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### **UCT to graduate 89 doctoral candidates this month 5249 total graduands to be hooded between 12 and 17 December 2011**

The University of Cape Town will graduate a total of 89 Doctors of Philosophy at 12 ceremonies beginning at 10h00 on Monday, 12 December 2011. The total number of graduates for December 2011 is 5249, an increase of 187 graduates from December 2010. The total number of PhDs awarded for 2011, including the June graduates, is 152.

The faculty breakdown for December 2011 PhD graduates is: 7 for Commerce; 10 for Engineering & Built Environment; 24 for Health Sciences; 15 for Humanities; 6 for Law; and 27 for Science.

UCT will present Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu with the Graça Machel Chancellor's Award for Continental Leadership at 10h00 on Monday, 12 December, during the first graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Health Science. He will be the second person to receive this award, after President Thabo Mbeki received the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Africa in 2004.

Also on Monday 12 December, at the Faculty of Humanities graduation ceremony at 15h00, UCT alumna and human rights activist Mary Burton will be awarded an honorary doctorate in Social Science for her enduring commitment to justice and reconciliation, and the leading role she has played in bodies esteemed for their advancement of liberty.

On Tuesday, 13 December, at 15h00, inventor, entrepreneur and a philanthropist Dr David Potter will receive an honorary doctorate in Engineering Science. In 1980, he founded the software company Psion, which later introduced the world's first handheld computer and the term "netbook" to the industry.

UCT will also bestow two Social Responsiveness Awards, four Distinguished Teacher Awards, four new Fellowships and a President of Convocation Medal to academic staff. Associate Professor Ralph Hamann, the Research Director at UCT's Graduate School of Business, and Dr Dee Smythe, Director of the Law, Race and Gender

Research Unit in the Faculty of Law, will each receive the 2011 Social Responsiveness Award on behalf of their respective units. The award was established in 2009 by Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price, to promote the university's commitment to social responsiveness as an important institutional activity. It is awarded to staff whose activities benefit not only UCT but also an external community.

The Distinguished Teacher Award is the highest accolade given to teaching staff at all levels within the university, in recognition of excellent teaching. Through the award UCT acknowledges the primary place of teaching and learning in the university's work. This year the award will be given to: Dr Susan Levine (Senior lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology), Timothy Low (Lecturer, Department of Statistical Sciences), Dr Gregory Smith (Lecturer, Department of Chemistry) and Associate Professor Mike Campbell (Head of Jazz Studies, South African College of Music).

There are more than 25 352 students registered at UCT this year, in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. In 2010, the university graduated a total of 6355 students, including 167 doctoral candidates.

*Disclaimer: At the time of distribution of this release, the figures reflecting the number of graduands in 2011 were correct. These are subject to change following final submissions.*

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### **December 2011 graduation timetable**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Guests, awards, honorary degrees, etc.</b>
Monday, 12 December, 10h00	Health Sciences	Desmond Tutu: Graça Machel Chancellor's Award for Continental Leadership
Monday, 12 December, 15h00	Humanities	Mary Burton: Honorary Doctorate Di Oliver: VC 's Medal
Tuesday, 13 December, 10h00	Commerce	Prof Ralph Hamann: Social Responsiveness Award
Tuesday, 13 December, 15h00	Science and Engineering & the Built Environment	David Potter: Honorary Doctorate Prof George Janelidze: Fellowship Prof Hans Kunzi: Fellowship
Wednesday, 14 December, 10h00	Commerce	
Wednesday, 14 December, 15h00	Humanities	Dr Susan Levine: Distinguished Teachers Award

Thursday, 15 December, 10h00	Commerce	Mr Tim Low: Distinguished Teachers Award
Thursday, 15 December, 15h00	Humanities and Commerce	Associate Prof Michael Campbell: Distinguished Teachers Award
Friday, 16 December, 10h00	Science and Engineering & the Built Environment	Prof Edwin Rybicki: Fellowship Dr Gregory Smith: Distinguished Teachers Award
Friday, 16 December, 15h00	Engineering & the Built Environment	Prof Vanessa Watson: Fellowship
Saturday, 17 December, 09h00	Law, Commerce and Health Sciences	Dr Dee Smythe: Social Responsiveness Award
Saturday, 17 December, 14h00	Humanities	Prof Richard van der Ross: The President of Convocation's Medal

## UCT Graduation Statistics

### FACULTY/QUALIFICATION TYPE

<b>COMMERCE</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Diplomas & certificates	302	458	230	523
Bachelors	138	741	144	704
Honours	27	142	49	102
Masters	48	40	71	39
MBA	165	9	167	3
Doctoral	6	9	9	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>1399</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1378</b>

<b>ENGINEERING &amp; BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Diplomas	3	9	1	7
Bachelors	30	456	20	499
Honours	7	94	2	122
Masters	57	112	60	144
Doctoral	9	12	5	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>782</b>

<b>HEALTH SCIENCES</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Diplomas	24	96	48	84
Bachelors	9	300	6	288
Honours	0	62	0	69
Masters	45	62	69	69

Doctoral	17	13	21	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>534</b>

<b>HUMANITIES</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Diplomas & certificates	6	432	13	436
Bachelors	40	873	48	915
Honours	42	322	38	347
Masters	115	98	111	95
Doctoral	21	14	7	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1739</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>1808</b>

<b>LAW</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Diplomas	12	10	21	3
Bachelors	10	78	17	104
Masters	54	57	63	54
Doctoral	1	3	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>167</b>

<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Dec 2011</b>
Diplomas	0	17	0	18
Bachelors	22	284	29	313
Honours	1	164	3	162
Masters	53	62	63	60
Doctoral	29	33	20	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>580</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>5062</b>	<b>1336</b>	<b>5249</b>
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