



Welcome to the Faculty of Humanities

With close to 7 000 students, the faculty is the second largest at the University of Cape Town. It comprises 17 vibrant academic departments located in three main clusters: the Arts, the Social Sciences, and the Performing and Creative Arts. Common to all is a focus on the human condition in all its dimensions.

Did you know?

- 1 The faculty has produced a number of world-renowned graduates, including Breyten Breytenbach (author), Philip Miller (international composer and sound artist), Roger Ebert (Pulitzer Prize winner), Richard E Grant (actor), Pretty Yende (opera singer), Akin Omotoso (film-maker) and two Nobel Prize winners – Emeritus Professor JM Coetzee (Literature) and Ralph Bunche (Peace).
- 2 The present faculty was formed in 1999 as a result of a merger of the faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Education, Music and the Michaelis School of Fine Art.
- 3 The faculty offers 30 academic majors as well as the opportunity to choose from 21 majors offered through other faculties. This flexibility enables students to tailor their academic experience.



“In the humanities, we teach our students to be analytical, to question, to engage in out-of-the-box thinking, to ask the difficult questions and to use their imagination in solving real world problems. If this sounds exciting, then you will definitely thrive in this environment and you will enjoy your time with us.”

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
HARRY GARUBA**
African Studies

How do I apply?

If possible, come to UCT’s annual Open Day exhibition and explore all that is on offer from the Faculty of Humanities. Alternatively, you can contact the faculty to arrange a visit.



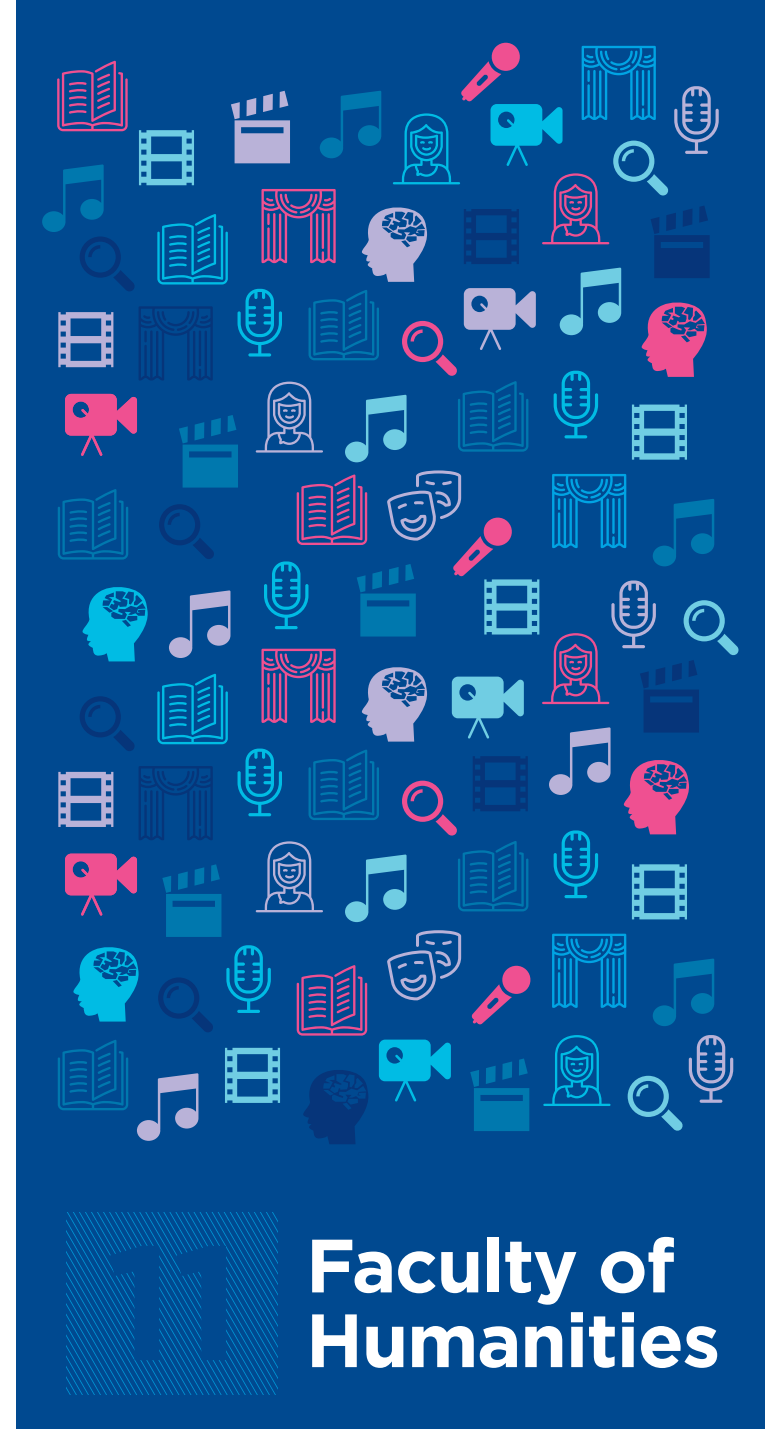
For details on the admission guidelines, visit www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/apply/overview

