

## Load-shedding

UCT has put measures in place to ensure that minimal teaching and learning time is lost during load-shedding, and that the impact on all other university operations is reduced as much as possible.

Both Eskom and the City of Cape Town issue regular notices in advance ahead of load-shedding. UCT's upper, middle and lower campuses, the health sciences campus and all residences are in Area 15. Hiddingh Campus and the Graduate School of Business are in Area 7. Staff and students are encouraged to check load-shedding schedules regularly and plan accordingly.

The university has a limited number of venues with full back-up power which can be booked for study purposes, but these might not necessarily be available all times if they are already booked for other purposes.

The following study hubs with full back-up power are available:

- Upper Campus: Sports Centre, Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, and Sarah Baartman Hall;
- Middle Campus: Kramer Building;
- The entire Hiddingh Campus.

Some UCT facilities have generators to provide back-up power that is limited to research facilities, emergency lighting, some power points, and access and fire-detection systems. Other UCT facilities have uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) that will provide emergency lighting and some power points for a limited time – usually about two hours.

Wi-Fi will unfortunately not be available in most UCT buildings during power outages. Although UCT IP landlines will not function during load-shedding, the Campus Protection Services (CPS) landline (080 650 2222) will still be operational.

UCT has over 100 lifts. Staff and students are cautioned not to use these lifts 10 minutes prior to scheduled load-shedding times. Some of the lifts have emergency dial-out systems that will allow communication with CPS, and you are advised to use this service if necessary. Alternatively, make use of your cellphone to contact CPS on 021 650 2222/3, assuming that reception is sufficient.

- [Check the City of Cape Town load-shedding schedule.](#)
- [See a list of venues with back up power that can be booked for study purposes.](#)
- [See a list of UCT venues with back-up power-generation capacity.](#)
- [Read tips on managing load-shedding.](#)