



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

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# Learn English at the UCT English Language Centre

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

The University of Cape Town (UCT) is the premier university in Africa. Its English Language Centre (ELC) offers affordable, all-inclusive packages for international students who want to learn English.

All our teachers have many years of experience and hold the highest English Language Teaching qualifications. Most importantly, they are dedicated, passionate, and work together as a team to share their knowledge and to support our students.

### ABOUT US

Our new Centre offers a modern and stylish learning environment, and is equipped with the latest classroom technology.

ELC is located at the University's Hiddingh Campus in the heart of the city. It is a short walk from Cape Town's vibrant cultural and historic centre, and has easy access to the beaches and local attractions. You will be able to attend regular exhibitions, events and performances.

Your first day will include an orientation tour so you can get to know what the University has to offer. We know that learning a new language can be challenging, but we also think it should be a fun and rewarding experience and that it should take place in a relaxed and supportive environment.



## 9 REASONS TO LEARN ENGLISH AT UCT

- 1 UCT is ranked as the top university in Africa
- 2 One of the only universities in Southern Africa with a centre dedicated to teaching EFL
- 3 We have highly qualified and experienced teachers
- 4 We have a wide range of English courses to meet your needs
- 5 Our learner-centred approach puts you at the heart of everything we do
- 6 You will be part of our diverse community of international students
- 7 Cape Town is a beautiful city that welcomes thousands of international students every year
- 8 The English Language Centre is located in the heart of Cape Town
- 9 Our International Academic Programmes Office will help you with your visa application



**Dedicated to teaching**

## UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

UCT has a vibrant, cosmopolitan community. Our staff and students come from over 100 countries in Africa and the rest of the world, and each person contributes their unique blend of knowledge and thinking. The University has also built links and partnerships within leading Africa and the rest of the world.

UCT's reputation is underpinned by its distinctive research and excellence in teaching. The University boasts a distinguished faculty, many of whom are world leaders in their field. UCT is a leading institution known for the quality of its alumni, many of whom continue to make outstanding contributions to society.



## WELCOME TO UCT

"Our English Language Centre is located within the vibrant Faculty of Humanities, the second largest and most academically diverse faculty at the University of Cape Town.

There are many reasons to learn English. For some, it is about improving career prospects since proficiency in English is a key requirement in today's global business world. Some view English as a gateway into the best colleges or universities. For others, it is simply about acquiring a new set of language skills and exploring a different culture.

If you are considering learning English, you should know that there are few institutions in the world that rival what we offer students at UCT. So, whatever your reasons for wanting to learn or improve your English language skills, I encourage you to make the best possible choice. Choose to study at the UCT English Language Centre.

I wish you every success in your academic journey!"

**Professor Sakhela Buhlungu**  
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities



# What is on offer?

## COURSES

At the UCT English Language Centre, we use a learner-centred approach that focusses on your individual needs and learning style and gets you communicating confidently from the start. Whether you want to learn English for conversational or business use, or to complete a certified English exam, there is an English course tailored to your needs.

Lessons are based on real-life topics and ideas to help you engage with the language in an exciting and relevant way. As part of our learner-centred approach, you will have the opportunity to choose the topics and activities you want to do in class. At the end of the course, you will receive a UCT certificate and a report from your teacher.

### GENERAL ENGLISH

Our general English courses are ideal if you use English for everyday purposes. We offer year-round general English courses for all levels, from elementary to advanced, starting every Monday with course ranging from 20 to 30 lessons a week.

### STANDARD COURSE

On our standard English course you will study 20 lessons a week from 9am to 1pm. The course will teach you English vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation together with the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

#### QUICK GUIDE

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Class times        | 9:00 to 13:00          |
| Maximum class size | 12                     |
| Lessons            | 20                     |
| Lesson length      | 50 minutes             |
| Coursebook         | Included               |
| Levels             | Elementary to Advanced |
| Start date         | Every Monday           |
| Minimum age        | 18                     |

**A wide range of English courses to meet your needs**



### INTENSIVE AND SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSES

After studying General English in the morning, you will be able to choose from a range of electives in the afternoon, to allow you to focus on the English skills that you most want to improve.

