



Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment
FAQ for postgraduate students – 18 October 2016

1. When will exams start?

Exams are scheduled to start on 7 November and end on 25 November.

2. What happens if I've booked plane or bus tickets home after the official exam times and they're too expensive to change? Or if I have commitments which cannot be changed

You will need to talk to your supervisor to see what arrangements can be made.

3. What does the current delay mean for dissertation/ thesis under examination? Will the examination deadlines be delayed, which then impacts when I get a result?

Dissertations are examined by both internal and external examiners. There are no blanket negative implications. If examiners are impacted by the current protests which are nation-wide at the moment, then they will request extensions. Therefore, each student will experience different effects based on the examiners appointed. Faculty is trying hard to get results to students on time so that there are not many delays.

4. I was told that the examination of my dissertation takes 6-8 weeks. The time period is approaching, does this mean that the examiners will automatically be given an extension?

No, examiners are not automatically given extensions. Only if extensions are requested, will there be a delay.

5. If there is a further delay will new examiners need to be appointed?

New examiners will only be appointed if there has been no response by the current examiner, or if the current examiner is no longer able to examine.

6. Will there still be a PG graduation ceremony in December?

There is **proposed** ceremony to be hold on Tuesday 20 December 2016 to accommodate those master's and PhD students whose work is already under examination. Once this date is confirmed we will communicate with postgrad students.

7. If I am not able to attend the ceremony in December, will I be able to attend the ceremony in June?

Yes – students will receive an invitation to the June graduation ceremony

8. How do I prove that I have completed my degree?

You will be able to get an official transcript from Student Records. Details on how this will be done will be communicated later.

9. With Campus being closed, this has severely impacted my progress with my research, therefore, will the deadline for submission of dissertations before the start of the year be extended?

Yes - the Registrar has confirmed that the deadline for submission has been extended from Thursday 16 Feb 2017 to **Thursday 16 March 2017.**

10. My corrections and paper need to be submitted as a hard copy, how do I get this to the Faculty Office?

Your supervisor and HOD should be on campus to sign off your corrections before submitting them to the Faculty office.

11. What is the deadline for submission of my paper requirement in order for me to complete my degree this year?

11 November 2016.

12. What is the deadline for submission of corrections in order for me to complete my degree this year?

23 November 2016.

13. I am an international student. What support will there be from the university for extending my visa?

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Danie Visser has written to the Minister of Home Affairs outlining the situation on campus and requesting assistance with visas for UCT international students.

IAPO has a page on its website with rolling updates on immigration here:
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/news/rolling-updates-visa-renewals> and
<http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/news/important-immigration-update> . Our immigration updates are also being posted on IAPO's Facebook and Twitter pages.

14. I have found the protests extremely stressful, what kind of support is available for me?

If you have previously seen an EBE psychologist please make a booking with the same therapist.

If you have not seen an EBE psychologist but feel you need support you can join a group session. Contact **Nazeema.Ahmed@uct.ac.za**

UCT Student Careline: 0800 24 25 26 free from a Telkom line or SMS **31393** for a call-me-back. This line offers 24/7 telephonic counselling, advice, referral facilities and general support to students facing any mental health challenges or contemplating suicide. The line is available to offer support and advice to anyone who is concerned about a student who might be in distress. The line is able to advise and refer callers to both internal UCT resources and external (NGO, public and private) mental health resources.

Student Wellness Service for an appointment to see a psychologist or medical doctor.

Ivan Toms Building, 28 Avenue, Mowbray Rhodes, Rhodes Dr, Mowbray

021 650 1017 (psychological) or 021 650 1020 (medical)

Lerushda.cheddie@uct.ac.za to make an appointment

If you cannot secure an appointment at Student Wellness, we strongly encourage students to make use of the UCT Student Careline.

Other resources include:

South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) **0800 567 567**

24hr Helpline **0800 12 13 14**

0800 078 377

Student Helpline

0800 41 42 43

National Suicide Helpline

0800 567 567

SMS 31393