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Almost 2 500 students to be celebrated at UCT's Spring 2025 graduation

The University of Cape Town (UCT) is celebrating the achievements of about 2 440 graduands across all faculties at the Spring 2025 graduation, which commenced on Monday, 8 September and will continue until Wednesday, 10 September 2025.

Eight ceremonies are scheduled to take place at the Sarah Baartman Hall as part of the ongoing graduation season.

- [See the full schedule of Spring 2025 graduation ceremonies.](#)

UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mosa Moshabela remarked: "Graduation is always one of the most meaningful occasions in the life of a university. It is the culmination of years of study, dedication and resilience.

"For our graduands and their families, this moment represents more than completing a qualification; it is also the beginning of new opportunities and responsibilities."

Graduation is also a time to recognise leaders whose work has shaped society and whose contributions extend beyond academia. During the spring ceremonies, UCT will confer honorary doctorates on four remarkable individuals:

- Mr Shuaib Chalklen: Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) (honoris causa)
- Dr Mohammed D'Arcy: Doctor of Medicine (DMed) (honoris causa)
- Dr Sindiwe Magona: Doctor of Literature (DLitt) (honoris causa)
- Ms Luli Callinicos: Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) (honoris causa)

"Through their leadership, scholarship, creativity and commitment to justice, these individuals have expanded knowledge, defended human dignity, and inspired new generations. UCT is privileged to honour their contributions," said Professor Moshabela. All ceremonies will be live-streamed on the UCT [graduation feature page](#), as well as on the university's [Facebook](#) and [X](#) social media platforms, with recordings available on the UCT [YouTube channel](#).

This year's spring graduations will also mark a historic moment for the institution. On Wednesday, 10 September 2025 at 14:00, during the final graduation ceremony, UCT will formally commemorate the renaming of Sarah Baartman Hall.

- [Read the VC Desk: UCT hosts official Sarah Baartman Hall renaming.](#)

Moshabela said: "Sarah Baartman's story has become the epitome of resilience in the face of dehumanisation and the long struggle to recognise the dignity of women and all people. This dedication ceremony is more than a renaming of a building; it is a symbolic act of remembrance, restitution and recognition of those whose lives were marginalised in our history."

The commemoration will include a special colloquium, scheduled for Thursday, 11 September 2025 at 18:00, titled "Honouring Sarah Baartman: Feminist Perspectives on Rights and Social Justice".

"This commemoration takes place during Heritage Month, which immediately follows Women's Month. It will serve as a moment for UCT to reflect on the values we uphold as an institution and the stories we choose to honour and carry forward," said Moshabela.

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