



# International Exchange Fact Sheet 2017 – 2018

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**GRADUATE  
SCHOOL OF  
BUSINESS**

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

# 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.

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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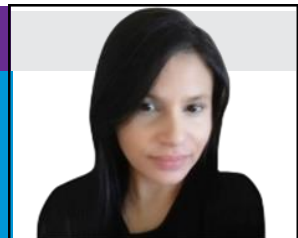
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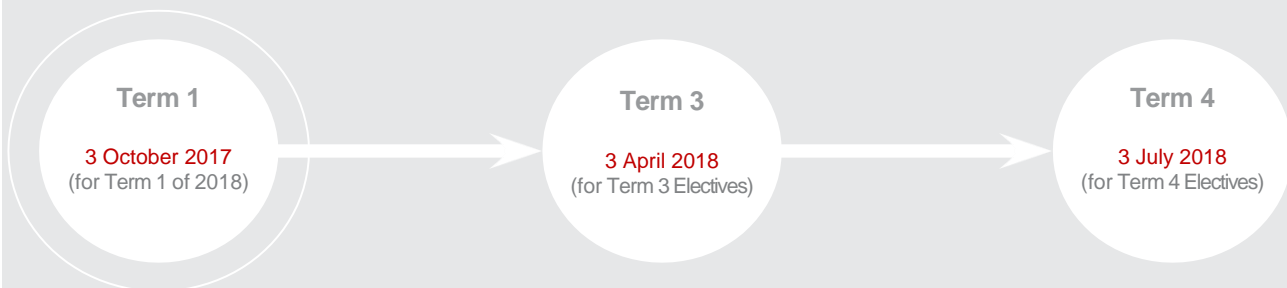


The GSB is 1 of just 3 business schools in Africa to have the prestigious **triple-crown accreditation**.

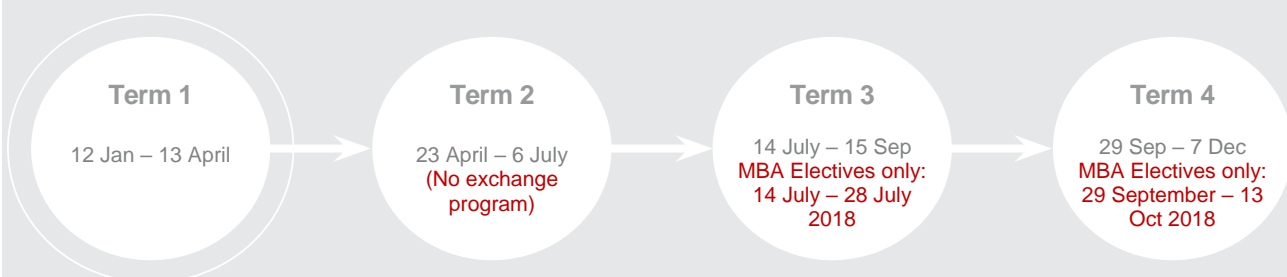
## RANKINGS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- ❖ Full-time MBA ranking, the only African school included
- ❖ Rated the top business school in Africa seven years in a row by the Eduniversal World Convention
- ❖ Ranked in the top three Emerging Global: Middle East and African business schools in the QS Global 200 Business Schools Report 2014/15
- ❖ Ranked top in its category in the Top 500 best managed companies in South Africa survey 2014
- ❖ Ranked top in its category and 1 of 6 finalists in the 2015 Global Business Challenge

## 2018 NOMINATION DEADLINES



## 2018 TERM DATES



# REGISTRATION AND VISA PROCESS

Once nominated, we send students a letter offering them a place on the GSB MBA programme, a UCT application form for completion, and an information pack including course information.

The GSB at UCT is prohibited from registering foreign students unless they are in possession of a valid visa for South Africa for the duration of their study period. It is every student's own responsibility to ensure that he / she is in possession of a valid visa to enter South Africa before travelling. We advise all students to contact their nearest South African Embassy or Consulate before travelling to South Africa, in order to confirm visa requirements.

Students entering South Africa for 3 months or less may enter on a Visitor's Visa with an endorsement stating that they are studying at the GSB, UCT. Students from visa exempt countries do not need to apply for a visa for visits to South Africa of 90 days or less. On arrival in South Africa their passports are stamped at the port of entry. These students would need to present their academic offer letters and course schedules at the port of entry so that it is written/stamped in the passport that entry is for a study purpose.

