

Global Business Center
MBA Direct Exchange Opportunities



SOUTH AFRICA – University of Cape Town

<https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/mba>

Overview:

The Graduate School of Business (GSB) is part of South Africa's leading research university, the University of Cape Town (UCT). Founded in 1829, UCT is South Africa's oldest university. It is well-known for its leading-edge research and scholarship and enjoys an outstanding reputation internationally. The full time MBA attracts students from many African countries such as Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe as well as international students from Europe and North America. The international quality of the MBA programme is underlined by the fact that UCT is a member of GMAC, has EQUIS accreditation and is ranked in the world's top 75 business schools by the Financial Times. UCT is located in one of the most beautiful cities in the world and is situated close to the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, one of the most popular tourist destinations in Africa.

Terms* & dates:

UCT functions on a quarter system; however, the academic year begins in Jan rather than Sept.

- Fall: UCT Term 4 runs end Sept to mid-October
- Winter: UCT Term 1 occasionally aligns with UW Winter calendar
- Summer: Term 3 runs in July

*Note: Partner school terms shorter than 9 weeks during the Academic Year, and shorter than 4.5 weeks during Summer Quarter, do not qualify for federal Financial Aid.

Academics:

Course information: <https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/mba-electives>

Exchange students must take a minimum of 3 classes while at UCT and select from the school's elective offerings. A broad range of electives are available and finalized in November, for Term 1, and May, for Terms 3 and 4. Contact Nqubeko Hlekwayo (nqubeko.hlekwayo@gsb.uct.ac.za) for an updated course list.

A number of elective courses are offered each year depending on, amongst other things, GSB student interests. Popular electives in the past have included Advanced Corporate Finance, Advanced Leadership, Sustainable Enterprise, Depth Consulting and Facilitation, Emerging Enterprises, Economics of Financial Markets, Strategy, Design and Creativity, Global Supply Chain Management, Modern Finance, Planning New Ventures, Negotiation and Doing Business in Africa.

Housing: <http://www.bwl.co.za>

Housing is available on campus at the Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge, which includes two meals per day. If students wish to find a residence off campus, they should arrive in advance. If you wish to book for a week while private accommodation is found, you must deal directly with the Breakwater Lodge as commercial guests.

Career Services: <https://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/career-centre>

Inquire with host school about availability of Career Services to exchange students.

Exchange Office Services:

All exchange partners offer course registration assistance, transcripts, orientations, housing information, and paperwork necessary to obtain a student visa. Students should arrive 3-7 days prior to the beginning of courses for orientations. UCT will provide details to accepted students.

Visa:

UCT is prohibited from registering foreign students unless they are in possession of a valid study permit. Students who wish to attend the study abroad program for a period of less than 3 months should have their visitor's visa endorsed for study purposes.

Additional information:

[U.S. Dept of State South Africa Information](#)