following are recommended by students:

Property 24 - is a rental site with properties in areas in and around the UCT GSB. Areas are Green Point; Mouille Point; Sea Point; Waterfront; De Waterkant; Cape Town City Centre/City Bowl; Three Anchor Bay; Bo Kaap; and Gardens.

Airbnb

Student At Home

HouseME - is a digital platform that connects prospective tenants to landlords

UCT Off-site Accommodation - UCT's off-site accommodation site



COST OF LIVING IN CAPE TOWN

Cape Town is an affordable destination for many visitors from around the world, with the Rand offering a favourable exchange rate against the major global currencies.

This is a table of approximate costs of living in Cape Town. Please do be sure to check the current exchange rate before you work out your own budget – and bear in mind that the South African Rand is subject to fairly wide exchange rate fluctuations. All amounts listed are estimates, and of course your expenses will depend largely on your lifestyle while in Cape Town – including whether you wish to travel around our beautiful country or to our neighbouring states, such as Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe or Botswana.

Cost of Living in Cape Town (approx. per month)		
Meals	€ 250	\$300
Rent	€ 500	\$600
Transportation	€ 75	\$90
Pocket Money	€ 100	\$120
Living costs	€ 100	\$120
Total	€ 1 025	\$1 230

- Exchange rate used for the above table: €1/ZAR18 and US\$1/ZAR15.
- All amounts listed above are estimates and subject to change, depending on economic factors.
- Above-mentioned expenses may not all be incurred by the student.

