



2025 admission criteria for non-South African school leaving qualifications

The table below is a guide for applicants with Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) or similar subjects, the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC), and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB).

Notes:

- Performance in non-South African school-leaving examinations is not converted to 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 matriculation exemption requirements.
- A pass in English Language is required at A-level, AS-level, IGCSE 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 level subjects are not eligible for admission.

<p>Bachelor of Architectural Studies</p>	<p>All applicants must submit a written motivation and a portfolio of creative work. Details are provided in the Directions for Applicants.</p> <p>A-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least D in two A-level subjects and • at least C at IGCSE/O-level for Mathematics or Physics <p>AS-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C in four AS-level subjects and • at least C at IGCSE-level for Mathematics or Physics <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least a grade 3 pass at Higher level or a grade C pass at Ordinary level for Mathematics or Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least Grade 4 for Mathematics or Physics at standard level.</p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Construction Studies</p>	<p>A-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least two D symbols, one of which must be in Mathematics; and • at least C at IGCSE level for Physics or Chemistry <p>AS-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-level subjects and • at least C at IGCSE level for Physics or Chemistry <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) Level 2 passes in at least four Higher level subjects including Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at standard level or a Grade 4 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry</p> <p><i>Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Property Studies</p>	<p>A-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least two D symbols at A-level, one of which must be in Mathematics <p>AS-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least D for Mathematics and at least B in three other AS-level subjects <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) Level 2 passes in at least four Higher level subjects including Mathematics</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 5 pass at standard level or a Grade 4 pass at higher level for Mathematics</p> <p><i>Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>

<p>Bachelor of Science in Engineering</p> <p>in</p> <p>Chemical, Civil, Mechanical and Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering</p>	<p>A-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C in IGCSE 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 level Physics; or • B in A-level Physics and a pass with at least B in IGCSE level Chemistry <p>AS-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C for IGCSE level English; and • 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 <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least four Higher level subjects with level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with a Grade 6 pass at standard level or a Grade 5 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry</p> <p><i>Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Engineering</p> <p>in</p> <p>Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechatronics</p>	<p>A-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C for IGCSE level English; and • at least B for Mathematics at A-level AND B for A-level Physics <p>AS-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C for IGCSE/O-level English; and • A for two AS-level subjects including Mathematics and Physics plus two B symbols at AS-level for two other subjects <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least four Higher level subjects with level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at standard level or a Grade 5 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics</p> <p><i>Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Science in Geomatics</p>	<p>A-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C for English at IGCSE level; and • at least C for Mathematics at A-level and C for Physics at A-level <p>AS-level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least C for IGCSE level English; and • at least B for Mathematics at AS-level and C for Physics at AS-level plus two other AS-level subjects with B symbols <p>Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) At least four Higher level subjects with level 1 passes in Mathematics and Physical Science</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Full IB Diploma with at least a Grade 6 pass at standard level or a Grade 5 pass at higher level for each of the subjects Mathematics and Physics</p> <p><i>Note: Mathematical Studies is not acceptable</i></p>

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.