Students from non-visa exempt countries, however, are issued a Visitor's Visa for the duration of their studies in South Africa. These students need to make an application for the visa through their nearest South African Embassy or Consulate in their home country.

A list of visa exempt countries is available on the South African Department of Home Affairs website – <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/countries-exempt-from-sa-visas> (the list is subject to change without notice). It is critical to take a careful look at these countries as some passport holders are allowed for 30 days only, rather than 90 days.

Study Visas are required for all foreign students intending to study at a learning institution in South Africa for longer than three (3) months. Students must apply for a South African Study Visa through their nearest South African Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission, and should include a copy of the admissions letter offering them a place at the GSB, together with a brief motivation of their reasons for wanting to study in South Africa.

Kindly note: 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.

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**

## 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, Network and Momentum Health Medical Schemes. Students can contact ABSA HCC for further guidance:


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

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

 Compcare: [www.compcare.co.za](http://www.compcare.co.za)

 [international.students@absa.co.za](mailto:international.students@absa.co.za)

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# LEARNING EXPECTATIONS / ENVIRONMENT

## Class Demographics

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.

## Language of Instruction

English

## Class format

Lectures, group work, discussions, case studies, and presentations.

## Class size

50 - 80 students for core courses and 12-30 students for elective courses.

## Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory.

## Participation

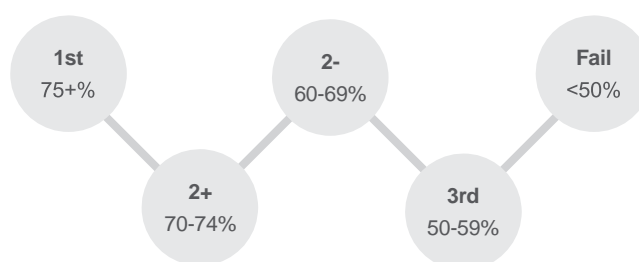
Active participation is encouraged and forms part of each student's grade, (5 – 10%). Much of the course work on the MBA is carried out in groups, preparing students for the challenges of managing and being part of a team. Skills such as team-building, communication, delegation, negotiation and conflict resolution are honed through group interaction.

## 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.

## Examinations

All examinations are graded on the following scale:



### 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 COURSE

A core course normally 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).

For more details about each course, please consult our website: <http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/mba-curriculum>

## CORE COURSES OFFERED IN TERM 1, 2018

**Business, Government and Society**  
10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours

**Organisation Leadership and Values**  
10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours

**Organisational Behaviour and People**  
10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours

## ELECTIVE COURSES 2018

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).

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

### TERM 1 ELECTIVE COURSES

#### Strategic Brand Building

5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours

#### Complexity of Change

5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours

#### Economics of Emerging Markets

10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours

#### Innovative Finance

5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours

#### Markets in Emerging Countries

5 UCT credits, 16 contact hours

#### Doing Business in Africa

10 UCT credits, 30 contact hours

### 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 Change Management, Doing Business in Africa, Leveraging Disruptive Innovation, Social Entrepreneurship, Emerging Enterprises Consulting, Economics of Emerging Markets, Negotiation, Organisational Development for Social Innovation, Doing Business in China and Asia, Integrated Reporting, Applied Sustainable Responsible Investment and Project Management.

By May of each year we are able to advise students on the elective courses to be offered in Terms 3 and 4.



# 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

R 573.00 pppn ( Room Only)

R703.00 pppn (Breakfast)

R843.00 pppn (Breakfast & Dinner)

R983.00 pppn (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

### Single Suite

One bedroom and private bathroom facilities

R 957.00 pppn (Room Only)

R1087.00 pppn (Breakfast)

R1227.00 pppn (Breakfast & Dinner)

R1367.00 pppn (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

### Single Business Suite

One bedroom and private shower/basin/toilet/bath

R 1095.00 pppn (Room Only)

R1225.00 pppn (Breakfast)

R1365.00 pppn (Breakfast & Dinner)

R1505.00 pppn (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

## 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.

### Please note

Prices are for 2017 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 Belinda Betela:

[belinda@bwl.co.za](mailto:belinda@bwl.co.za) or +27 21 406 1035

### Suggested Websites:

<https://www.airbnb.com>

<https://www.roomorama.com>

<http://www.citybowlaccommodation.co.za>

<http://www.gumtree.co.za>

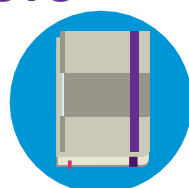
<http://www.property24.com>

## 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 – R20000.00 per month.

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# 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.

