Welcome to the UCT Graduate School of Business

The UCT Graduate School of Business (GSB) is internationally renowned as one of just three triple-crowned business schools in Africa with endorsements from the European Foundation for Management Development (EQUIS), the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSBB) and the Association of MBAs (AMBA).

As a top school located in a changing emerging market, the GSB has a responsibility to engage with its socio-political and economic context. Its teaching, learning and research is directed towards building a more economically prosperous, equitable and integrated continent. The school is constantly investing in quality scholarship and strong partnerships to support these aims.

“The GSB IS:

1. one of just 89 business schools with triple-crown accreditation out of more than 13,000 globally
2. the oldest business school in South Africa, celebrating its first intake of 17 part-time MBAs in 1964
3. ranked in the Financial Times’ Global Top 100 for Customised Executive Programmes for 8 consecutive years
5. among only a handful of global business schools that have integrated social innovation into the core of its MBA curriculum
6. one of the early signatories of the United Nation’s Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) and is one of 32 schools out of more than 600 to be selected as a PRME champion.

“For more than five decades, the UCT GSB has set the pace for business education in Africa. The view from the front always changes, and we pride ourselves on equipping tomorrow’s leaders with next practice to help them flourish and positively impact the prosperity of the worlds they live and work in. The school has a critical role to play in realising a more inclusive and sustainable future – both in South Africa and for the continent more broadly – and we will continue to show up with zest, relevance, originality, integrity and authenticity in our quest to achieve this.”

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Executive Education and customised programmes

The Executive Education unit offers a number of interactive short courses and leadership development programmes for continuing professional development. Ranging from two days to three weeks, these courses are ideal for the new generation of leaders who want to engage with the challenges of business in emerging markets. They cover a broad spectrum of interests, from general management and business acumen to industry-specific programmes to suit every taste.

Organisations can also work with the GSB to design customised programmes for their employees, drawing on the school’s range of non-credit and credit-bearing courses and qualifications. The GSB works with all types and sizes of organisations to co-create and deliver high-impact learning solutions that generate positive business outcomes.

Clients can choose to attend courses on the GSB’s world-class Waterfront campus in Cape Town, but the school is also equipped to deliver courses off site, and its footprint extends well into Africa.

Centres of excellence at the GSB

The Allan Gray Centre for Values-based Leadership is dedicated to exploring new ways of doing business, based on purpose, sustainability and responsible practices.

The Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship aims to support transformation and economic development by advancing social innovation, with a focus on social entrepreneurship.

The Centre for Coaching seeks to promote coaching as an effective business tool and to professionalise the coaching fraternity in South Africa.

The Development Finance Centre (DEFIC) aims to build a solid training and research platform to facilitate the growth of local and international development finance expertise.

The Lean Institute Africa (LIA) aims to promote lean management in South Africa and the rest of Africa.

The Management Programme in Infrastructure Reform and Regulation aims to enhance understanding and build capacity in infrastructure investment, reform and regulation, in support of sustainable development.

The Solution Space opens a space between academia and business to advance new ideas and concepts connected to relevant and real world challenges.

Spark Health seeks to strengthen health systems and improve health outcomes in Africa.

The Raymond Ackerman Academy is an entrepreneurial development initiative that aims to empower young people.

Student testimonials

“The GSB course was definitely my break into serious business.”
– Luvuyo Rani, co-founder of Silulo Ulutho Technologies

“The MBA programme was the polishing of me as a professional.”
– Ryan Ravens, CEO Accelerate Cape Town