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Worldwide Ranking: #52

Rated #1 University in South Africa

### **Socially Speaking:**

The Cape Town social scene is apparently a big deal in South Africa. Apparently if you want to “be seen” at the scene, Cape Town is the place to be, at any one of the trendy nightclubs and bars in the city. In the summer, enjoy a cocktail at a café while watching the sun set on the bay. If the more relaxed, Bohemian-style is your thing, head over to the Observatory and mingle at the area reggae bars and pool halls. There are restaurants and live music to listen to, while hanging out with students and locals. If you want to be in the middle of everything, venture out to Long Street, which is the center of the Cape Town nightlife. You’ll find dance clubs and deejay bars to pubs and trendy lounge bars. Whatever your taste from eclectic to mainstream, you’ll find it at the heart of Cape Town’s social scene.

### **Culturally Speaking:**

Arts and culture is no stranger to Cape Town, where at local theaters you can enjoy comedy’s other international shows at the Theater on the Bay, ARTscape and the Baxter Theater. The Cape Town City Ballet and Cape Town Opera, and the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra are all

world-class performing groups. In the summer there are Shakespeare in the Park performances at the Maynardville Open-Air Theater.

**Language of Instruction:**

English

**Admission Requirements:**

Aside from a high GPA to get into the GSB MBA program, Students are required to have:

- At least three years work experience, be age 25 or older and have completed either a Bachelors Honors degree or received a Post Doctorate diploma.
- You must take the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and obtain a minimum score of 550. There are GMAT prep courses available.

*In addition, GSB uses other criteria to help determine an applicants' acceptance, including:*

- Essays regarding life goals, experiences, values and attitudes
- Two referee evaluations with job details and educational and extracurricular activities.
- Applicants will be informed if an interview is required.
- If English is not the applicants' native language, they may be required to take the TOEFL to verify fluency.

**Student Demographics and Enrollment:**

With a population of 26,000 undergraduate and graduate students, University of Cape Town hosts approximately 4,500 international students, from 104 countries.

**Visa Requirements:**

Students must submit an application to the South African Department of Home Affairs, but before that time, a place on the program must be confirmed. Study permits can take up to two months to process. Check into all other requirements through the South African Embassy, Consulate or the Department of Home Affairs, in Pretoria.

**Brief History:**

In 1829, The University was founded as a high school for boys called the South African College. The college grew with a financial boost, after the discovery of diamonds and gold in 1880. Between 1880 and 1900, it developed into a University and began to receive government funding. UCT established itself along the way as a leading research and teaching university. It also gained recognition for its strong stance against Apartheid, and admitted it's first group of black students in the 1920's. Today, UCT remains firm in its stance on emerging democracy, as well as in implementing diversity in both areas of faculty, as well as student body.

### **What Students Need to Know:**

1. You like coffee? Forget about those dime-a-dozen coffee shops. Cape Town is home to one of the best coffee shops in the world. Be adventurous and head over to Buitenkant Street... try it out for yourself and spread the word!
2. SHARK! Seriously, though... did you know there's a program you can enroll in specifically for shark spotting? The Kommetjie Environmental Awareness Group manages it. This non-profit program is offered year-round and located at strategic vantage points at Muizenberg, Fish Hoek and St. James.

### **Transportation:**

There is little to no public transportation in the city of Cape Town in the evening and it's recommended students prearrange their own car. Otherwise, you can take a private taxi, when going to town; however, those can be costly and need to be booked in advance.

### **Business School Programs:**

#### **The MBA**

The GSB Masters in Business Administration is has been listed in the Financial Times top 100 programs in the world, coming in at #52. The MBA program is offered as either a one-year full-time course or two-year program in a modular format, for students who are unable to complete the program in one year.

This MBA program is international in scope with a focus on South African business functions. With the emphasis of learning on leadership, entrepreneurship and communication, the MBA program will push the student to reach to the best of their ability and potential.

