



FACULTY OF LAW

Applying to UCT to study Law

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How many points are required for Law?

You need a minimum of 500 points. However, if you qualify on various disadvantage factors, the points are calculated differently. Google "UCT disadvantage factor" to find the link for more information. You could also head over to www.law.uct.ac.za/applying-uct-law; have a look at the "Choose Law" booklet at that link; and watch the short application video, linked off that page.

Q: What subjects do I need to study Law?

There are no specific matric subjects required for Law. You do not need Maths.

Q: Can I apply to study Law if I have Maths Literacy?

Yes - there are no specific matric subjects required for Law.

Q: Must I write the NBTs?

The NBTs are the National Benchmark Tests and are an independent measure used across South Africa for university readiness. **You will need to write both** the *Academic Literacy Test* and the *Quantitative Literacy Test* for your application to study Law. As a Law applicant, you do not need to take the Maths Test. Please go to www.nbt.ac.za for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: the NBTs are not part of UCT and are run separately from UCT.

Q. What courses can I choose from?

The LLB is a set curriculum, and students are only able to choose some Law courses in their final year. However, students on the four-year LLB programme are required to do some elective courses in the first and second year. These courses are chosen from those offered

by the Humanities Faculty. Students will be advised on these course choices at their Orientation.

Q. Can I specialise in a particular area of Law?

The LLB is the general basic Law qualification in South Africa, required for practicing as a lawyer/ attorney/ advocate. It is not possible to specialise at this level. For those who want to specialise, UCT Law offers a wide range of postgraduate programmes – for example in Tax Law, Human Rights, Labour Law, Contracts, Intellectual Property, International Law, Marine & Environmental Law, Criminology and much more.

Q: When should i apply if I want to study at UCT?

Applications are open for undergraduate study between April and July in the year prior to the year you want to study. In other words, to apply to study in 2026, you must apply between April and July in 2025. **Please note that UCT does not accept any late applications.**

Q: How much is the application fee?

The application fee for undergraduate and postgraduate applications from South Africa and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region is currently R100. The fee for undergraduate and postgraduate applications from outside the SADC region is R300.

Q: Where can I find out how to apply to UCT?

<https://uct.ac.za/students/applications-apply-undergraduate-qualifications/application-procedure>

Q: Where can i find out about financial support?

A: You can try NSFAS (www.nsfas.org.za) to see if you qualify. Alternatively, if you are wanting to study Law at UCT, you can look for more information at www.law.uct.ac.za/scholarship-funding, although these scholarships are highly competitive and are not usually awarded to students in their first year of Law studies.

Q: Can I transfer from my university to UCT to study Law?

A: Yes, you can - you need to apply using the standard online application procedure at <https://applyonline.uct.ac.za> and you would need to contact law-studies@uct.ac.za to find out how to apply for credits for courses already completed.

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS AND CAN'T FIND THE INFORMATION, CONTACT US ON lawcares@uct.ac.za