

## International Exchange

### Fact Sheet 2016 - 2017



#### Physical address

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Main website:

<http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za>

## Introduction

The Graduate School of Business (GSB) is part of South Africa's leading research university – the University of Cape Town (UCT). The GSB, home to the only full-time African MBA ranked in the top 100 by the prestigious Financial Times is attracting attention at the tip of Africa. We are currently triple-crowned with EQUIS from the European Foundation for Management Development, AACSB from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and AMBA accreditations from the Association of MBAs. We take a four-pronged approach to excellence that combines academic rigour, societal relevance, innovation in teaching and thought leadership to transform our students - taking them from a place of knowing to doing to being. The GSB is committed to making business better.

Our full-colour thinking approach challenges taken-for-granted assumptions and practices and encourages students to do the same. With our roots in Africa, our focus is on emerging market business and our teaching and research is geared towards driving development and understanding in this context, which is characterised by high degrees of uncertainty, complexity and inequality.

Through initiatives like the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Allan Gray Centre for Values-based Leadership we seek to build a new kind of business school: one that is rooted in values and enables positive new ways of thinking and acting in business to achieve sustainable success.

We offer a range of study options, from our academic programmes, including the MBA and the Executive MBA, to Executive Education short courses as well as masters and doctoral studies. Our campus is located in the heart of the City of Cape Town – one of Africa's most vibrant and culturally diverse cities.

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## FULL COLOUR THINKING



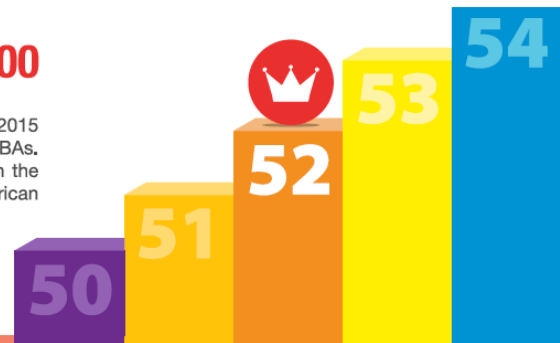
## Celebrating 11 years in the top 100



**Global MBA**  
Ranking 2015

The GSB has been ranked **52nd** in the 2015 Financial Times ranking for full-time MBAs. This is the **11th year** it has appeared in the **prestigious ranking** and is the only African business school on the list.

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### Nomination Deadlines for 2016

Term 1: 12 October 2015 (for Term 1 of 2016)

Term 3: 1 April 2016 (for Term 3 of 2016)

Term 4: 1 July 2016 (for Term 4 of 2016)

### Term Dates for 2016

Term 1: 15 January - 5 April 2016

Term 2: 8 April - 8 July 2016

Term 3: 6 July - 23 September 2016 (*Including Electives: 3 – 17 September*)

Term 4: 1 October - 7 December 2016 (*Including Electives: 1 – 16 October*)

## Expected Arrival Dates

Students are advised to arrive at least one week prior to the beginning of Terms and courses.

## Application, Visa and Registration Process

The average age of our student body is 30, with students having an average of 7 years of work experience. Our expectation is that partner institutions nominate students with a similar profile. Once nominated, we send students a letter offering them a place on the MBA programme, a UCT application form for completion, and an information pack which would include course information.

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The GSB at UCT is prohibited from registering foreign students unless they are in possession of a valid study permit. **A study visa is issued to a foreigner intending to study at a learning institution in the Republic of South Africa for longer than three (3) months.** Students must apply for a South African study visa/entry permit through the nearest South African Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission, and should include a copy of the admissions letter offering them a place as an exchange student, together with a brief motivation of their reasons for wanting to study in South Africa. **Study visa applications take a minimum of 8 weeks to process** in the case of complete applications (all documentation in English) meeting all the requirements. Students should therefore ensure that they obtain the list of required documentation from their nearest SA foreign mission and start collecting their supporting information way in advance. Upon receipt of their UCT GSB Admissions Letter they should immediately submit their visa application for timeous processing.

If the student is entering South Africa for 3 months or less, he/ she may enter on a visitor's visa. If the student wishes to study at the GSB/UCT on a visitor's visa, he/ she should have an endorsement stating that they are studying at the GSB, UCT. However, please contact your nearest South African Embassy or Consulate.

Upon arrival in Cape Town, students need to submit the following documents at our office for registration purposes:

- Passport copy
- Study visa / visitor's visa
- South African medical aid document
- **Letter from host institution confirming English proficiency on a Masters level programme**

## Health Care

### Study permits: Health insurance

One of the requirements of a study permit is proof of medical cover that is registered in and/or recognized in South Africa.

### South African Healthcare Consultants

UCT has appointed Absa Healthcare Consultants (ABSA HCC) as intermediaries for international students registered with the Compcare, Networkx and Momentum Health Medical Schemes. Students can contact ABSA HCC for further guidance:

E-mail: international.students@absa.co.za  
Tel: (+27) 860 100 380  
Fax: (+27) 11 467 8486



For more information on health insurance, you can consult the following websites:

- Ingwe Health Momentum: [www.ingwehealth.co.za](http://www.ingwehealth.co.za)
- Compcare: [www.compcare.co.za](http://www.compcare.co.za)

## Language of Instruction: English

## Learning Expectations / Environment

The average age of our student body is 30, with students having an average of 7 years of work experience.

