

### **How to select courses at UCT for all Study Abroad students applying for one or two semesters**

Students may select semester courses offered by the five Faculties of Commerce, Engineering and the Built Environment, Humanities, Law and Science. **Please note** that every year faculty handbooks are updated and it is important that students choose courses only from the most updated faculty handbook. Please visit the link to the most updated faculty handbooks <http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/>.

It is important that students select courses at UCT for the correct semester as this will speed up the process of receiving an offer letter and pre-approval for these courses. Pre-approval means that a student's course selection is pre-approved by the Head of Department. **Please note** that the **F** and **S** at the end of a course code do not refer to fall and spring at UCT but refer to **F**irst and **S**econd semester.

If you are applying to study for first semester (Feb-July) you will need to select the course codes ending with an "**F**" e.g. HST1008**F** or BIO2004**F**. If you are applying for the second semester (July-Nov) you will need to select second semester courses. These are the course codes ending with an "**S**" e.g. POL3006**S** or ELL2011**S**. It is also important to take note of the appropriate **pre-requisites** for your course selection and to only select suitable second and third year courses for your year of study. Post-graduate students may select postgraduate courses but pre-approval is granted at the discretion of the Head of Department.

It is also important to list your preference of courses from your first choice to your last choice. Please add an additional 2 courses in case you are not pre-approved for your first choices. We will only consider these courses if you are not pre-approved for your first choices. This eliminates additional emails and you will receive feedback sooner.

**W (Whole Year)** courses are only offered to study abroad students who are staying at UCT for the full academic year (Feb-Nov), but pre-approval is still at the discretion of the Head of Department and if the courses are open to study abroad students. **H (Half Year)** courses are considered half year in terms of transferrable credit, but are offered over the period of one academic year. Please read the requirements in the faculty handbook about these courses.

There will also be a cut off date for pre-approval; your academic/study abroad advisor will be informed of this date. Should you wish to change courses (adding or dropping) there will be an opportunity to do so during Orientation week, up until two weeks after registration. Please make sure you attend the various registration talks that will take place during Orientation Week, as the administrative procedures will be explained in great detail. An Orientation Programme will be given to you upon arrival.