

## 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://he-enrol.ac.za/exemption-process> for further information and on-line assessment and application). In addition, candidates must meet the following minimum requirements; meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission which is limited by available capacity:

### Applicants must take at least:

English, Mathematics and Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics, depending on major) Chemistry is required for majors in Biological, Chemical and Molecular Science and Physics is required for majors in Computer Science, Mathematical, Statistical or Physical Sciences.

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: B for A-level; A for AS level; level 1 for HIGCSE; grade 5 HL or grade 6 SL for IB

Physical Science (or Chemistry or Physics): B for A-level; A for AS level; level 1 for HIGCSE; grade 5 HL or grade 6 SL for IB

### 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				C		

**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.

### (C) Transferring Students

Transferring applicants are required to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT), submit certified copies of school-leaving and tertiary transcripts of results and a letter of motivation in support of the application, providing details of activities since leaving school and reasons for wanting to transfer to the Science Faculty. Because we have a limited number of academic places in the Faculty, offers will be made to the best candidates in this

category.

Transferring students are expected to have school-leaving and NBT results competitive with the current applicant pool and must have:

- a) passed all first-year courses in their first year at another institution, and bring with them at least four full courses (or the equivalent) that earn credit and exemption at the University of Cape Town;
- b) not been refused readmission by another tertiary institution; and
- c) not been registered at another tertiary institution for more than two years.

All students who transfer from other Universities must **register for a minimum of two years for the BSc degree, and complete all the senior courses of their majors, at the University of Cape Town.**

**Note: Transferring of credits**

- The University of Cape Town may give credit for, and/or exemption from, a maximum of four full courses (or the equivalent in half courses) completed elsewhere if these courses are recognised by the University of Cape Town.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain, from the relevant University of Cape Town departments, signed approval of credit and exemption for the courses they wish to transfer, before their applications will be considered.
- Senior major courses may not be transferred for credit or exemption.
- Tertiary courses required for matriculation exemption purposes will not be credited.