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## UCT open online courses once again in the top 200 of all time

Five University of Cape Town (UCT) massive open online courses (MOOCs) have been included on the 2020 <u>Class Central's Best Online Courses of All Time</u> list. This list is based on more than 125 000 learner reviews globally. MOOCs provide an opportunity for UCT's academics and researchers to share their knowledge with a global audience while allowing the university to showcase its array of intellectual and teaching resources.

The UCT MOOCs that made the list are: <u>Medicine and the Arts: Humanising Healthcare</u>, <u>What is a Mind?</u>, <u>Extinctions: Past and Present</u>, <u>Education for All: Disability</u>, <u>Diversity and</u> <u>Inclusion</u> and <u>Understanding Clinical Research: Behind the Statistics</u>.

Janet Small, course development manager at the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching, who was part of a team that supported UCT academics to create <u>UCT's MOOCs</u> – said: "During the global lockdown, there has been a surge of interest to learn through MOOCs. We have seen a doubling in the number of people completing our MOOCs in these last six months compared to the total since the first UCT MOOC was launched in 2015. We are delighted that so many more people have signed up for and continue to enjoy our courses. It is a testament to the passion of our teaching staff and the dedication of our production team who aim for nothing but the best."

Currently there are more than 15 000 MOOCs from almost 1 000 universities worldwide and the Class Central Top 200 list features courses from about 100 universities in 23 countries.

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