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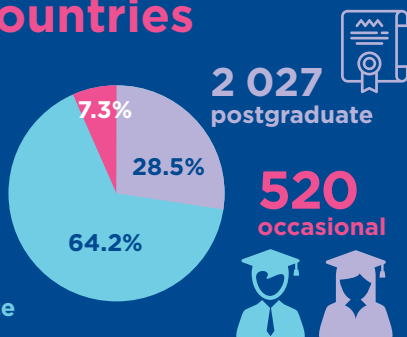
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Humanities in numbers

Students from 43 countries

7 108
total students
(2018)

4 561
undergraduate



2 027
postgraduate

520
occasional

World-renowned teaching staff

4 SARChI chairs	2 Mellon research chairs	88 NRF-rated staff members	27 Distinguished Teacher Awards
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Internationally recognised research



15 research centres and institutes, including:

Centre for Contemporary Islam

Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa

Institute for Creative Arts (formerly GIPCA)

Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research

Centre for Curating the Archive

Centre for Social Science Research

African Cinema Unit

17 academic departments



Centre for Film and Media Studies equips graduates with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to embark on a career in the film and media industry.



Drama is committed to producing mature, highly skilled, independent and creative theatre practitioners.



English Language and Literature promotes access to literature in English from across the world.



Historical Studies encourages the interrogation of texts and the coherent communication of the results.



Michaelis School of Fine Art is one of South Africa's foremost institutions for the study of fine art and new media.



Philosophy teaching and research spans analytic philosophy, with a thematic rather than historical approach.



Political Science offers courses in international relations, comparative politics, South African politics, political theory, political economy, public policy and public administration.



Psychology focuses on how minds – individuals, groups and whole societies – develop and change over time.



Religious Studies is committed to the open, plural, intercultural and interdisciplinary study of world religions.



School for African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics (AXL) is home to disciplinary and interdisciplinary teaching and research programmes, offering critical perspectives with an African focus.



Centre for Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies offers theatre and dance education and training in performance and performance-making.



School of Education is an interdisciplinary school focusing on research into knowledge development and transfer, policy evaluation and support, and adult education.



School of Languages and Literatures offers teaching and research in languages, literatures and cultures of 11 national and international languages.



Social Development offers social work education and training at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.



Sociology contributes to understanding South Africa in a globalised world through studying all manifestations of society.



South African College of Music offers a range of degrees and diplomas in disciplines such as African music, composition and jazz.



Knowledge and Information Stewardship is a postgraduate department offering professional, academic and research programmes for information professionals.

Student support

Mentoring

In the humanities, first-year students are paired with senior students who have been carefully selected and trained. These mentors are closely supervised throughout the year. Mentors and mentees meet on a weekly basis in the first semester, either as a group with other mentees or on an individual basis.



Rewards for academic excellence

- Faculty scholarships are awarded annually at the faculty's discretion to students who do well in the end-of-year examinations. The current value of the Faculty Scholarship Award is R20 000.
- A Fee Waiver for Enriched Curriculum can be granted to top-achieving undergraduate students in their final year of study.
- The Dean's Merit List is an award given in recognition of consistent academic excellence. Nominations for the Dean's Merit List are based on above average academic performance and take into consideration individual programme load as well as the total duration of the degree.
- Class Medals are awarded by departments to top-performing students in the academic classes.