



Thinking of teaching?

Still not sure?
Try to construct your degree in a way that leaves the door open for teaching.

Steps to becoming a teacher at UCT

To study to become a teacher at UCT, you will need to complete a Bachelor's degree (3 or 4 years' study, depending on what you choose to do) followed by a one-year PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education).

Note: A revised qualification with the same purposes will replace the PGCE, it is anticipated, by 2015.

1. Decide what subjects you are most interested in and which you would most like to teach.
2. Choose the degree that fits best with the subjects. (Study the UCT website and Handbooks.) For example, a BA if you want to teach English and history, a BSc if you want to teach natural science and biology, a B Com if you want to teach accounting and economics, a BMus if you want to teach music.
3. Make contact with the relevant faculty office (e.g., Humanities for BA or BSocSc ; Science for BSc) if you need further subject advice.
4. Apply to UCT to study the degree that you have chosen.

For more information about studying to be a teacher at UCT, go to the School of Education website. Google: UCT School of Education, or www.uct.ac.za/depts/educate.

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Information you need

Teaching in a primary school

We currently offer a PGCE for Intermediate and Senior Phases (Grades 4 to 9) and are hoping to offer a Foundation Phase (Grades 1 to 3) qualification by 2014. Early indications are that entry requirements for the revised Advanced Diploma (Intermediate Phase) are *likely* to include a minimum of a year of study in an official language **and** at least one year of study in at least **two** of the following groups: (a) mathematics or statistics or quantitative literacy; (b) life sciences or chemistry or physics or IT; (c) history or geography; (d) psychology or sociology or religion or social work or one of the creative arts (art or music or drama or dance). For Foundation phase: a year of English and a year of another SA language, plus a subject from **one** of the above groups (a-d). Please plan your degree accordingly.

Teaching in a high school

Most teachers study two of the following school subjects in their degrees:

A language/s; mathematics; the natural sciences; geography;
environmental science; historical studies (including archaeology);
psychology; accounting; economics; music; fine arts; drama; dance;
information systems; computer science.

E.g. English and history, maths and biology. The normal requirement is a minimum of two years of degree study in each of the above school subjects, but 3 years of Psychology is the minimum for Guidance teaching.

Bursaries

The Department of Basic Education has Funza Lushaka bursaries for primary and secondary teachers in maths, sciences and computing, African languages, English, Foundation phase and FET economics, accounting and geography. See the School of Education website.

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