

APPLICATION TO:

## MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN (EM30 APG12)

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Urban Design degree at the University of Cape Town. The degrees are offered by the School of Architecture Planning and Geomatics located in the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment. This is a 1-year *taught* Master course (180credits) that can be taken over 1-year full time or an extended 2-year period. It is a minimum 60% design related course.

### Minimum admission requirements:

Refer to:

[http://www.students.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/image\\_tool/images/434/study/handbooks/2020/2020\\_EBE\\_PG\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.students.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/image_tool/images/434/study/handbooks/2020/2020_EBE_PG_Handbook.pdf)

*(page 40 of 2020 handbook)* The minimum requirements for entry into the Master of Urban Design Degree Programme are a SAQA NQF Level 8 Certificate, minimum Honours or Master level graduates in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Planning from any recognised institution approved by Senate. Any application will be reviewed on portfolio submission.

Please take note that applicants holding non-design, but related Bachelor (Honours) degrees, will be required to undertake the bridging courses\* which are offered by the Continued Professional Development Unit in the faculty in the format of a 4-week, 5-days-a-week intensive workshop (see dates below). You would be assessed as an outcome of this course i.e. the final presentation goes towards your portfolio that is supplied for application to entry to MUD. There is ***no guarantee*** that this course will gain entry, but it is one alternative route. There is a course fee for this course separate from the MUD programme. For more information about the bridging courses please go to <http://www.cpd.uct.ac.za/cpd/calendar-architecture>

### Application requirements:

The process of application for entry to MUD is an online application with Plan Code APG12; Programme Code EM030. <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications/apply/forms>

The online application will direct students to submit the following:

1. A digital copy of your latest university transcript and degree certificate(s).
2. **Curriculum vitae:** this should include personal details, interests, travel or work experience.
3. **Letter of motivation:** submit a statement in your own words (approximately 750 words) of why you are attracted to the urban design field, and what you hope to do with your qualification. This letter, with the portfolio, provides an important opportunity for you to give the assessment panel an understanding of who you are. It is advisable to undertake some research on urban design online, to speak to Urban Designers about the profession and to reflect on this in your letter of motivation.
4. **A portfolio of design and creative work:** The portfolio should be compiled as one PDF of no more than 20MB. The key elements are to show a design ability / competency and are encouraged to show design process, development and thinking behind your work; your personal approach to

design / urban context, including your inspiration (either in photography, art, design, sketch book etc). It is necessary to include your responsibility of design projects and/or design role within projects in the portfolio, dates or timeframes worked on the project and potential outcomes / lessons. It will be important to show at least 1 digital (AutoCAD, sketch-up etc.) drawing and an approach to 3-dimensional modelling/drawing at scale. You can include your own academic writing that has been evaluated at your previous institution of study/ relevant research work or material that clearly illustrates your urban approach and design interest. This portfolio will be assessed by a Selection Committee.

5. You will be requested to courier a **certified copy of your original university results transcript**. Please be sure to send this to the Admissions Office (Cross Campus Road, Rondebosch). Certified copies can be made at a police station, a post office or by a commissioner of oaths.

It is strongly advised that you complete your online application and submit the above items as soon after the applications open as possible. This is to ensure you receive a selection result as early as possible, which will enable you to make timeous arrangements to complete the bridging courses (if required), register before the registration deadline, attend the programme orientation, and be able to start classes on the first day of the semester (see dates below).

### **International students:**

**The deadline for international applicants is 31 August 2020.**

In addition to the above, if students have not attended a South African University prior to application, it is recommended that you supply a SAQA NQF Level Confirmation Certificate to validate your previous degree / university (refer to: <http://www.saqa.org.za/show.php?id=5741>). You may include this certificate on the first page of your portfolio.

Successful international applicants are strongly advised to apply for a study visa immediately after receiving an offer to avoid delays. International students must factor visa processing times (minimum 6 – 8 weeks) as well as International Student Clearance with the IAPO, within timelines for registration. International applicants are therefore strongly advised to submit completed applications well before 31 August 2020 to ensure timeous registration for 2021 (please see 2021 calendar below).

The International Programmes Office can be contacted via <http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/>.

### **Fees:**

For more information regarding fees, please contact the Fees Offices on +27-21-650 2203 or email [fnd-feeeng@uct.ac.za](mailto:fnd-feeeng@uct.ac.za) or see <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/fees/handbook>.

### **Bursaries:**

For more information please go to <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/postgraduate-degree-funding/bursaries-scholarships/merit-awards> and <http://www.ilasa.co.za/study-opportunities/>

## 2021 calendar and dates:

Applicants should please take note the following dates:

04 April 2020	Online applications open for 2021
31 Aug 2020	International application deadline for study in 2021
30 Sep 2020	Round 1 application deadline for study in 2021 (South African students only)
4 Jan – 29 Jan 2021	4 weeks of bridging courses (if required for admission)*
8 – 12 Feb 2021	Programme registration
12 Feb 2021	Programme orientation
15 Feb 2021	Last day for registration and start of classes

Refer to <https://www.uct.ac.za/main/calendar/terms> for the 2021 term dates.

## Application checklist:

- The following has been included in the online application:
  - Digital copy of latest university results and degree certificate(s)
  - CV
  - Letter of motivation
  - Portfolio (it is recommended that International applicants include a SAQA certificate)
- A certified copy of your original transcript has been couriered to the Admissions Office

## Enquiries:

For general application enquires please contact the Administrator Mcebisi Mdluli on email: [mcebisi.mdluli@uct.ac.za](mailto:mcebisi.mdluli@uct.ac.za)

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