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UCT student dies in fall

Please cite Ms Gerda Kruger, Executive Director: Communications & Marketing Department at UCT

The University of Cape Town regrettably confirms that a third-year Commerce student died tragically on Thursday, 24 November 2011.

Early indications are that he might have suffered a medical condition that caused him to become disoriented, ending in his fall from his sixth-floor room window. He died on impact.

The student was doing very well academically and we do not believe he intentionally jumped from the window. We are in touch with the family and are supporting them as best we can.

We are also working with the police in their investigation. A post mortem will follow. As is normal process in such an incident, UCT will also do its own independent and thorough investigation in regards to the circumstances of this death.

As exams have concluded, most residences have been vacated. Counselling is being provided for students and staff who may need it.

This death comes in the wake of an incident last week where a first-year student died in his room in a suspected suicide. This is hard for us because losing a student is always deeply traumatic for staff and students. Mercifully these tragic incidences are very rare occurrences.

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