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PhDs at UCT June graduation increase by almost 50%

Graduation ceremonies on 12 & 13 June 2014 in Jameson Hall, Upper Campus

A total of 110 PhD students will graduate from the University of Cape Town this week – an increase of almost 50% compared to a total of 75 in June 2013. The university will award 1,508 degrees to students across various faculties at its graduation ceremonies this week. In June 2013 the total was 1,374 and in June 2012 it stood at 1,340.

UCT's four graduation ceremonies will take place on 12 and 13 June 2014 – starting at 10h00 and 15h00 on both days – in Jameson Hall, Upper Campus.

Ms Gerda Kruger, the Executive Director: Communication and Marketing Department of UCT, said: "The growth of our postgraduate programme is an important part of UCT's strategic vision and contributes to the development of South Africa and the continent. We are increasingly competitive in the global knowledge economy and strive to develop the academic leaders of tomorrow. As an Afropolitan university we are also contributing to the global pool of knowledge, with research that is based on the issues faced in Africa and other developing regions."

Ms Kruger congratulated all graduates on their perseverance in the pursuit of knowledge and their commitment to research that addresses societal challenges. "Through their research – conducted in Africa, for the benefit of Africa and the world – our graduates help to raise the continent's stature as a research destination," she said.

The UCT faculty breakdown for this month's PhD graduates is: six in Commerce; eight in Engineering & the Built Environment; 29 in Health Sciences; 20 in Humanities; six in Law; and 41 in Science.

Please note:

1. *Numbers in the "Diplomas & Certificates" category below include both undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications of this type.*
2. *Graduation figures for June 2014 (mentioned above and in the table below) represent the latest available figures as at 11 June 2014, and may be subject to change.*

Comparative statistics for UCT graduations from 2012 to 2014:

FACULTY/QUALIFICATION TYPE

COMMERCE	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas & Certificates	237	528	225	468	268
Bachelors	131	778	109	829	125
Honours	49	107	53	162	64
Master's	57	29	68	34	117
MBA	182	3	151	3	179
Doctoral	5	20	6	8	6
TOTAL	661	1465	612	1504	759

ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas	3	8	1	6	2
Bachelors	25	551	28	599	24
Honours	4	104	3	120	4
Master's	77	122	92	122	96
Doctoral	3	11	7	9	8
TOTAL	112	796	131	856	134

HEALTH SCIENCES	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas	34	158	33	129	21
Bachelors	6	295	3	310	3
Honours	0	76	0	70	0
Master's	56	75	81	97	101
Doctoral	10	27	21	30	29
TOTAL	106	631	138	636	154

HUMANITIES	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas & Certificates	20	369	16	354	27
Bachelors	53	980	47	955	44
Honours	40	350	35	394	23
Master's	116	99	119	92	108
Doctoral	12	16	14	16	20
TOTAL	241	1814	231	1811	222

LAW	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas	10	5	21	11	21
Bachelors	22	108	5	126	10
Master's	73	38	69	47	66
Doctoral	2	5	3	4	6
TOTAL	107	156	98	188	103

SCIENCE	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas	0	3	0	1	0
Bachelors	39	387	52	307	19
Honours	3	170	5	189	2
Master's	59	69	83	66	74
Doctoral	12	40	24	32	41
TOTAL	113	669	164	595	136

GRAND TOTAL	1340	5531	1374	5590	1508
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OVERALL SUMMARY

	June 2012	Dec 2012	June 2013	Dec 2013	June 2014
Diplomas & Certificates	304	1071	296	969	339
Bachelors	276	3099	244	3126	225
Honours	96	807	96	935	93
MBA	182	3	151	3	179
Master's	438	432	512	458	562
Doctoral	44	119	75	99	110
Total	1340	5531	1374	5590	1508