International Exchange

Fact Sheet 2015

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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.
Term Dates

Term Dates 2015:

Term 1: Fri, 16 Jan - Fri, 17 April

Term 2: Mon, 27 April - Fri, 10 July

Term 3: Sat, 18 July - Fri, 25 Sept. (Electives: Sat, 18 July - Sun, 2 August)

Term 4: Sat, 3 Oct - Wed, 9 Dec (Electives: Sat, 3 Oct - Sun, 18 October)

Expected Arrival Dates

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

Nomination Deadlines for 2015

Term 1 12 October 2015 (Term 1 of 2016)

Term 3 1 April 2015

Term 4 1 July 2015
**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 University of Cape Town application form for completion, and an information pack which would include course information.

The University of Cape Town is prohibited from registering foreign students unless they are in possession of a valid study permit. 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 letter offering them a place as an exchange student, together with a brief motivation of their reasons for wanting to study in South Africa. As two months are usually allowed for study permits to be processed, students should request the South African authorities to make every effort to expedite proceedings. Students must produce their study permits on arrival.

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.

**Language of Instruction**

English

**Residence**

Residence on our Breakwater Campus (subject to change)

The following accommodation options, which include two meals per day, are provided on campus at the Breakwater Lodge hotel:

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Price</th>
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<td>Single Share Shower</td>
<td>Own room, but share shower/basin/toilet with one other room</td>
<td>R566.00</td>
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<td>Single Suite</td>
<td>One bedroom and private bathroom facilities</td>
<td>R879.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single Business Suite</td>
<td>One bedroom and private shower/basin/toilet/bath</td>
<td>R1136.00</td>
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NB: Prices are inclusive of VAT. 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 Nicole Ruiters (e-mail address: nicole@bwl.co.za or +2721 4061035).

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

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.

Appointment of ABSA Healthcare Consultants

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

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

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

- Ingwe Health Momentum
- Compcare
- SA Medical Scheme Information

Approximate Living Costs

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<td>Tuition</td>
<td>Waived for institutions with which we have a formal, bilateral</td>
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<td>exchange agreement</td>
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<td>Books &amp; notes</td>
<td>Course material and textbooks are available online</td>
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<td>Personal expenses</td>
<td>Approximately R15 000.00 – R20 000.00 per month</td>
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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 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.

Students may participate in the Career Service programmes by attending presentations, and are given an opportunity to present their CV’s to organisations. We have several multinational organisations which may be able to assist your students, should they be recruiting on campus while your students are attending courses here.

Learning Expectations / Environment

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

Attendance: Class attendance is mandatory
Participation: Active participation is encouraged and usually 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:

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<td>1st</td>
<td>75+%</td>
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<td>2+</td>
<td>70-74%</td>
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<td>2-</td>
<td>60-69%</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>50-59%</td>
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<td>Fail</td>
<td>&lt;50%</td>
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NB: 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 (which has a credit weighting of ten credits) usually consists of fifteen 2-hour lectures plus syndicate group work and individual preparation. There are generally 2 to 3 lectures for each course per week. Students are expected to devote a maximum of 6 hours per lecture to a course (with this time allocation including lecture time, private preparation and syndicate work) plus 10 to 14 hours for exam preparation and for assignment submissions. The
total workload per core course should therefore be in the vicinity of 100 to 120 hours. Electives have either a weighting of five or ten credits.

Core courses include:- Accounting; Business, Government and Society; Leadership; Economics; Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Evidence-based Practice; Marketing; Operations Management; Organisational Behaviour and People Management; Complexity and Organisational Development; Strategy; Company Analysis Project and Finance. The Company Analysis Project (a 10-week capstone course which involves analysing a company and presenting to the company’s management) runs in Term 3.

The following core courses are offered in our Term 1:

Accounting
Business, Government and Society
Leadership
Economics
Complexity
Evidence Based Practice

The following core courses are offered in our Term 2:

Finance
Operations Management
Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Organisational Behaviour and People Management
Marketing
Research Methods

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.