



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
FACULTY OF LAW
POSTGRADUATE LAW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION
PROGRAMME

DATES: 11-13 FEBRUARY 2026

KRAMER LAW BUILDING, UCT MIDDLE CAMPUS, STANLEY ROAD, RONDEBOSCH, CAPE TOWN

Congratulations on your admission as a postgraduate student at UCT Law, whether as a doctoral or masters research candidate, or in one of our School for Advanced Legal Studies (SALS) LLM, MPhil, or PG Diploma programmes!

RSVP for orientation: [LINK](#)

Below is the schedule for your in-person orientation taking place from 11 to 13 February 2026.

On **Wednesday, 11 February**, all postgraduate students (i.e. PG diploma, professional master's students, coursework and minor dissertation students, and research master's and doctoral candidates) are expected to attend. Join us for lunch in the Pius Langa quad.

On **Thursday, 12 February**, SALS students who intend to do professional master's, LLM by coursework with a minor dissertation, as well as research master's and doctoral candidates are expected to attend.

On **Friday, 13 February**, doctoral and research master's students are expected to attend.

In the afternoon of **13 February**, all postgraduate students are invited to attend a social hosted in collaboration with the Postgraduate Law Students Council from 1.30pm.

During postgraduate orientation, not only will you receive crucial information about your postgraduate studies; orientation is also an opportunity to meet some of your lecturers, supervisors (if applicable), and fellow students, as well as learn about how our Law Faculty works.



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DAY 1: 11 February 2026 @ Kramer Lecture Theatre 2, Level 2, Kramer Law Building (for all PG law students)

9h00 Welcome: Professor Mohamed Paleker, Dean of the Law Faculty

9h15 Understanding the PG Journey and academic expectations: Associate Professor Kelley Moul, Deputy Dean of Postgraduate Studies

10h00 Q&A with PG students

10h30 **Comfort break and refreshments**

11h00 Responsible Use of AI & Academic Integrity: Associate Professor Jameelah Omar, Deputy Dean: Undergraduate Studies

11h45 Academic Support Services & Resources

13h00 **Finger lunch**

14h00 Registration & Faculty Processes: Ms Clare Richfield, Administrative Officer

15h00 Scavenger hunt – get to know the Brand van Zyl Law Library, the Law Faculty building, and staff (and WIN PRIZES!) - return to Kramer LT 2 by 15h55

16h00 Building your CV during your PG studies: publications, social media, conference attendance, seminars, and more

16h15 Day 1 closure and prize giving



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DAY 2: 12 February 2026 @ Kramer Lecture Theatre 2, Level 2, Kramer Law Building (Professional master's, coursework with minor dissertation students, research master's and doctoral candidates)

9h00	All students: Welcome
09h15	All students: Course selection - Associate Professor Kelley Moult, Deputy Dean of Postgraduate Studies
09h45	All students: Academic programme presentations by course conveners
11h15	Comfort break and refreshments
11h30	Research masters and doctoral students: Meeting prospective supervisors (proceed to the Faculty Common Room, level 4)
11h30	Professional master's students: Course work and research task discussion (proceed to Bram Fischer, level 5) - <i>Dr Faadhil Adams, Department of Commercial Law</i>
11h30	Course work and minor dissertation students: Discussion on processes, dates, & expectations (Remain in Kramer LT 2) – <i>Professor Pierre de Vos, Department of Public Law</i>
12h30	Lunch
13h30	Faculty research ecosystem networking event Pius Langa Quad: Interactive showcase of research Units and centres
15h00	Day 2 closure



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DAY 3: 13 February 2026 @ Kramer Lecture Theatre 2, Level 2, Kramer Law Building (Doctoral candidates and research master's students)

9h00	Welcome
09h05	Preparing for doctrinal legal research: <i>Dr Nicola Palmer, Department of Public Law</i>
10h15	Comfort break and refreshments
10h30	Preparing for empirical research: <i>Associate Professor Kelley Moults, Deputy Dean of Postgraduate Studies</i>
11h30	Data and bibliography management: <i>Ms Anthea Paulsen, Law Librarian</i>
12:30	Succeeding in your doctoral research panel discussion (remain in LT 2): <i>Dr Nomfundo Ramalekana, Department of Public Law</i>
12:30	Succeeding in your master's research panel discussion (proceed to Bram Fischer): <i>PG Students</i>
13h30	Social lunch

On 13 February, there will be an Introduction to SA Law session for foreign/MPhil students, commencing at 8h30, and ending at 14h00 – Kramer Lecture Theatre 1





