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## **UCT's statement on final exams**

The UCT final exams will start on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 and conclude on 30 November 2017. Exam sessions will stretch throughout the day and into the early evening. Multiple sessions will run with thousands of students writing different exams each day.

UCT is now in full preparation phase for the final exams of 2017. Due to the ongoing risk of disruptions, an alternative plan is being executed to ensure the successful delivery of the exams. The plan is designed to ensure exams are concluded in a safe, quiet and calm atmosphere.

The decision was made to construct a large, single venue for exams which can be secured and this is now under construction on the UCT rugby fields. Access to the venue and the surrounding area is now strictly controlled.

The bottom section of Madiba Circle (East) from the Sports Centre alongside the rugby fields towards the south exit/entrance is closed to all vehicle traffic until the conclusion of the exams. Foot traffic on Madiba Circle (East) from the Memorial Hall steps to the south of campus will also be restricted.

Campus Protection Services (CPS) officers will perform routine security checks, access control and monitoring in the exam venue area and also in surrounding areas. The officers will be assisted by private security and members of the South African Police Services.

Further information on the finer details on the exam venue and related exam issues are being prepared and will be distributed to all students and staff before the commencement of the exams.

The executive have previously expressed regret that security must be deployed to such an extent on campus to secure the exam venue. Staff and students should expect increased visibility of security measures around the exam venue. In the prevailing context, there is unfortunately no alternative.

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