#### QUICK GUIDE

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Class times        | 9:00 to 16:00          |
| Maximum class size | 12                     |
| Lessons            | 25 or 30               |
| Lesson length      | 50 minutes             |
| Coursebook         | Included               |
| Levels             | Elementary to Advanced |
| Start date         | Every Monday           |
| Minimum age        | 18                     |



## BUSINESS ENGLISH

Having a command of English will greatly increase your opportunities for a career in the international world of business. This course is ideal for you if you mainly need to use English at work or in a business environment. It takes place in the afternoon and is combined with 20 General English morning lessons.

### QUICK GUIDE

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Class times        | 13:30 to 16:00           |
| Maximum class size | 12                       |
| Number of lessons  | 20+5 or 20+10            |
| Lesson length      | 50 minutes               |
| Coursebook         | Not used                 |
| Levels             | Intermediate to Advanced |
| Start date         | Any Monday               |
| Minimum age        | 18                       |

## ENGLISH EXAMS: IELTS, TOEFL, FCE, CAE

These courses are designed to prepare you for the IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge General English Exams (Cambridge First or Advanced). Focussed training in exam strategies and techniques will allow you to maximise your potential and achieve the best grade possible. Courses can be combined with General English afternoon electives.

### QUICK GUIDE

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Class times        | 9:00 to 13:00          |
| Maximum class size | 12                     |
| Number of lessons  | 20                     |
| Lesson length      | 50 minutes             |
| Coursebook         | Included               |
| Levels             | Intermediate and above |
| Start date         | Varies per exam        |
| Minimum age        | 18                     |

All exam preparation courses are subject to availability.

## EAP PRE-SESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

If English is not your first language, you may need to improve your skills on a pre-sessional English for Academic Purposes programme before starting your degree at UCT. EAP Pre-sessional programmes are specialist courses which prepare international students to study at an English-speaking university.

Successfully completing the pre-sessional programme, will make you eligible to study a full degree at UCT. The length of your pre-sessional programme will depend on your level of English.

The coursebook is provided free of charge.



## Where will I stay?

### ACCOMMODATION

The UCT English Language Centre offers a range of safe and affordable accommodation to its students.

We offer three types of student accommodation to meet your financial needs and lifestyle requirements. Certain options may be subject to availability.

#### STUDENT RESIDENCE

For independent living, you can choose to stay in one of our student residences, with other students from all over the world. All residences have free Wi-Fi, 24-hour security and are close to ELC or UCT's free bus service, the Jammie Shuttle. Residence accommodation is subject to availability.

#### HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES

We can also arrange for you to stay at one of the many hotels and guesthouses near the school. If you choose this option we will contact you to discuss your needs and budget, so we can make sure you get exactly the kind of accommodation you want.

#### HOMESTAY

Homestay accommodation involves sharing a house with a local family, couple or single person. This means that you have the chance to practice the English you learn at school in a real life environment, and gain an insight into South African life at the same time.

You will have a single or double room with a desk and wardrobe, and breakfast and dinner is included. All Homestay accommodation is accessible to the school by foot, public transport, or on the Jammie Shuttle.

**Be part of a vibrant  
community of  
international students**



# Things to do

## CAPE TOWN

Cape Town is the most popular student destination in Africa and welcomes millions of tourists each year. With pristine beaches and a bustling nightlife, the list of things to do in Cape Town seems endless.

As home to four regional universities, international students make up ten percent of the student population - whether working towards a degree, learning English, or studying at one of the wide range of specialist schools.

But the thing you will remember most from your time in Cape Town is its people. A cosmopolitan melting pot, whose unique position as the gateway to Africa has made it a cultural crossroads and a truly international city.



## Social Programme

### TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

We schedule a number of trips and activities every week. As well as our regular trips, we also arrange visits to sporting, social and cultural events.

Uct has over 100 student societies as well as 40 sports clubs to choose from. Below are just a few that you can choose from:

#### STUDENT SOCIETIES

- Film Society
- Ballroom and Latin Dancing
- Wine and Cultural Society
- Hip Hop Club
- Photography Society
- Space and Astronomy Society
- History and Current Affairs Society
- Yoga Society

#### SPORT CLUBS

- Surfing
- Football
- Water-skiing
- Capoeira
- Wakeboarding
- Volleyball
- Cycling
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Climbing



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## WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

### STUDENT VISA INFORMATION

The UCT International Office has a dedicated pre-arrivals team who will guide and support you through the visa process. As an institution accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education, the University arranges hundreds of student visas each year.

Please contact us with any questions you have about the centre or our courses, and we will get back to you. We aim to respond to all enquiries within 48 hours.

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