Class format: Lectures, group work, discussions, case studies, and presentations.

Attendance: Class attendance is mandatory.

Participation: Active participation is encouraged and forms part of each student's grade, (5 – 10%).

Grading: The final course grade varies from class to class, but may be based on the following: Class participation, individual assignments, group projects, oral and written presentations, mid-term tests, final examination or term paper.

Class size: 80 students for core courses and 12-50 students for elective courses.

Examinations: All examinations are graded on the following scale:

1st	75+%
2+	70-74%
2-	60-69%
3rd	50-59%
Fail	<50%

**Please note:** A student MUST attain 50% in the individual assessment component of a course in order for the group mark of a course to be included in the final mark.



## Courses and Course Credits

Exchange students have a choice of joining us during Terms 1, 3 and/or 4 when the core/elective courses are offered (see Term Dates above for when the elective courses are offered).

### Core Courses

A core course has a credit weighting of 10 South African SAQA credits and usually consists of fifteen 2-hour lectures plus syndicate group work and individual preparation. The total workload per core course is around 100 - 120 hours (including lecture contact sessions, syndicate group work and individual preparation).

#### **The following core courses are offered in Term 1, 2016:**

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Business, Government and Society     | 10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours |
| 2. Economics for Business               | 10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours |
| 3. Leadership and Personal Development  | 10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours |
| 4. Accounting                           | 10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours |
| 5. Complexity, Organisations and Values | 10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours |

**For more details about each course, please consult our website:**

<http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/s.asp?p=102>

### Elective Courses 2016

Elective courses have either a weighting of 5 or 10 South African SAQA credits and usually consists of sixteen 2-hour lectures plus syndicate group work and individual preparation. The total workload per 5 credit Elective course is around 50 hours (including lecture contact sessions, syndicate group work and individual preparation).

#### **Term 1 Elective courses:**

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Strategic Brand Building:                | 5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours  |
| 2. Change Management:                       | 5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours  |
| 3. Global Supply Chain Management:          | 5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours  |
| 4. Lean Thinking and Operational Excellence | 5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours  |
| 5. Markets in Emerging Countries            | 5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours  |
| 6. Economics of Emerging Markets            | 10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours |

**For more details about each course, please email: [ingevand@gsb.uct.ac.za](mailto:ingevand@gsb.uct.ac.za)**



### Terms 3 and 4 Elective courses:

A number of elective courses are offered each year depending on, amongst other things, GSB student interests. The electives run during Terms 3 and 4. Popular electives in the past have included Advanced Leadership, Sustainable Enterprise, Social Entrepreneurship, Emerging Enterprises Consulting, Economics of Financial Markets, Modern Finance, Planning New Ventures, Negotiation, and Organisational Development for Social Innovation and Doing Business in Africa.

By approximately May of each year we are able to advise students on the elective courses to be offered.

## **Accommodation / Residence**

Residence on our Breakwater Campus: The following accommodation options, which include two meals per day, are provided on campus at the **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge**:

Single Share Shower	Own room, but share shower/basin/toilet with one other room	R566.00 pppn
Single Suite	One bedroom and private bathroom facilities	R879.00 pppn
Single Business Suite	One bedroom and private shower/basin/toilet/bath	R1136.00 pppn

**Please note:** Prices are for 2015 and subject to change (VAT included). These daily rates are charged during the academic year. Accommodation outside of the academic year will be at the full commercial rate.

Students wishing to live in residence should contact the Breakwater Lodge directly and liaise with them. The contact person is Alechia Labuschagne (e-mail address: [alechia@bwl.co.za](mailto:alechia@bwl.co.za) or +27 21 406 1035).

## **Residence off Campus**

Students wishing to arrange their own housing should plan to arrive in advance. Should they wish to book in for a week while private accommodation is found, students must deal directly with the Breakwater Lodge as commercial guests.

### **Suggested Websites:**

<https://www.roomorama.com>  
<http://www.citybowlaccommodation.co.za>  
<http://www.gumtree.co.za>  
<http://www.property24.com>





## Approximate Living Costs

Tuition:	Waived for institutions with which UCT GSB has a formal, bilateral exchange agreement.
Books & notes:	Course material and textbooks are available online.
Personal expenses:	Approximately R15 000.00 – R20 000.00 per month.

## Facilities

The Breakwater Campus, once a 19th century prison was transformed into the UCT Graduate School of Business. It offers Library services, student work rooms, a new solution space environment specially designed to foster creativity and collaboration with floor to ceiling chalkboard walls, flexible furniture for multiple set ups, hot desk facilities, lounge areas, a computer lab (e-mail, internet and Wi-Fi), an open learning space including tele and video conferencing facilities for virtual meet-ups and presentations.

The Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge, a 3.5 star property has a full-service spa, a fitness centre, wireless and wired high-speed Internet access which is complimentary in public areas, business amenities, a 24-hour business centre and a meeting room.

Dining options include a restaurant, deck, cocktail bar/lounge and a coffee shop, all on the Breakwater Campus.

The Cape Town V&A Waterfront is a major tourist attraction on our doorstep and Cape Town's famous Table Mountain overlooks the School, the City and the Harbour. Students may make use of the University's sports facilities on the main campus, or private arrangements may be made with the Virgin Active Gym nearby.