#### **Executive MBA**

The EMBA course-load is a two-year, part-time program. Study with top business associates in management and leadership, so you can develop into an executive role. The program fosters critical thinking so executives are able to prioritize and develop practical wisdom in the executive environment. The EMBA demands you integrate management and practical experience, so you can better navigate the complexities of current times in business. The EMBA is geared to experienced senior level individuals who need focus on learning newer business applications targeted to the executive level.

#### **Masters of Commerce**

This is a two-year modular program. Development Finance is practiced worldwide, today and this program is designed for those who desire the ability to influence developing trends and positively impact people internationally. In Africa, there is a shortage of Development Finance Experts. This program aims to help Africa produce more experts in the field to ensure progress for the future of the economy, in this country.

### **Short Courses**

There are many short courses available and these courses are industry-specific, targeted to the individual needs of the student. Short courses offerings are listed on the website.

### **Specialized Units**

These courses support various research and critical thinking initiatives at the GSB. Those offered are:

**The Allan Gray Orbis Foundation** – focuses on central roles in business

**Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship** – Promotes finding new solutions for emerging markets in Africa

**The Centre** – responding to the challenges critical to Africa

**The Management Programme** - in Infrastructure Reform & Regulation (MIR) – For Africa & other developing countries

**The RAA** – Promoting job creation and personal development in South Africa

**The Centre for Coaching** – Promotes coaching as a professional tool in business.

**Lean Institute Africa** – To implement “lean thinking” across all sectors of the economy in Africa

*\*To learn more about the above Specialized Programs, please visit: <http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/s.asp?p=338>*

### **International Student Network:**

At UCT, the International Student Programmes Office (IAPO) strives to make the campus and inviting and welcoming new home for those studying abroad. The IAPO plans a special orientation program for incoming international students, which includes not only a campus welcome, but making sure the students are comfortable with all of their new surroundings off campus too. For more information about IAPO, contact their website:

<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/news/orientation#sthash.5skV9Ouh.dpuf>

### **Tuition MBA Program:**

Depending on the program, the fees can vary from \$R5000 to \$R30000 (depending on Residential Status)

### **Scholarships:**

Scholarship funding is limited in the MBA program, especially for International Students. For more information, please check the following links:

<http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/sv6.asp?p=389>

<http://www.bwasa.co.za>

<http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/s.asp?p=336>

### **Housing:**

There are two options for Cape Town students – on campus in furnished housing or off in an apartment in town. Furnished housing offers single and double rooms with kitchen and commons area, wardrobes and cupboards. Internet is available but not guaranteed. You may also choose to live in one of the Residence Halls with other international students in a shared living suite/single room option. There is kitchen access and the bathroom is either shared or private, depending. Cost for housing is either \$3500 per semester or \$7300 per academic year.

Off campus housing and guidance is available through the **Off Campus Student Accommodation Service (OCSAS)**

**Campus Life and Extracurricular:**

There are more than 100 Student Societies & Organizations to choose from whether they're academic focused, religious/faith based or interest-guided.



**Sports and Athletics:**

There are over 40 sports clubs at UCT, with over 9000 participants. Aside from traditional sports, you also have the option to take part in climbing, archery, paragliding, water skiing and skydiving! There's an astro-turf hockey field, indoor sports facility, tennis and squash, cricket, rugby and soccer, rowing, sailing and boating available. You may be eligible for a sports scholarship between R 4000 & R 8000, if you've ever represented your country in a Sport! Apply



to Sports for Recreation for eligibility.



**Internship and Research Opportunities:**

South Africa is a great place to intern, while in Business School. There are plenty of opportunities for an industrial center or grassroots organization. Whatever your area of interest, opportunities are plentiful. Check with the Department Head for resources.

**Location, Location, Location!**

Have some time off and looking for something to do? Cape Town is full of endless possibilities. Take a hike in the mountains, go to the beach or an aquarium, Victoria Island, shopping, cafes and restaurants. There's plenty of adventure waiting for you... and that's only here in Cape Town! Venture further out...and find endless possibilities.