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UCT mourns Madiba's passing

Flags at the University of Cape Town will fly at half-mast today as staff and students mourn the passing of Nelson Mandela.

"Together with everyone in the country – and across the world – the university is experiencing overwhelming sadness and loss," said UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price.

"Madiba taught us all about what it means to be humane in an often inhumane world. His courage and tenacity in fighting for democracy during his earlier years, the triumph of his spirit during his long incarceration, his astute and dignified leadership, and his wise counsel have all exemplified a way of being in the world that we should revere and emulate," said Dr Price.

"Our thoughts are with the UCT Chancellor, Mrs Graça Machel, and the Mandela family as they navigate this intensely personal period of mourning. We have extended our deepest condolences to them and assured them that future generations of staff and students will continue to look towards Madiba's achievements for inspiration."

Dr Price says the university is observing the official mourning period and will use this time to reflect on Mandela's legacy.

UCT will support and participate in the national mourning period. The details will be made available on UCT's website, www.uct.ac.za once they have been finalized.

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