

2023 admission criteria for non-South African school leaving qualifications

The table below is a guide for applicants with Cambridge International Examinations or similar subjects, the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate, and the International Baccalaurate Diploma.

Important Notes:

- Performance in non-South African school-leaving examinations is not converted into points for applications to programmes in this faculty. Applicants must meet the requirements listed below.
- The subject requirements below are minimum requirements only, and do not guarantee admission.
- Additional subjects may be required to meet the South African matriculation exemption requirements.
- A pass in English Language is required at A-level, AS-level, IGCSE/O-level, Baccalaureate or other
 equivalent level. At IGCSE level English must be taken as a first language, or another first language must
 be offered.
- Applicants with only IGCSE/O-level subjects are not eligible for admission.

Bachelor of Architectural Studies	A-level at least D in two A-level subjects and at least C at IGCSE/O-level for Mathematics or Physical Science
	AS-level at least C in four AS-level subjects and at least C at IGCSE/O-level for Mathematics or Physical Science
	Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) at least a grade 3 pass at Higher level or a grade C pass at IGCSE/O level for Mathematics or Physical Science
	International Baccalaureate full IB Diploma with at least Grade 4 for Mathematics or Physical Science at subsidiary level All applicants must submit a written motivation and a portfolio of creative work. Details are provided in the Directions for Applicants.
Bachelor of Science in Construction Studies	A-level at least two D symbols, one of which must be in Mathematics; and at least C at IGCSE/O-level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry
	AS-level at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-level subjects and at least C at IGCSE/O-level for Physical Science/Physics or Chemistry
	Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) level 2 passes in at least four Higher level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science
	International Baccalaureate full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable
Bachelor of Science in Property Studies	A-level at least two D symbols at A-level, one of which must be in Mathematics
	AS-level at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-level subjects
	Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) level 2 passes in at least four Higher level subjects including Mathematics
	International Baccalaureate full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at SL or a Grade 4 pass at HL for Mathematics Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

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- at least C in IGCSE/O-level English; and
- at least B in Mathematics at A-level AND either B in A-level Chemistry and a pass with at least B in IGCSE/O-level Physics; or
- B in A-level Physics and a pass with at least B in IGCSE/O-level Chemistry

in

Chemical, Civil, Mechanical and Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering

AS-level

A-level

- at least C for IGCSE/O-level English; and
- at least A for Mathematics and Physical Science and two B symbols at AS-level; or
- without Physical Science: at least A for Mathematics; and A for either Physics or Chemistry; and B for the other (Physics or Chemistry), plus one other B symbol

Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)

at least four Higher level subjects with level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science

International Baccalaureate

full IB Diploma with a Grade 6 pass at SL or a Grade 5 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry

Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable

A-level

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

- at least C for IGCSE/O-level English; and
- at least B for Mathematics at A-level AND B for A-level Physics

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AS-level

- at least C for IGCSE/O-level English; and
- A for two AS-level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science/Physics plus two B symbols at AS-level for two other subjects

Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechatronics

Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)

At least four Higher level subjects with level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science

International Baccalaureate

full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at SL or a Grade 5 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics

Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable

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- at least C for English at IGCSE/O-level; and
- at least C for Mathematics at A-level and C for Physics at A-level

AS-level

- at least C for IGCSE/O-level English; and
 at least B for Mathematics at AS level or
 - at least B for Mathematics at AS-level and C for Physics at AS-level plus two other AS-level subjects with B symbols

Bachelor of Science in Geomatics

Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC)

At least four Higher level subjects with level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science

International Baccalaureate

full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at SL or a Grade 5 pass at HL for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics $\,$

Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable

OTHER NON-SOUTH AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS

School-leaving subjects MUST include Mathematics.

Applicants from some countries (e.g. Angola and DRC) must have completed the first year of a four-year degree programme at a university in their country of origin before applying to UCT.

Applicants with only O-Level and/or IGCSE subjects need to complete the first year of a four-year degree programme at a university in their country of origin, before applying to the UCT.

Applications will be assessed on an individual basis. Meeting the above minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission may be limited due to available capacity.