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UCT to graduate 84 doctoral candidates this month

Total 5 062 graduates to be hooded between 15 and 21 December 2010

The University of Cape Town will graduate a total of 84 Doctors of Philosophy at 12 ceremonies beginning at 15h00 on Wednesday, 15 December 2010. The total number of graduates for December 2010 is 5062.

"Every graduate has a story of milestones that have been achieved and, in some cases, very real sacrifices that had to be made to reach this achievement," said UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price. "Some graduates will be the first in their families to earn a university degree. This is a proud moment for all who attend this month's ceremonies, and I extend my congratulations to every graduate and all the family members who will be here to celebrate with them."

At the graduation ceremony at 15h00 on Monday, 20 December, acting greats Sir Anthony Sher and Janet Suzman will receive honorary DLitt degrees. At 10h00 on Tuesday, 21 December, Judge Navi Pillay, who is the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the only South African to have been appointed a judge of the International Criminal Court, will receive an LLD (*honoris causa*); and British politician Baroness Linda Chalker will receive the LLD (*honoris causa*) in recognition of the major contributions she has made to development and medicine in Africa.

Dr Price said UCT's honorary degrees recognise outstanding contributions by extraordinary people. "Global citizenship and social responsiveness are two of the values the university strives to instil in our graduates. Each recipient of an honorary degree has demonstrated these values in their respective fields in an outstanding manner. They have not only changed individual lives, they have made a lasting, positive impact on society. It is an honour for UCT to award honorary degrees to these shining examples of leadership."

There are 23,788 students registered at UCT this year. In June 2010, 83 graduates earned doctoral degrees out of a total of 1293 graduates. The total number of PhDs awarded for 2010, including the June graduates, is 167.

The faculty breakdown for December 2010 PhD graduates is: nine for Commerce; 12 for Engineering & Built Environment; 13 for Health Sciences; 14 for Humanities; three for Law; and 33 for Science.

In 2009, the university graduated a total of 6046 students, including 182 doctoral candidates.

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December 2010 graduation timetable

| Date & Time | Faculty | Special guests, awards, honorary degrees, etc. |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Wed, 15 Dec, 15h00 | Health Sciences 1 | Fellowship: Prof Dan Stein Distinguished Teacher Awards: Prof Roland Eastman and Prof Zephne van der Spuy |
| Thurs, 16 Dec, 10h00 | Humanities 1 | |
| Thurs, 16 Dec, 15h00 | Science 1 | Fellowships: Prof Timothy Egan |
| Fri, 17 Dec, 10h00 | EBE 1 | |
| Fri, 17 Dec, 15h00 | Commerce 1 | |
| Sat, 18 Dec, 09h00 | Humanities 2 | |
| Sat, 18 Dec, 14h00 | Commerce 2 | |
| Sat, 18 Dec, 18h00 | EBE 2 | |
| Mon, 20 Dec, 10h00 | Commerce 3 | |
| Mon, 20 Dec, 15h00 | Humanities 3 | Sir Antony Sher [honorary] Ms Janet Suzman [honorary] |
| Tues, 21 Dec, 10h00 | Law | Judge Navi Pillay [honorary] Baroness Lynda Chalker [honorary] |
| | Science 2 | Social Responsiveness Award: Dr Hanna-Andrea Rother of the Centre for Occupational Health Research |
| | Health Sciences 2 | |
| Tues, 21 Dec, 15h00 | Humanities 4 | |

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