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UCT statement on exams and Eid

The University of Cape Town confirms that provision has been made to accommodate students who wish to observe Eid during the exam period.

Just last week, the UCT Exams Office sent the relevant protocols and rules for exams to Deans and Heads of Departments. This included a reference to how exams on Eid are to be handled.

Students who wish to break their fast during the 17:00 exams in the month of Ramadan will be accommodated as well as those who wish to do their daily prayers. Students have on previous occasions sat quietly at their desks and broke their fast. Students are also allowed to take a short break should they wish to exit an exam session, during which they will be escorted by an invigilator.

In other instances, students may opt not to write a paper during Eid on 15 June and those wishing to do so may apply for a deferred exam to be written early in second semester and not later than six months as has been the case previously.

Students with exams scheduled for the 08:00 session on 15 June can ask for a late start – they will write the same paper at 09:00 on the same day. This was as a result of a request from a student representative body which indicated to the UCT executive that a late start was preferable to deferring exams.

Students are urged to take note of these provisions and to contact the UCT Exam Office on 021 650 3595 for any further information.

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