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## **UCT's first-year campus service programme underway**



The University of Cape Town's First-Year Campus Reception (FYCR) service commenced on Sunday, 28 February 2021, offering new students a warm welcome to the university.

In order to follow strict health protocols, the FYCR service does not accommodate more than 50 people in the venue at any time. All staff and students are screened before admission, using the UCT Health app.

Only first-year students are admitted to the FYCR service. This is to allow for social distancing and to limit the number of people in the venue.

The FYCR has been set up in the Sport Centre and will run between 09:00 and 19:00 until Tuesday, 2 March. Students who are unfamiliar with the UCT campus can view a <u>pdf map</u> or <u>Google Maps</u> directions (or enter the plus code 2FV7+P7 Cape Town into the Google Maps app).

Students are urged to please book a slot via the FYCR app or <u>online</u> in advance to avoid queues and delays. The app can be downloaded via the UCT Mobile app.

Other important apps for students to download prior to arrival on campus are the UCT Mobile app via the <u>Apple App Store</u> or <u>Google Play Store</u>; and the UCT Daily Health Screening app via the UCT Mobile app or online.

The FYCR service helps students with, among other services, processing the UCT registration declaration that will make them a UCT student (curriculum advice and course enrolment are offered later), issuing student cards, handing over laptops to students who choose to opt in

to the UCT laptop scheme, providing shuttle services to residences, and offering health screening.

If the courses that a student will register for will be offered online, they may opt not to travel to Cape Town and therefore not use the FYCR service. The university, however, encourages as many students as possible to visit the service as it is a good introduction to UCT.

Students who have been offered UCT accommodation are advised to plan their journey to ensure that they arrive before the FYCR closes at 19:00. If a student knows in advance that they are not able to arrive by 19:00, they should please contact Campus Protection Services on +27 (0)21 650 2222/3.

Once students have gone through the FYCR service, they will be able to proceed with online orientation. Thereafter, students will be guided by their faculty through the online process for enrolling in their courses.

Online orientation begins on 3 March. Students are expected to complete both their faculty's online orientation programme and their online registration by Friday, 12 March. Lectures begin on Monday, 15 March.

Students can explore further information on #DestinationUCT via WhatsApp by adding +27 60 018 0288 to their contact list, then typing "Hi" and a menu will pop up.

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