

Minimum requirements for applicants with school leaving examinations other than the NSC

For applicants in possession of or writing other than South African qualifications, offers of places may only be made subject to the equivalent bachelor's exemption being obtained from the South African Higher Education (Matriculation) Board (refer to <http://mb.usaf.ac.za> for further information. Applicants should do an on-line assessment via <http://mbit-application.hesa.org.za/assessment/> to ensure that they meet the matriculation exemption requirements to enrol at a South African University. In addition, candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:

Subject requirements for non NSC examinations

Applicants must have at least English, Mathematics and Physical Science (or Chemistry and/or Physics)

Chemistry is required for majors in Applied Biology, Ecology & Evolution, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Genetics, Geology, Human Anatomy & Physiology and Ocean & Atmosphere Science. **Physics** is required for majors in Astrophysics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology and Ocean & Atmosphere Science.

Applicants writing A-level, AS-level, HIGCSE/IGCSE or IB examinations must meet the following **minimum** subject requirements:

- **English:** C at O-level (A, AS); C at IGCSE (HIGCSE); grade 5 SL (IB)
- **Mathematics:** C for A-level; B for AS level; level 1 for HIGCSE; grade 5 HL or grade 6 SL for IB Math Method (Mathematics Studies is not accepted)
- **Physical Science or Chemistry/ Physics:** C for A-level; B for AS level; level 1 for HIGCSE; grade 5 HL or grade 6 SL for IB

*Chemistry/Physics may be replaced by Geography for the major in Environmental & Geographical Science or by Computer Science for majors in Computer Science, Business Computing and Computer Engineering only

Faculty Points Score (FPS) for non NSC examinations

Admission to the Faculty of Science requires an applicant to have achieved a FPS of 34 points or above, based on the five best subjects (including the required subjects), obtained using the scoring table below.

FPS	A-level	AS-level	HIGCSE	IGCSE	IB (HL)	IB (SL)
10	A				7	
9	B				6	
8	C	A	1		5	7
7	D	B	2		4	6
6	E	C	3	A		5
5		D		B		4
4		E		C		

Note that: These subjects and FPS requirements are the **minimum** required for consideration for admission to a BSc degree. Meeting these requirements does **not guarantee** admission, which is competitive and limited by available capacity.

Offers will be confirmed to the highest achievers. Given the demand for places and capacity constraints, it is unlikely that applicants with less than an A (or equivalent) for all subjects will receive a firm offer.

Applicants writing other international authority examinations will be assessed on their individual merits.

English proficiency

All international students for whom English is not a first/home language or have not passed English at Grade 12, O-level, AS-level, IGCSE or HIGCSE level or equivalent, must provide proof of English language proficiency. Applicants are required to achieve one of the following:

1. A score of at least 51% for the Academic Literacy (AL) component of the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)
2. A pass in the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a score of at least 570 on the paper-based test, or 230 on the computer-based test; or 88 on the internet-based test
3. An overall band score of 7.0 (with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
4. A score of 64 on the Pearson PTE Academic test. The tests must be taken at your own expense, before submitting an application.

These are the minimum levels of English proficiency required for consideration for admission to UCT.