



UCT REMOTE TEACHING FRAMEWORK

In order to continue with teaching and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Cape Town (UCT) has developed a framework for delivering remote teaching and has introduced a revised academic calendar.



OUR APPROACH



Our aim is to ensure that as many students as possible can continue learning while off campus.



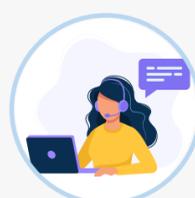
To avoid reinforcing or increasing existing inequalities, remote teaching is being informed by low-tech options and supported by a redesigned curriculum.



Loan laptops have been distributed to identified students in financial need.



Printed learning materials and USB drives with lecture recordings will be made available to students who cannot access the internet in any way.



The UCT Call Centre and Referral System (CARES) is available to respond to general queries or to refer you to the correct department. You can contact the helpdesk via uctcares@uct.ac.za or SMS 47553.



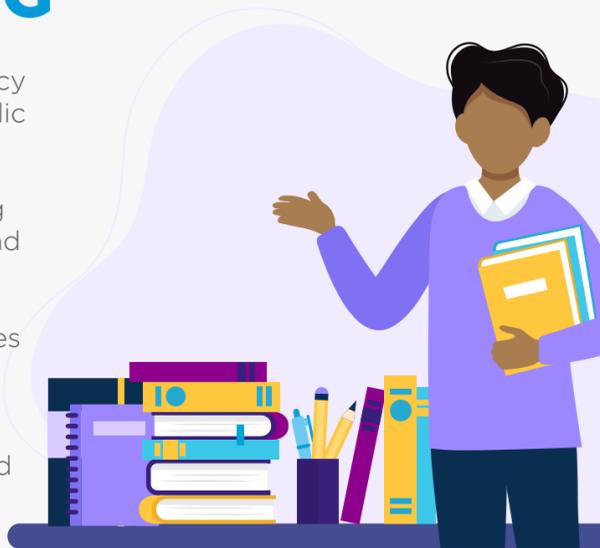
THE FRAMEWORK

- Students are expected to engage with learning for approximately 30 hours per week (informed by the Student Access Survey, which had a 96% response rate from undergraduate students).
- Learning materials, lectures, readings, etc are being uploaded to the course sites on Vula.
- Cell C, MTN, Telkom and Vodacom have zero-rated access to certain UCT sites, including
 - UCT main site
 - UCT Libraries
 - Open UCT
 - Vula
 - Lecture videos (Opencast)
 - Web authentication (any URL that contains ads.uct.ac.za).
- Students can engage with learning in their own time, but lecturers will provide a structure and suggested pace for studies.

- In terms of assessment:
 - Invigilated examinations are suspended for first semester courses (with exceptions in the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment).
 - Assessment will be continuous through regular quizzes, tests and assignments.
 - PASS/FAIL final grades will apply for first semester courses (except for the Faculty of Law and final year courses).
 - There will be no academic exclusions in 2020.

CONTACT TEACHING

- Departments and courses will prepare contingency plans to address laboratory work, field work, public service, etc.
- Special plans will accommodate contact teaching courses, such as dance, music, fine art, theatre and languages.
- Students will be able to catch up with their studies through blended learning once the university reopens.
- The reopening of the university will be announced by the vice-chancellor, according to national government regulations.



The integrity, quality and standards of UCT degrees will not be affected by remote teaching.

REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- The Senate Executive Committee has approved a revised academic calendar that allows for remote teaching in terms 2 and 3.
- While we aim to complete the revised 2020 academic calendar within this calendar year, the pandemic may cause unforeseen delays and further changes.

- Further details will be provided as the country's response to the coronavirus pandemic develops.