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UCT is an 'in-residence university'. What does this mean?	Students are generally expected to undertake their studies in the vicinity of UCT, as opposed to by way of correspondence.
What is SALS?	UCT Law Faculty's School for Advanced Legal Studies
When does the first term start?	Classes start on 17 February 2025. Check out the academic calendar here .
What is the difference between a SALS course offered in block weeks and a course offered weekly?	Some of SALS LLM/MPhil/PG Diploma courses are scheduled in block weeks, which means classes for the module occur in a condensed manner, typically over two weeks during the semester, whereas courses offered weekly entail 3-hour lecture slots that occur weekly throughout the semester. Block week courses are more suited to students who do not live permanently in Cape Town during their studies.
What is eRA?	UCT's electronic research administration system, where students and academics must apply for research ethics clearance, and other project approvals.
If I fail one or more courses, is there a supplementary exam?	No, students who fail, but earn an overall course mark (exam + assignment, as applicable) of 47%-49% are afforded the opportunity to do an oral exam, but no supplementary examinations are available for LLM students. A pass is 50%.
If I fail to submit my research task on the due date, may I get an extension?	A research task is to be treated like an exam. No extensions are possible for research tasks. The only way to submit is by re-enrolling the following year, and incurring the costs thereof. You may face academic exclusion.
If I fail my research task, is there a supplementary exam.	There is no supplementary examination for a research task. If you fail your research task you will need to re-enrol the following year and incur the cost thereof. You may face academic exclusion.
I am a PhD student. When is my research proposal due?	You must submit your proposal to the Faculty Office with sign off from your supervisor within 6 months of registration.
How can I book library training?	Students can book a library training session with Anthea Paulsen (anthea.paulsen@uct.ac.za).





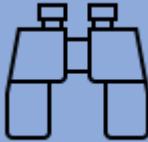
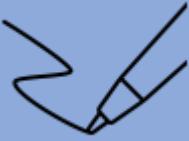
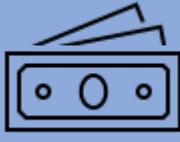
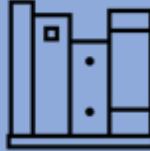
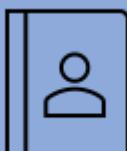
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I have registered, but need to change my curriculum, what should I do?	Students who wish to change their curriculum post-registration need to submit this form: https://forms.uct.ac.za/studentadmin/aca09.pdf via a Peoplesoft service request. Please consult your programme convenor or a student advisor for advice regarding this change.
Who are the SALS Student Advisors?	A/Prof Afton Titus (Commercial Law Courses) A/Prof Lee-Ann Tong (Commercial Law Courses and General) A/Prof Hannah Woolaver (Private and Public Law Courses)
Who are the Postgraduate Programme Convenors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Law Dr T Thabane • Comparative Business Law in Africa Professor A Ordor • Constitutional and Administrative Law Professor P de Vos • Criminology, Law and Society Associate Professor I Kinnes • Dispute Resolution L Mkhwanazi (1st semester); M Carelse (2nd semester) • Human Rights Law M Baase (1st semester), S Lutchman (2nd semester) • Environmental Law Professor A Paterson • Intellectual Property Law Professor C Ncube • Judicial Studies Professor P de Vos • International Law Associate Professor H Woolaver • International Trade Law Associate Professor R Simo • Labour Law Dr C de Villiers • Marine and Environmental Law Professor A Paterson • Mineral and energy resources Law in Africa Professor H Mostert • Public Law Associate Professor H Woolaver • Shipping Law Dr D Metuge • Tax Law B Cronin • International Taxation Professor J Hattingh
How do I generate proof of registration?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to PeopleSoft with your student number and password, and click on 'self-service' 2. Select the 'proof of registration' option and the year you require (this can be found on the drop-down menu 'Academic records' on the Student Centre) 3. Follow the link and click on the green email icon to send it to your student email account 4. Log in to your student e-mail account 5. Your proof of registration will be sent to you as a PDF document.
Who can help me if I have trouble registering online?	Log a call with SSS: sss-helpdesk@uct.ac.za or 012 650 5227 during work hours.
How do I cancel my registration?	If you are unable to continue your studies, submit a cancellation of registration form ACA08 via a Peoplesoft service request: https://forms.uct.ac.za/aca08.pdf . Note that there are deadlines and fee implications.



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<p>Overview of SALIS PG programmes</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Writing Centre</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	
<p>Funding opportunities</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Student Wellness</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	
<p>Registration details</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Law Library resources such as plagiarism declaration, online tools, etc.</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>SCAN ME</p>
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UCT Policies (including research ethics) 	 SCAN ME	SALS timetables 	 SCAN ME
Postgrad hub (with Rules and Regulations – see Current Postgrads) 	 SCAN ME	List of prospective supervisors 	 SCAN ME